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BY virtue of Her Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, and in obedience to Her Majesty's Commands, Parliament was prorogued on the above-mentioned day to Wednesday the Nineteenth day of this instant November, to be then here holden.
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[No. 1]

Wednesday, 19th November, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir David William Shuckburgh Lidderdale, K.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.

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

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 great pleasure to visiting Finland; and also to our visit to the United States of America to celebrate the two-hundredth anniversary of American independence. I am confident that the long-standing friendship and co-operation between our peoples will continue to flourish. We shall also visit Canada where I shall open the Olympic Games.

My Government will maintain their firm support for the United Nations and the principles of its Charter, and for the Commonwealth with its tradition of concern for the equitable distribution of the world's resources and the promotion of mutual international understanding and co-operation. They will vigorously pursue their initiative for better order in world trade in commodities which they launched at the recent meeting of Commonwealth Heads of Government, and which has made an important contribution to subsequent international discussion. They recognise the special needs of the poorest developing countries, and will in particular seek to assist rural development and food production.

My Government will play their full part in the European Economic Community, devoting particular attention to the achievement of a common approach to the world’s political and economic problems.

My Government will also maintain their full support of international efforts to restore economic activity, and to reduce inflation and imbalances of payments. They intend to ratify the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Financial Support Fund Agreement.

My Government will continue to work for international agreement on general disarmament and on preventing the spread of nuclear weapons. They will sustain their support for the North Atlantic Alliance as an instrument of détente as well as defence, fostering the fullest possible co-operation amongst its members, not least in the procurement of defence equipment. They will continue to play their full part in the negotiations on force reductions in Central Europe.

My Ministers will continue also to place great value on further détente between East and West, including the strengthening of economic links, and on full implementation of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

My Ministers will continue to support the search for a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East, and to develop our ties with the countries of the area. They will continue to co-operate in seeking a lasting settlement in Cyprus.

My Government will maintain their efforts to bring about a just and peaceful constitutional settlement in Rhodesia.

My Government will actively protect the interests of the fishing industry, and will play their full part in international conservation measures and in the development of the Common Fisheries Policy. They are seeking renewed arrangements for British fishing with the Government of Iceland to replace those which have just expired.

My Government will continue to strive for a constitutional solution to the problems of Northern Ireland. They will maintain determined efforts to eliminate terrorism, and attach particular importance to dealing through the courts with all those responsible for violence. A Bill to promote equality of opportunity in employment between people of different religious beliefs will be reintroduced, and legislative provision will be made to assist industrial development by enlarging the role of the Northern Ireland Finance Corporation.

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:

My Government will continue to give the highest priority to the attack on inflation and unemployment. Success for the wide range of anti-inflation measures introduced in July is essential for the future health of our economy and our society. In particular, success in these measures is required for the achievement of a satisfactory level of productive investment and to assist in the reduction of the present unacceptable level of unemployment. It is also a necessary condition for the fulfillment of many of My Government's other economic and social objectives. The present price controls will continue to be vigorously enforced, and the programme of price display and unit pricing will be accelerated. A programme of price stabilisation of more essential goods will be introduced once cost increases decline. My Ministers will continue to work closely with the Trades Union Congress, the Confederation of British Industry and with the British people as a whole on a continuing programme to control domestic inflation and to prevent its resurgence.

The National Enterprise Board and the Scottish and Welsh Development Agencies will be major instruments in My Government's policy of industrial regeneration. My Government will also embark on a series of Planning Agreements with large companies in selected key sectors of industry, as an important step towards the identification and achievement of agreed national objectives. The Bill to bring the aircraft and shipbuilding industries into public ownership will be reintroduced early in the Session.

Following their review of civil aviation, My Government will present proposals to implement the necessary policy changes.

My Government will reintroduce legislation to remove the remaining unsatisfactory features of the Industrial Relations Act 1971.

My Ministers will continue to encourage the development of industrial democracy in both public and private sectors. Both sides of industry will have full opportunity to express their views to the inquiry, which my Government have announced their intention to establish, to consider how industrial democracy in the private sector can best be extended.

A Bill will be introduced to ensure comprehensive employment safeguards for dockworkers.

My Government will play their full part in the development and improvement of the Common Agricultural Policy and will continue to encourage the maximum economic production of food at home in the interests of producers and consumers.

Legislation will be introduced to meet the United Kingdom's obligations under the Agreement on an International Energy Programme; to control energy supplies during any shortage; and to implement energy conservation policies.

My Government will continue to seek to secure the orderly development of the United Kingdom's off-shore oil and gas resources in the interests of the nation. They intend to invite applications for further licences for the exploration and development of off-shore oil and gas.

My Government will bring forward legislative proposals for the establishment of Scottish and Welsh Assemblies to exercise wide governmental responsibilities within the framework of the United Kingdom.

Proposals will be put forward for a major review of the practice and procedure of Parliament.

An opportunity will be provided to decide on a permanent system for the sound broadcasting of the proceedings of Parliament.

My Ministers will pursue vigorously their programmes of social reform by legislative and other means, within available resources. They will take energetic action to encourage the provision of more houses in both public and private sectors; and following from a comprehensive review they will bring forward recommendations for future housing finance policy. Legislation will be brought forward to enable housing to be transferred from New Town Development Corporations and the New Towns Commission to elected local authorities. Legislation for the abolition of the agricultural tied cottage system in England and Wales will be laid before you.

In furtherance of My Government's comprehensive policy for development land, legislation will be introduced for a development land tax.

Legislation will be introduced in the course of the session to phase out private practice from National Health Service hospitals. Consultations will continue on My Government's proposals to strengthen and extend existing powers to regulate nursing homes and hospitals outside the National Health Service. Pensions and other social security benefits will be increased to protect the living standards of the most vulnerable members of the community.

In education, My Government will seek to consolidate the improvements they have made to the statutory school system. Within available resources, they will give priority to children with special needs and to the vocational preparation of young people aged...
16 to 19. A Bill will be introduced to require local education authorities in England and Wales who have not already done so to make plans for the abolition of selection in secondary education, and to deal with certain other matters.

Legislation will be laid before you to extend and improve Post Office banking services, and to reform the Trustee Savings Banks and enable them to offer a wider range of personal banking services, including personal loans to depositors.

A Bill will be introduced to strengthen the law on racial discrimination. Proposals will be prepared to amend the Official Secrets Acts and to liberalise the practice relating to official information.

A Bill will be introduced to provide an effective independent element in the procedure for handling complaints by members of the public against the police.

My Government will give early consideration to the report, when received, of the Law Commission on the law of conspiracy in England and Wales, with a view to preparing legislation for the comprehensive reform of this branch of the law.

Legislation will be introduced to replace the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1974.

My Government will persevere with efforts to improve the law and the administration of justice, and will pay continued attention to the need to reduce the number of persons in prison, especially those awaiting trial or sentence.

Proposals will be placed before you to provide a Public Lending Right for authors.

Measures will be introduced relating to Scotland, including reforms in the law on crofting and on liquor licensing, and proposals for improving public access to freshwater fishing. A Bill will be introduced to establish a Development Board for Rural Wales.

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.

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, 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—(Mr. Caerwyn Roderick):

Debate arising;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. J. D. Dormand);

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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. Walter Harrison);

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

1. Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command after the Prorogation of Parliament on 12th November 1975 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:


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 1975, 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.

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:

13th November 1975

Pensions,—Copy of Rules, dated 5th November 1975, entitled the Pensions Appeal Tribunals (England and Wales) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1782) [by Act].

14th November 1975

Customs and Excise,— Copies of Regulations, dated 6th November 1975, entitled—
   (1) the Warehousing Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1789), and
   (2) the Wine and Made-wine Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1790) [by Act].

Industrial Training,— Copy of an Order, dated 5th November 1975, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Carpet) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1788) [by Act].

Import Duties,— Copy of an Order, dated 6th November 1975, entitled the Import Duty Reliefs Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1791) [by Act].

17th November 1975

Social Security,— Copy of Regulations, dated 14th November 1975, entitled the Social Security (Transitional) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1860) [by Act].

3. Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Wednesday 19th November 1975:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Singapore,— Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 19th November 1975, relative to the gift of movable assets to the Government of Singapore [by Command].

Trevillis House,— Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 19th November 1975, relative to the leasing at a nominal rent of land at Trevillis House, Liskeard, to the Cornwall County Council [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Overseas Aid,— Draft of an Order, entitled the Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.— Copy of an Order, dated 5th November 1975, entitled the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1808) [by Act].

Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.— Copy of Regulations, dated 5th November 1975, entitled—
   (1) the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1809), and
   (2) the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1810) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,— Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1972, relating to—
   (1) British wines, cider and perry,
   (2) fruit and vegetable products,
(3) miscellaneous metal manufacture,
(4) organic chemicals,
(5) rubber,
(6) shop and office fittings,
(7) textile finishing,
(8) toilet preparations, and
(9) wallcovering

[bay Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 7th November 1975, entitled—
(1) the Chatterley-Whitfield Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1823),
(2) the Daw Mill Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1819),
(3) the Hapton Valley Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1821),
(4) the Newdigate Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1822), and
(5) the Rawdon Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1820)
[bay Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th November 1975, entitled
the Air Navigation (Fourth Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1836) [by Act].
Copyright,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th November 1975, entitled the
Copyright (International Conventions) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1837) [by Act].
Dumping at Sea,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th November 1975, entitled the
Dumping at Sea Act 1974 (Overseas Territories) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1831) [by Act].
Merchant Shipping,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th November 1975, entitled the
Lebanese Tonnage Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1839) [by Act].
Pacific Islands,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th November 1975, entitled the
Solomon Islands (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1832) [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 County of Worcester (Welland Cross Roads) Compulsory Purchase Order 1973 [by Act].

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Speaker appointed the Controller of Her Majesty’s Stationery Office to print the Votes and Proceedings of this House.

[No. 2.]

Thursday, 20th November, 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).

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 (First Report).
Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 8-i].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-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 Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 4th November 1975, in the last Session of Parliament.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 13-II].

Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—Mr. Frederick Peart, supported by Mr. Secretary Jenkins, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Alan Williams, Mr. Edward Bishop, Mr. Hugh Brown, and Mr. Gavin Strang, presented a Bill to dissolve the Sugar Board; to provide for increasing the amount which may be advanced under section 2 of the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Act 1956; to amend the provisions of Part I of the Agriculture Act 1967 relating to the Meat and Livestock Commission and their committees; to provide for the making of grants in connection with proficiency tests in crafts related to agriculture; to authorise measures to restrict the growing of male hop plants; to make further provision for obtaining agricultural statistics; to provide for the adaptation of certain enactments to metric units; to provide for regulating the exportation of animals in the interests of their welfare; to make further provision for preventing the transmission of disease from wild life to animals and poultry; to amend the law relating to agricultural holdings; to amend section 29(4) of the Agriculture Act 1970; 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 1].

Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Jenkins, supported by The Prime Minister, Mr. Secretary Callaghan, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Attorney General, the Lord Advocate, and Dr. Shirley Summerskill, presented a Bill to repeal and re-enact with amendments the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1974: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 2].

Moneylenders (Crown Agents) Bill,—Mr. Reginald Prentice, supported by Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Edward Rowlands, and Mr. John Grant, presented a Bill to make provision as to the application to the Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administrations, and bodies corporate wholly owned by them, of the Moneylenders Acts (Northern Ireland) 1900 to 1969: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 3].

National Coal Board (Finance) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Benn, supported by Mr. Secretary Foot, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Albert Booth, and Mr. Alexander Eadie, presented a Bill to increase the limit of the borrowing powers of the National Coal Board; to provide for reimbursing to the Board out of public money certain expenditure of theirs in respect of the miners' pension scheme; and to extend the purposes for which grants may be made, under section 7 of the Coal Industry Act 1973, towards the cost of stock-piling coal and coke: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 4].

Northern Ireland (Loans) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Rees, supported by Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Stanley Orme, Mr. Roland Moyle, and Mr. Concannon, presented a Bill to make further provision with regard to the making of loans to the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 5].

OECD Support Fund Bill,—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. Dennis Davies, presented a Bill to enable effect to be given to an international agreement establishing a financial support fund of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 6].

Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Ross, supported by Mr. Hugh Brown, and Mr. Robert Sheldon, presented a Bill to make new provision with respect to freshwater and salmon fisheries in Scotland; 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].

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill,—Mr. Secretary Varley, supported by The Prime Minister, Mr. Secretary Foot, Mr. Secretary Shore, Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Reginald Prentice, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, and Mr. Gerald Kaufman, 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 payments to British Aerospace and its wholly owned subsidiaries, for the purpose of promoting the design, development and production of civil aircraft, 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 8].

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland.—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 67 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland) be amended, as follows:

Line 9, leave out from "amends" to end of line 10 and insert "Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 or Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975".—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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

Thursday 20th November 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 17th October 1975, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]: to be printed [No. 9].

Coal Industry,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 16th October 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 10].

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 9th October 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 11].

Gas,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th October 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 12].


Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Charities,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Charities (The Marine Society) Order 1975 [by Act].

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th November 1975, entitled the Police (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1844) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 147, 1975),—Copy of Agreements, signed at Brussels on 19th February 1975, in the form of exchanges of Letters relating to Articles 2 and 3 of Protocol 8 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic [by Command].

European Communities (No. 151, 1975),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Rome on 7th September 1967, on the accession of Greece to the Convention on the provision of mutual assistance by their customs authorities, concluded between the member states of the European Economic Community (with Text of Convention and Additional Protocol) (the Protocol has not been approved by the United Kingdom) [by Command].
Treaty Series (No. 134, 1975).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Kuwait on 26th July 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Kuwait concerning nuclear co-operation [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Agricultural Research Council.—Copy of the Report of the Agricultural Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 7].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census.—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Great Britain relating to Migration Tables, Part II (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Water.—Copy of an Order, dated 12th November 1975, entitled the Thames Water Authority (River Pang and Winterbourne Stream Discharge) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1841) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland.—Copy of the Report of the Northern Ireland Constitutional Convention [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1].

Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 (by Act).

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes—

(1) made by the Governing Body of All Souls College, Oxford, on 19th June 1975, amending the Statutes of the College, and

(2) made by the Governing Body of the Queen's College, Oxford, on 21st May and 3rd June 1975, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Plant Health.—Copy of an Order, dated 11th November 1975, entitled the Mediterranean Carnation Leaf-Roller (Great Britain) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1842) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 10th November 1975, entitled the White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) (No. 3) Scheme 1975 [by Act].

[No. 3.]

Friday, 21st November, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

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 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th February, 5th and 12th March, 30th April, 7th, 14th and 21st May, 18th June and 16th July;

(3) Private Members' Notices of Motions shall have precedence over Government business on 12th December, 16th, 23rd and 30th January, 19th and 26th March and 2nd and 9th April, and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on 26th November, 17th December, 14th and 21st January and 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th March;
(4) On Thursday 11th December, Monday 9th February, Monday 24th May and Monday 12th July, Private Members' Notices of Motions shall have precedence until Seven o'clock and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on Tuesday 25th November, Thursday 22nd January, Thursday 6th May and Thursday 24th 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. Robert Mellish.)

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 19th November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

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—(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 21st November 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Industry,—Copy of Government proposals for industry, entitled An Approach to Industrial Strategy [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 12th November 1975, entitled—

(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 3) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1856), and

(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1857)

[by Act].

Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th November 1975, entitled the Opencast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1858) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 155, 1975),—Copy of a Statement on developments in the European Communities for the period April to October 1975 [by Command].

Rambouillet,—Copy of a Declaration issued by the Heads of States and Governments of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America after their meeting at the Chateau de Rambouillet, Paris, from 15th to 17th November 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st October 1975, entitled the Fire Services (Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1800) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 31st October 1975, providing for Amendments to the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Road Traffic.—Copy of an Order, dated 21st November 1975, entitled the 60 miles per hour and 50 miles per hour (Temporary Speed Limit) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1895) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th November 1975, entitled the Harworth Mine (Nos. 1 and 2 Shafts) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1886) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:


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

Supreme Court of Judicature.—Copy of Rules, dated 5th November 1975, entitled the Supreme Court Funds Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1803) [by Act].


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

PRAYERS.

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

Police Bill,—Mr. Secretary Jenkins, supported by Mr. Secretary Crosland, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. Attorney General, and Dr. Shirley Summerskill, presented a Bill to establish a Police Complaints Board with functions relating to complaints from the public against members of police forces in England and Wales; to amend the law relating to the discipline of those forces; 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 10].

Post Office (Banking Services) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Varley, supported by Mr. Secretary Crosland, Mr. Secretary Benn, Mrs. Secretary Williams, Mrs. Secretary Castle, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, and Mr. Gerald Kaufman, presented a Bill to extend the powers of the Post Office to provide banking services; to make capital available for the provision of those services; to reduce the capital debt of the Post Office; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 9].

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 19th November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words, "but, while welcoming the proposals on education to give a priority within available resources to children with special needs and to the vocational training of young people aged 16 to 19, humbly regret the inclusion at a time of major difficulties for the education service of a costly and damaging Bill to compel local education authorities to put forward plans for schools reorganisation of which they may fundamentally disapprove, so undermining their independence, as guaranteed by the 1944 settlement, ignoring local and parental wishes and lowering educational standards by destroying schools of proven worth."—(Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Spencer Le Marchant, Mr Cecil Parkinson: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr J. D. Dormand, Mr John Ellis: 299.

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.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from London 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 Peter Snape):—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 minutes to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.48 p.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 24th November 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Distribution of Criminal Business,—Copy of the Report of the Interdepartmental Committee on the distribution of criminal business between the Crown Court and Magistrates' Courts [by Command].

Television,—Copy of the Report of the working party on a fourth television service in Wales [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:


Mr Secretary Varley:

National Giro,—Copy of a Government Statement on the development of National Giro [by Command].

Mr Secretary Crosland:

Transport,—Statements of the salary payable on appointment to—
(1) a member and Vice-Chairman of the British Railways Board, and
(2) a member of the British Transport Docks Board [by Act].

Mr Edward Short:

Devolution,—Copy of Government proposals for Devolution to Scotland and Wales [by Command].

[No. 5.]

Tuesday, 25th November, 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).

Privileges,—Mr George Strauss reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the complaint of Mr. J. W. Rooker, in the last Session of Parliament, 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. 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 (First Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 22].
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.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Undertakings and their Employees) (Hungary) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Faroe Islands) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That if, at this day’s sitting, an Amendment proposed to the Motion for an Address in answer to Her Majesty’s Speech shall have been disposed of at or after Ten o’clock, the Amendment in the name of Mr. Jeremy Thorpe relating to the National Dock Labour Scheme may thereupon be moved, and the Question thereon shall be put forthwith.—(Mr. Edward Short);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Joseph Harper: 337.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Dafydd Wigley: 11.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That if, at this day’s sitting, an Amendment proposed to the Motion for an Address in answer to Her Majesty’s Speech shall have been disposed of at or after Ten o’clock, the Amendment in the name of Mr. Jeremy Thorpe relating to the National Dock Labour Scheme may thereupon be moved, and the Question thereon shall be put forthwith.

Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 19th November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words “but humbly regret that the Gracious Speech contains no practical policies to solve the United Kingdom’s serious financial and economic problems, but proposes measures which only increase the powers of a centralised bureaucracy and diminish the freedom of the citizen.”—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:—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, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 280.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Miss Margaret Jackson: 294.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words “but humbly regret that the Gracious Speech contains proposals for the docks which, if carried out by an extension of the areas covered by the National Dock Labour Scheme, will lead to further unemployment in those areas, further strangulation of Great Britain’s successful ports and higher costs and inefficiency.”—(Mr. Jeremy Thorpe.)

The Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order of the House this day, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. John Pardoe: 288.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. James Hamilton: 294.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:
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.

Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.1 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 25th November 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Forestry,—Accounts of the Forestry Commission Forestry Enterprise for the year ended 31st March 1975, with 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 1975 [No. 16].

Government Departments (Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets),—Accounts and Balance Sheets of certain Trading or Commercial Services conducted by Government Departments in the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 15].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Criminal Injuries Compensation Board,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 148, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and Ethiopia on the supply of skimmed milk powder and butteroil as food aid [by Command].

European Communities (No. 149, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 15th July 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the supply of common wheat flour as food aid [by Command].

Shipping (Miscellaneous No. 27, 1975),—Copy of the Final Act, signed at Athens on 13th December 1974, of the International Legal Conference on the carriage of passengers and their luggage on board ships (1974) including the Athens Convention relating to the carriage of passengers and their luggage by sea (1974) (the Convention has not been signed by the United Kingdom) [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Ross:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th November 1975, entitled the Local Government (Compensation) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1864) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th November 1975, entitled the Removal and Disposal of Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1894) [by Act].
Town and Country Planning.—Copy of an Order, dated 31st January 1975, entitled the Medina Borough Council (Mornington Road, Cowes, Open Space) Appropriation Order (No. 1) 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:

Consumer Protection.—Copies of Regulations, dated 10th November 1975, entitled—

(1) the Glazed Ceramic Ware (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 313), and
(2) the Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 310)

[by Act].

Housing.—Copies of Orders, dated 31st October 1975, entitled—

(1) the Housing (Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 307), and
(2) the Housing on Farms (Grants) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 306)

[by Act].

Weights and Measures.—Copies of Orders, dated 10th November 1975, entitled—

(1) the Weights and Measures (Dried Vegetables) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 311), and
(2) the Weights and Measures (Flour and Flour Products) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 312)

[by Act].

Police (Northern Ireland).—Statement of Account of the Police Authority for Northern Ireland (including the Account of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Fund) for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 14].

Mr. Edward Short:


Mr. Frederick Peart:

Diseases of Animals.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th November 1975, entitled the Importation of Cattle and Sheep (No. 1) Order 1975 [by Act].

Forestry.—Copy of the Report of the Forestry Commissioners 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 Polperro Harbour Revision Order 1975 [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 on 12th November 1975 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 on 12th November 1975 for a Return relating to Closure of Debate.

Delegated Legislation.—Return to an Order made on 12th November 1975 for a Return relating to Delegated Legislation.

Private Bills and Private Business.—Return to an Order made on 12th November 1975 for a Return relating to Private Bills and Private Business.

Public Bills.—Return to an Order made on 12th November 1975 for a Return relating to Public Bills; to be printed [No. 19].

Select Committees.—Return to an Order made on 12th November 1975 for a Return relating to Select Committees; to be printed [No. 20].

Sittings of the House and Business of Supply.—Return to an Order made on 12th November 1975 for a Return relating to Sittings of the House and Business of Supply.
Special Procedure Orders,—Return to an Order made on 12th November 1975 for a Return relating to Special Procedure Orders.

Standing Committees,—Return to an Order made on 12th November for a Return relating to Standing Committees; to be printed [No. 21].

Supreme Court of Judicature,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th November 1975, entitled the Attachment of Earnings (Employer's Deduction) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1868) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 25th November 1975

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

[No. 6.]

Wednesday, 26th November, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

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 26th November

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 26-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 26th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 23-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:

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee consisting of Twelve Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons as the Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills ; and that, pursuant to their Standing Order, the orders of appointment shall remain in force and effect, notwithstanding the prorogation of Parliament, until such time as the House makes further orders of appointment in the next succeeding Session.

They have ordered that such Committee have power to agree with the Committee of the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman.

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 and to meet concurrently with any Committee of the Commons on European Secondary Legislation, &c., or any Sub-committee of that Committee for the purpose of deliberating and of examining witnesses; and have leave to agree with the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman for any such meeting; 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; and that, pursuant to their Standing Order, the orders of appointment of the Committee shall remain in force and effect, notwithstanding the prorogation of Parliament, until such time as the House makes further orders of appointment in the next succeeding Session.
Civil List Bill,—The Prime Minister, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, presented a Bill to provide for supplementing out of moneys provided by Parliament the sums payable under the enactments mentioned in section 6(1) of the Civil List Act 1972; and to repeal section 5(2)(b) of 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 11].

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Foot, supported by Mr. Edward Short, Mr. Secretary Benn, Mrs. Secretary Castle, Mr. Secretary Varley, 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 12].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That Commission Document No. S/1430/75 relating to Cyprus sherry be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(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 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 Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until Eleven o'clock. —(Mr. John Ellis)

Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) 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. Laurie Pavitt, Miss Margaret Jackson: 183.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Robin Corbett: 14.

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).

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 repeal and re-enact with amendments the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1974, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of monies 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. James A. Dunn.)

Prevention of Terrorism,—Resolved, That the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1974 (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 28th October 1975, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), the Standing Committee considering Commission Document No. S/1430/75 shall be able to sit for up to two and a half hours after the commencement of its proceedings.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

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, 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 Twelve o'clock till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.40 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 26th November 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Broadcasting.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:
Acquisition of Land.—Copy of an Order, dated 25th October 1973, entitled the County Borough of Newport (St. Julian’s Wood) Appropriation Order 1973, with a Certificate 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 (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Gas.—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 6th November 1975, entitled the Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Gas Volume Meters) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1873), and
(2) dated 17th November 1975, entitled the Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Gas Volume Meters) (Fees) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1874) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Hallmark.—Copy of an Order, dated 18th November 1975, entitled the Hallmarking (Exempted Articles) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1883) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes—
(1) made by the Governing Body of Exeter College, Oxford, on 2nd July 1975, amending the Statutes of the College,
(2) made by the Governing Body of Lincoln College, Oxford, on 8th July 1975, amending the Statutes of the College,
(3) made by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on 28th July 1975, amending the Statutes of the College,
(4) made by the Governing Body of Pembroke College, Oxford, on 7th July 1975, amending the Statutes of the College,
(5) made by the Governing Body of Saint Hugh’s College, Oxford, on 17th July 1975, amending the Statutes of the College,
(6) made by the Governing Body of Magdalene College, Cambridge, on 21st June 1975, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(7) made by the University of Cambridge on 17th September 1975, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

The Chairman of Ways and Means:
Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, That no Petition has been presented against—
(1) the Manchester Ship Canal Revision Order 1975,
(2) the Oulton Broad Revision Order 1975, and
(3) the Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Revision Order 1975 [by Act].
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.

Selection (Committee on Unopposed Bills) (Panel),—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had appointed Twenty-seven 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. Harold Boardman, Sir Edward Brown, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. John Cordle, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Anthony Fell, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. John Forrester, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. David James, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. David Knox, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Kenneth Lomas, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. David Madd, Mr. Michael O’Halloran, Mr. Robert Taylor, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. Dennis Walters, Mr. David Watkins, and Mr. Jerry Wiggins.

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.

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. M. 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 Cordle, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. John Farr, Mr. R. Bonner Pink, and Mr. James Tinn.

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 Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. John Cockcroft, Mr. David James, Sir Timothy Kitson, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Nicholas Scott, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. Keith Stainton, and Mr. van Straubenzee.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Undertakings and their Employees) (Hungary) Order 1975 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Faroe Islands) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Atkien, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Harry Lamb, Mr. Kenneth Lewis, Mr. Evan Luard, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. R. C. Mitchell, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Peter Tapsell, and Mr. Neville Trotter.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. S/1430/75, viz.: Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Mr. Hugh Roast, Mr. James Scott-Hopkins, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, Mr. Michael Ward, and Mr. James Wellbeloved.

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 Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Peter Blaker, Sir Bernard Brahe, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. William Clark, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Geoffrey Dodworth, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mrs. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Reg Prentice, Sir Anthony Royle, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. George Thompson, and Mr. Dennis Walters.

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr Speaker allocated the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Undertakings and their Employees) (Hungary) Order 1975 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Faroe Islands) Order 1975 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Commission Document No. S/1430/75 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1975 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill; Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Undertakings and their Employees) (Hungary) Order 1975 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Faroe Islands) Order 1975; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. S/1430/75; and Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1975.

CHAIRMEN'S PANEL

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

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Thursday, 27th November, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

Motorways,—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 Report by George Corderoy and Company to the Department of the Environment on the findings of an investigation into aspects of the measurement and financial control on the Gloucester-Cheltenham section of the M5 motorway, and the Report thereon by the Department of the Environment.—(Mr. Neil Carmichael.)

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some 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 directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Energy Resources Sub-Committee on 27th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 24-i and 24-ii].

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

Armed Forces Bill,—Mr. Secretary Mason, supported by Mr. Secretary Jenkins, Mr. William Rodgers, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Frank Judd, Mr. Robert Brown, and Mr. Brynmor John, presented a Bill to continue the Army Act 1955, the Air Force Act 1955 and the Naval Discipline Act 1957; to amend those Acts and other enactments relating to the armed forces; to authorise the establishment of courts for the trial outside the United Kingdom of civilians subject to Part II of the Army Act 1955 or Part II of the Air Force Act 1955; to make provision for the powers of the courts so authorised in relation to such civilians; to make further provision for the powers of courts-martial in relation to such civilians and to civilians subject to Parts I and II of the Naval Discipline Act 1957; to make further provision as to the disqualification of members of the forces for membership of the House of Commons or the Northern Ireland Assembly; to make further provision for Greenwich Hospital; 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 13].
National Coal Board (Finance) Bill—The National Coal Board (Finance) 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 Coal Board (Finance) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to National Coal Board (Finance) [Money];

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise all such increased payments out of public funds and into the Consolidated Fund as may result from an Act of the present Session—

(a) increasing the limit of the National Coal Board's borrowing from £700 million to £1,100 million or any higher amount specified by order of the Secretary of State;

(b) enabling the Secretary of State to reimburse expenditure incurred by the Board in reducing or eliminating deficiencies in the mineworkers' pension scheme, within the following limits—

(i) as to the Board's expenditure in their financial year 1975-76, £18 million less the total of any payments made in respect of that year under section 5 of the Coal Industry Act 1973 (contributions towards increased pensions);

(ii) as to their expenditure in any of the following 19 financial years £18 million or any higher amount specified by order of the Secretary of State for the financial year in which the order is made and subsequent financial years;

(c) enlarging the purposes for which grants may be made to the Board under section 7 of the said Act of 1973 (stock-piling of coal and coke), but subject always to the overall limit of grant laid down by subsection (4) of that section (£40 million if it is confined to expenditure of the financial years 1974-75 and 1975-76; £70 million if it is extended by order to the next two financial years also).—(Mr. Alex Eadie.)

Moneylenders (Crown Agents) Bill—The Moneylenders (Crown Agents) 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.

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 Resolutions of the House of 17th November 1955, 7th March 1957, 17th May 1961, 9th March 1965, 4th May 1971, 1st August 1972 and 29th November 1974, be varied as from 1st December 1975, 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 £950 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £1,550 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 £1,750 or such sum as, in their opinion, will bring his income up to £2,350 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 her being a widow of a past Member of the House of Commons shall not exceeding £475 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring her income up to £1,075 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 £875 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring her income up to £1,475 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 £475 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £1,075 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 £875 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £1,475 per annum, whichever is the less".—(Mr. John Parker.)

Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 25th November, 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.—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.

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 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

Thursday 27th November 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Aliens,—Copy of a Civil Service Department Minute, dated 26th November 1975, relating to aliens employed in a civil capacity under the Crown during the year ended 31st March 1975, with a List giving particulars of certificates of employment issued under section 1 of the Aliens' Employment Act 1955 [by Act].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

National Debt,—Copy of Papers relative to the position, as at 31st March 1975, of certain funds left in trust for the reduction of the National Debt [by Command].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th November 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 20) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1944) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 150, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 15th July 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Malagasy Republic on the supply of long grain husked rice as food aid [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Wages Councils,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th November 1975, entitled the Milk Distributive Wages Council (England and Wales) (Abolition) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1880) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Motorways,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day of the Report by George Corderoy and Company to the Department of the Environment on the findings of an investigation into aspects of the measurement and financial control on the Gloucester—Cheltenham section of the M5 motorway, and the Report thereof by the Department of the Environment; to be printed [No. 18].
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 1975 on the control of office development [by Act]; to be printed [No. 4].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1975 [by Act].

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Copy of an Order, dated 14th November 1975, entitled the Northern Ireland Winter Assize Order 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 318) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th November 1975, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Prices and Charges) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1947) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations 1975 [by Act].

\[Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:\]


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**APPENDIX II**

**Committee of Selection**

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Michael Shersby (nominated in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Undertakings and their Employees) (Hungary) Order 1975 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Faroe Islands) Order 1975); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Nigel Lawson.

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**Friday, 28th November, 1975.**

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

**PRAYERS.**

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

Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Ross, supported by Mr. Hugh D. Brown, presented a Bill to confer new rights on crofters and cottars to acquire subjects tenanted or occupied by them; to confer rights on crofters to share in the value of land resumed by landlords or taken possession of compulsorily; to protect the interests of crofters and cottars from planning blight; to make further provision as to financial assistance for crofters, cottars and certain owner-occupiers of certain land; to make further provision as to the removal of land from crofting tenure; to amend the law with respect to common grazings; to extend the powers of the Scottish Land Court; to make provision for pensions and compensation for members of the Crofters Commission; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed [Bill 14].

OECD Support Fund Bill,—The OECD Support Fund Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee upon Monday next.

OECD Support Fund [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to OECD Support Fund [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable effect to be given to an international agreement establishing a financial support fund of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, it is expedient to authorise—
(a) the payment out of the National Loans Fund or the Consolidated Fund of any
sums required for the purpose of making payments in pursuance of the said
agreement;
(b) the payment of any sums into the National Loans Fund or the Consolidated
Fund.—(Mr. Denzil Davies.)

Northern Ireland (Loans) Bill,—The Northern Ireland (Loans) Bill was, according to Order,
read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Miss
Margaret Jackson.)
Committee upon Monday next.

Northern Ireland (Loans) [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified
to the proposed Motion relating to Northern Ireland (Loans) [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further
provision with regard to the making of loans to the Consolidated Fund of Northern
Ireland, it is expedient to authorise any increase in the sums falling to be paid out of
or into the National Loans Fund in consequence of any provision of the said Act of the
present Session enabling the Secretary of State to make loans to the Consolidated Fund
of Northern Ireland, subject to a limit of £1,000 million on the aggregate amount
outstanding by way of principal in respect of loans under—

(a) section 2 of the Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Act 1950; and
(b) section 35 of the Finance Act 1970; and
(c) the said Act of the present Session.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 26th 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 on the Joint
Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills was nominated of Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr.
Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Greville Farmer, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Ivan
Lawrence, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Edward Lyons, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook,
Mr. William Wilson, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

Ordered, That Two be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)
Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.51 p.m.

APPENDIX
Friday 28th November 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Mauritius,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 28th November 1975, relative to the
gift of movable assets to the Government of Mauritius [by Command].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th November 1975, entitled the
1891) [by Act].

Mr. Reginald Prentice:
Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 28th November 1975, entitled—

(1) the Malawi Public Officers’ Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975,
(2) the Malawi Public Officers’ Widows’ and Orphans’ Pension (United Kingdom)
Scheme 1975, and
(3) the Saint Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla Public Officers’ Pensions (United
Kingdom) Scheme 1975

[by Act]
[No. 9.]

Monday, 1st December, 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).

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 1st December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 33-i].

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

Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—The Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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).

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to dissolve the Sugar Board ; to provide for increasing the amount which may be advanced under section 2 of the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Act 1956 ; to provide for the making of grants in connection with proficiency tests in crafts related to agriculture ; to authorise measures to restrict the growing of male hop plants ; to make further provision for preventing the transmission of disease from wild life to animals and poultry ; and to amend section 29(4) of the Agriculture Act 1970, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by any Minister under any provision of the said Act of the present Session and any increase attributable to any provision of that Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act ;

(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase in the sums payable out of that fund under subsection (2) of section 2 of the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Act 1956 which is attributable to provisions of the said Act of the present Session increasing or conferring power to increase the advances which may be made under subsection (1) of that section ;

(3) the payment of any sums into the Consolidated Fund.——(Mr. Gavin Strang.)

Sea Fisheries,—Resolved, That the White Fish and Herring Subsidies (United Kingdom) (No. 3) Scheme 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th November, be approved.——(Mr. Edward Bishop.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.38 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on 28th November 1975 pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Prices,—Copies of Orders, dated 27th November 1975, entitled—

(1) the Bread Prices (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1954), and

(2) the Cheese Prices (No. 2) (Second Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1953)

[by Act].

Agriculture,—Copies of Schemes, dated 26th November 1975, entitled—

(1) the Hill Sheep (England and Wales) (Revocation) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1951), and

(2) the Hill Sheep (Northern Ireland) (Revocation) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1952)

[by Act].
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 1st December 1975:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes—
(1) dated 28th October 1975, and
(2) dated 4th November 1975,
relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 35 and 36].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
Overseas Aid,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Inter-American Development Bank (Subscription to Shares of the Additional Capital Stock) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:
Factories,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Factories for 1974 [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for England and Wales, relating to—
(1) Economic Activity Sub-regional Tables (Ten per cent. sample), and
(2) Migration Regional Report (Ten per cent. sample): South East Region, Part I [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Electricity,—Copies of Orders, dated 18th November 1975, entitled—
(1) the Electricity (Transfer of Transmission Assets) (Midlands Electricity Board) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1896), and
(2) the Electricity (Transfer of Transmission Assets) (South Wales Electricity Board) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1897) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Weights and Measures,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Biscuits and Shortbread) Order 1975 [by Act].

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 Mr. Richard Crawshaw to be one of the Two Members whom Mr. Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before certifying a Bill to be a Money Bill, in place of Sir Alfred Broughton.

[No. 10.]

Tuesday, 2nd December, 1975.

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 25th November, was pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

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

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented 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 (Second Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-ii].

Privileges.—Mr. George Strauss reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the matter of the complaint by Mr. Eric Ogden in the last Session of Parliament of an article in the November issue of the Liverpool Free Press newspaper, 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).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 43].

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

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

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—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 requiring 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
Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

They have further ordered, That, pursuant to their Standing Order, the Orders of
appointment of the Committee shall remain in force and effect, notwithstanding the
prorogation of Parliament, until such time as the House makes further Orders of appoint-
ment in the next succeeding Session.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries 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, Mr. David Stoddart: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Michael Roberts: 275.

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 OECD Support Fund Bill
and the Moneylenders (Crown Agents) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed,
until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been
signified to the proposed Motion relating to Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries
[Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, for the purposes of any Act
of the present Session to provide for the establishment of two bodies corporate to be
called British Aerospace and British Shipbuilders, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required for
making payments to either of them by way of dividend capital and the payment out of
the National Loans Fund of any sums required to enable the Secretary of State to
make loans to either of them, subject to the following limits:—

(a) the aggregate of—

(i) the amounts for the time being outstanding, otherwise than by way of
interest, in respect of money borrowed by British Aerospace and each of
its wholly owned subsidiaries, other than money borrowed on excluded
loans and not including commencing capital, and

(ii) the sums paid to British Aerospace by way of public dividend capital,
shall not exceed £250 million;

(b) the aggregate of—

(i) the amounts for the time being outstanding, otherwise than by way of
interest, in respect of money borrowed by British Shipbuilders and each
of its wholly owned subsidiaries, other than money borrowed on
excluded loans, and not including commencing capital; and

(ii) the sums paid to British Shipbuilders by way of public dividend capital,
shall not exceed £300 million;

(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required to fulfil guarantees
given by the Treasury in respect of loans to British Aerospace and British Shipbuilders;
(3) the charge on the National Loans Fund, with recourse to the Consolidated Fund, of the principal of and interest on government stock issued by way of compensation in accordance with provisions of the said Act of the present Session and the issue out of the National Loans Fund of any sums necessary to meet expenses incurred in connection with the issue or repayment of any such government stock and payments of interest on amounts of compensation prior to the issue of such stocks;

(4) the payment out of money provided by Parliament, subject to the conditions specified in the said Act of the present Session, of any sums other than public dividend capital required by the Secretary of State for making payments to British Aerospace or any of its wholly owned subsidiaries for the purpose of promoting the design, development or production of civil aircraft, subject to the limit that the aggregate of the sums so paid less any sums received by the Secretary of State (otherwise than by way of interest on money lent) in pursuance of the terms and conditions on which any such payment was made shall not at any time exceed £50 million;

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

(a) remuneration allowances and expenses to any individual appointed in pursuance of the said Act as a stockholders' representative;

(b) remuneration and allowances to members and officers of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Arbitration Tribunal established under the said Act of the present Session and other expenses of that tribunal; and

(c) any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State attributable to the said Act;

(6) the payment into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund of any sums falling to be so paid by virtue of the said Act;

and for the purpose of this Resolution—

(a) a loan is an excluded loan in relation to either of the bodies corporate established by the said Act of the present Session if—

(i) it consists of money borrowed by one of its wholly owned subsidiaries either from that body or from another of that body's wholly owned subsidiaries or of money borrowed by that body from any of its wholly owned subsidiaries; or

(ii) it is a loan under section 1 of the Civil Aviation Act 1949 or a loan in respect of which payments are authorised under paragraph (4) above, or a loan under section 8 of the Industrial Expansion Act 1969 or section 7 or section 8 of the Industry Act 1972; or

(iii) the purpose of the loan is to pay off the whole or any part of that body's commencing debt; or

(iv) the purpose of the loan is to pay off a previous loan which was itself an excluded loan by virtue of sub-paragraph (iii) above of this sub-paragraph;

(b) "commencing capital", in relation to British Aerospace or British Shipbuilders, means such amount as the Secretary of State may with the approval of the Treasury determine under the said Act of the present Session;

(c) "commencing debt" means that part of the commencing capital which is not to be treated for the purposes of the Act as public dividend capital—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 269.

So the Question was agreed to.

Financial Assistance for Industry (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 not exceeding £26,179,765 by way of financial assistance in respect of the acquisition of share capital in Herbert Limited under section 8 of the Industry Act 1972 as amended by section 22 of, and Part I of Schedule 4 to, the Industry Act 1975—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman);

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

Wednesday, 3rd December, 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).
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. David Stoddart : 272.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Anthony Berry : 244.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House authorises the Secretary of State to pay, or undertake to pay, sums not exceeding £26,179,765 by way of financial assistance in respect of the acquisition of share capital in Herbert Limited under section 8 of the Industry Act 1972, as amended by section 22 of, and Part I of Schedule 4 to, the Industry Act 1975.

OECD Support Fund Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the OECD Support Fund Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Moneylenders (Crown Agents) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Moneylenders (Crown Agents) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—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.

(5) That Six be the quorum of the Committee.

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes to Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.33 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 2nd December 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:


Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 157, 1975).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 13th October 1975, in the form of Letters exchanged 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].
United Nations (No. 3, 1975),—Copy of the Report on the Seventh Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly, from 1st to 16th September 1975 (with Annexes) [by Command].

European Communities,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 4) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Sex Discrimination,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th November 1975, entitled the Sex Discrimination (Designated Educational Establishments) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1902) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:


Therapeutic Substances,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st November 1975, entitled the Therapeutic Substances (Supply of Antibiotics and Chemotherapeutic Substances for Agricultural Purposes) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1906) [by Act].

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 1970 which have not been repaid within the statutory period of five years [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1972, relating to electronic computers [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Road Traffic,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th November 1975, entitled the Removal and Disposal of Vehicles (Alteration of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1949) [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 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 5].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Unsolicited Goods and Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 [by Act].

Judgments (Enforcement),—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st November 1975, entitled the Judgment Enforcement (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 327) [by Statutory Instrument].

Papers 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 [13th October 1975 in the last Session of Parliament] from Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, for a new building for Rusthall St. Paul’s Infants’ School; to be printed [by Standing Order].

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures),—Copy of a Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled the Cathedrals Measure 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 39].

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures),—Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee upon the Cathedrals Measure 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 40].

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures),—Copy of a Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled the Ecclesiastical Judges and Legal Officers Measure 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 41].

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures),—Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee upon the Ecclesiastical Judges and Legal Officers Measure 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 42].

Plant Health,—Copies of Orders, dated 24th November 1975, entitled—

(1) the Dutch Elm Disease (Local Authorities) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1905), and

(2) the Dutch Elm Disease (Restriction on Movement of Elms) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1904) [by Act].

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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 Environment Sub-Committee on 3rd December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 44-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 3rd December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 23-ii].

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

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. Commission Document No. 5/1430/75, referred to a Committee on 26th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 46].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Michael English reported for the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. the draft Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 26th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 45].

Dock Work Regulation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Foot, supported by Mr. Edward Short, Mr. Secretary Benn, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Shore, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Frederick Peart, Dr. John Gilbert, and Mr. Albert Booth, presented a Bill to reconstitute the National Dock Labour Board and make further provision for regulating the allocation and performance of the work of cargo-handling in and about the ports of Great Britain: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 15].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. —(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

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

Developments in the European Communities.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Report on Developments in the European Communities, April-October 1975 (Command Paper No. 6349).—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Northern Ireland (Loans) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Northern Ireland (Loans) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Northern Ireland (Loans) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.

Schedule 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 forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

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

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.
Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 5th November 1975, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved. (Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 7th November 1975, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr. Roland Moyle);

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

Thursday, 4th December, 1975:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 7th November 1975, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 20th November, be approved.—(Mr. Roland Moyle.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Bann Reservoir Company (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 7th November 1975, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Insurance Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 7th November 1975, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

Overseas Development.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 22nd November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Overseas Development, Mr. Michael Marshall be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Richard Luce be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 22nd November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman be discharged from the Committee and Mr. John Cope be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(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 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.

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 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 to 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 these Orders be Standing Orders of the House until the end of this Parliament:

And the Committee was nominated of Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Roger Moate, and Mr. R. Graham Page.
Ordered, That the members of the Committee nominated this day shall continue to be members of the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

Ordered, That the foregoing Order be a Standing Order of the House.

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.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from London and other places for amendment of the Official Secrets Act 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 sixteen minutes past Two o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.16 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 3rd December 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 period ended 31st May 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 3].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Agriculture,—Copies of Schemes, dated 27th November 1975, entitled—
(1) the Hill and Upland Sheep (Scotland) (Revocation) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1958), and
(2) the Hill Cattle (Scotland) (Revocation) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1957)[by Act].

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 21st November 1975, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Alteration of Sheriff Court Fee No. 2) 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1908) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated 25th November 1975, entitled—
(1) the Child Interim Benefit (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1924),
(2) the Child Interim Benefit (Determination of Questions) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1925), and
(3) the Child Interim Benefit (General) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1926)[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production,—Copies of the Reports on the Census of Production 1972, relating to—
(1) dresses, lingerie, infants' wear, etc.,
(2) miscellaneous building materials and mineral products,
(3) miscellaneous manufacturing industries,
(4) pharmaceutical chemicals and preparations, and
(5) vegetable and animal oils and fats [by Act].

Post Office,—Copy of the Report of the Post Office Users' National Council for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 2].
Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Transport.—Statement of determination of the pension payable to the Chairman of the British Railways Board [by Act].

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

Tribunals and Inquiries.—Copy of an Order, dated 18th November 1975, entitled the Tribunals and Inquiries (Child Interim Benefit Appeals) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1937) [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 Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill, viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Ivor Clefton, Mr. Julian Critchley, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Ian Gilmour, Mr. Secretary Jenkins, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

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 National Coal Board (Finance) Bill, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Keen, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. Alexander Wilson, Mr. Alec Woodall, and Mr. Robert Woof.

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 Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, viz.: Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. George Grant, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Michael Jopling, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Frederick Peart, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. Keith Stainton, Mr. Gavin Strong, Mr. Jerry Wiggins, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Thirty-one Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. R. E. Bean, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Mr. Bryan Gould, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Michael Heseltine, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Mr. William Small, Mr. John Stanley, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Kenneth Warren, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. Frederick Willey, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Ted Fletcher, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. David James, Mr. James Killeeder, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Max Madden, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Stanley Orme, and Mr. Laurie Pavitt.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 3rd December 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee A, the National Coal Board (Finance) Bill to Standing Committee B, the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee C, the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill to Standing Committee D and the draft Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill, Mr. Alan Fitch
Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the National Coal Board (Finance) Bill and Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

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

[No. 12.]

Thursday, 4th December, 1975.

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

Civil Aviation (Control of Land by Directions) (Gatwick) Order 1975 (Petition 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 Civil Aviation (Control of Land by Directions) (Gatwick) Order 1975 (Petition for Amendment), viz.: Mr. John Cope, Mr. Peter Hardy, and Mr. John Parker.

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 4th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 47-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 4th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 23-iii].

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

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Undertakings and their Employees) (Hungary) Order 1975 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Faroe Islands) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 25th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 48].

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 House of Commons (Administration) not later than Seven o'clock.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

House of Commons (Administration),—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Report on House of Commons (Administration) (House of Commons Paper (1974-75) No. 624).—(Mr. Arthur Bottomley.)

Civil List Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Civil List 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. Peter Snape : 247.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Dennis Canavan : 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.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Committee to-morrow.

Civil List [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Civil List [Money] : 

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for supplementing out of moneys provided by Parliament the sums payable under the
enactments mentioned in section 6(1) of the Civil List Act 1972, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys so provided of any sums required by the Treasury for the purpose of supplementing the sums payable under those enactments.—(Mr. Edmund Dell.)

Ancient Monuments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Arbury Banks Preservation Order 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th October 1975, in the last Session of Parliament, be annulled.—(Mr. Ian Stewart):—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Ordered, That the Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., or any Sub-committee appointed by that Committee have leave to confer and to meet concurrently with any Committee of the Lords on the European Communities or any Sub-committee of that Committee for the purpose of deliberating and of examining witnesses, and have leave to agree with the Lords in the appointment of a Chairman for any such meeting.

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

Cyprus Sherry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That this House takes note of Commission Document No. S/1430/75 relating to Cyprus Sherry.—(Mr. Walter Harrison) :—It was agreed to.

Overseas Aid.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 19th November, be approved.—(Mr. Walter Harrison) :—It was agreed to.

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.—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 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

Thursday 4th December 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 26th November 1975, entitled the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco and other Revenue Duties) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1943) [by Act].

Value Added Tax.—Copies of Orders, dated 3rd December 1975, entitled—

(1) the Value Added Tax (Aircraft) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2006),
(2) the Value Added Tax (Construction of Buildings, etc.) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2011),
(3) the Value Added Tax (Containers) (Variation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2012),
(4) the Value Added Tax (Education) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2004),
(5) the Value Added Tax (Electronic Organs) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2009),
(6) the Value Added Tax (Exhibition Sites) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2013),
(7) the Value Added Tax (Food) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2015),
(8) the Value Added Tax (Higher Rate) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2010),
(9) the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Boats) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2015),
(10) the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Jewellery) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2014),
(11) the Value Added Tax (Treatment of Transactions) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2005), and

(12) the Value Added Tax (Treatment of Transactions) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2007)

(by Act).

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 144, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 23rd May 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Sri Lanka on trade in fabrics of silk or of waste silk other than noil or of cotton, woven on handlooms [by Command].

European Communities (No. 153, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 23rd July 1975, 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. 154, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 15th July 1975, between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of Bangladesh on the supply of common wheat as food aid [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 1st December 1975, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1975 [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of the Report on the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 17].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Frederick Peart:

Sugar,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th November 1975, entitled the British Sugar Corporation Limited (Incentive Agreement) (Variation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1939) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:


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

Friendly Societies,—Copy of the Report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for 1974, relating to trade unions and employers' associations [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. Evelyn King, Mr. Gregor MacKenzie and Mr. Frank R. White (nominated in respect of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. Doug Hoyle and Mr. Tom King.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 4th December 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill and Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975.
Friday, 5th December, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from London and elsewhere for legislation to be so framed as to preserve the national heritage was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Police Bill.—The Police 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).

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

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish a Police Complaints Board with functions relating to complaints from the public against members of police forces in England and Wales, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any sums required by the Secretary of State for making payments to or in respect of the members of the Board and in respect of its expenses.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Income Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Undertakings and their Employees) (Hungary) Order 1975 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 3rd November 1975, in the last Session of Parliament.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt):—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, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Faroe Islands) Order 1975 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 3rd November 1975, in the last Session of Parliament—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt):—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. 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 nineteen minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.19 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 5th December 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 4th December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 6) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2022) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Justices of the Peace.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th November 1975, entitled the Justices' Allowances (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1940) [by Act].
Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th November 1975, entitled the Local Authorities (Allowances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1941) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Education.—Copies of Regulations—

(1) dated 24th November 1975, entitled the Further Education (Transitional Exemption Orders) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1929),

(2) dated 27th November 1975, entitled the Direct Grant Schools (Transitional Exemption Orders) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1964), and

(3) dated 27th November 1975, entitled the Special Schools (Transitional Exemption Orders) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1962) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

National Health Service.—Copies of Regulations, dated 27th November 1975, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Charges) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1945), and

(2) the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1946) [by Act].

Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th November 1975, entitled the Forms of Adoption Entry Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1959) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Local Government.—Copies of Orders, dated 27th November 1975, entitled—

(1) the Rate Support Grant Order 1975, and

(2) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2) Order 1975 [by Act].

Local Government.—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th November 1975, entitled the Rate Support Grant Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1950) [by Act].

Local Government.—Copies of Reports on—

(1) the Rate Support Grant Order 1975, and

(2) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2) Order 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 31 and 32].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Control of Fuel and Electricity.—Copy of an Order, dated 4th December 1975, entitled the Paraffin (Maximum Retail Prices) (Third Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2017) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Prices.—Copy of an Order, dated 4th December 1975, entitled the Household Flour Prices (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2020) [by Act].

[No. 14.]

Monday, 8th December, 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).
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 8th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 33-ii].

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

Civil Aviation (Control of Land by Directions) (Gatwick) Order 1975 (Petition for Amendment),—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them that this House has appointed Three Members to serve on the Joint Committee to consider the Petition for Amendment of the Civil Aviation (Control of Land by Directions) (Gatwick) Order 1975, which stands referred to a Joint Committee.

Expenditure,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Robbins 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.)

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. David Stoddart);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Specer Le Marchant : 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Miss Margaret Jackson : 293.

So the Question was negatived.

European Communities,—Resolved, That the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 3) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 12th November 1975, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Roy Hattersley.)

European Communities,—Resolved, That the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 4) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 2nd December, be approved.—(Mr. Roy Hattersley.)

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Ordered, That Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman be discharged from the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills and that Mr. Douglas Hurd be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Public Accounts,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th December in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Public Accounts Committee, Mr. Guy Barnett be discharged from the Committee and Mr. John Watkinson 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 Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., Mr. Tam Dalyell be discharged from the Committee and Mr. James Craigen 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 in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Expenditure Committee, Mr. W. W. Hamilton and Mr. Phillip Whitehead be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Robin F. Cook and Mr. Ted Graham 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, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 15th November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, Mr. John Prescott be discharged from the Committee and Mr. R. E. Bean 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.)
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Merseyside for increased pensions and a Christmas bonus was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Congregational Memorial Hall Trust Limited,—A Petition of Alan John Bale, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Lincoln House 296/302 High Holborn, London, W.C.1, on behalf of The Reverend Reginald Watkins Cleaves, John Bernard Wilcox, esq., The Reverend Edward Stanley Guest and John Bernard Halse, esq., who are First, Second, Third and Fourth Defendants respectively in proceedings pending in the High Court of Justice Chancery Division 1975—C—No. 2690 instituted by The Congregational Memorial Hall Trust Limited as Plaintiffs and due to be heard in London shortly, was presented and read; setting forth that the Plaintiffs seek determination of legal issues affecting their Constitution and Denominational scope following the passage of The United Reformed Church Act 1972 and that reference is desired to be made at the said proceedings to the Minutes of Evidence taken on the 23rd and 24th days of May 1972 before the Committee to whom the United Reformed Church Bill was referred and to the Official Report of Debates of the House for the 22nd day of June 1972 (H.C. Deb. 839 ; Cols. 629-672); and praying that the House will be graciously pleased to give leave to the proper Officers of the House to attend the hearing of the said proceedings and to produce the said Minutes and 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 Minutes and Reports of Debates.

Ordered, That leave be given to the proper Officers of this House to attend the trial of the said action to produce the said Minutes of Evidence and Reports of Debates; and that leave be given for reference to be made to the said Minutes and Reports.—(Mr. Nigel Spearing.)

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

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 8th December 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

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. 28].

Civil Estimates (Vote on Account), 1976-77,—Estimates showing the several Services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1977 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 30].

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. 27].

Defence Estimates (Vote on Account), 1976-77,—Estimate showing the several Defence Services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1977 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 29].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th November 1975, entitled the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Second Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1968) [by Act].

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


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. Ivor Clennitson and Mr. J. W. Rooker (nominated in respect of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bruce George and Mr. Roland Moyle.
Standing Committee C.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Emlyn Hooson (nominated in respect of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Geraint Howells.

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth (nominated in respect of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ian Lloyd.

Tuesday, 9th December, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

Income Tax,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of 5th December 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 (Air Transport Undertakings and their Employees) (Hungary) Order 1975 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Faroe Islands) Order 1975 be made in the form of the drafts laid before your House in the last Session of Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

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 of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-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 (Third Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 53-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 9th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 56].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 56].

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 A of the Committee in the last Session of Parliament, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-i].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Appendices, to be printed [No. 56].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 56].

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 9th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 57].

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. 55-i]
Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (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. 62].

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

Civil Aviation (Control of Land by Directions) (Gatwick) Order 1975 (Petition for Amendment).—The Lords have appointed a Committee consisting of Three Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider the Civil Aviation (Control of Land by Directions) (Gatwick) Order 1975 (Petition for Amendment), pursuant to the Commons Message yesterday, and they propose that the Joint Committee do meet in Committee Room No. 3 on Tuesday 20th January, at Eleven o'clock.

Expenditure Committee.—The Lords give leave to the Lord Robbins 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.

Civil Aviation (Control of Land by Directions) (Gatwick) Order 1975 (Petition for Amendment).—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message this day as relates to the Civil Aviation (Control of Land by Directions) (Gatwick) Order 1975 (Petition for Amendment) be now considered.

So much of the Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That the Members appointed to serve on the said Committee do meet the Lords appointed to serve therewith as proposed by their Lordships.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That Commission Document No. R/2357/75 relating to signs be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco and other Revenue Duties) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1943) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Jewellery) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2014) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Boats) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2015) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Food) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2013) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Exhibition Sites) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2009) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Electronic Organs) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2004) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Education) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2008) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Containers) (Variation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2012) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Construction of Buildings, etc.) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2011) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Aircraft) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2006) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

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. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Peter Snape: 306.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 276.

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. Laurie Pavitt.)

Committee to-morrow.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill (Procedure) may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill (Procedure)—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That when an Order of the day is read for the House to resolve itself into Committee on the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any Question, notwithstanding that notice of an Instruction has been given, and on the Committee stage of that Bill the Chairman shall forthwith put the Question that he do report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House without putting any other Question, and the Question so put shall be decided without amendment or debate.—(Mr. Secretary Foot):—Debate arising;

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

Wednesday, 10th December, 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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 265

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. J. D. Dormand: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Carol Mather: 286.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That when an Order of the day is read for the House to resolve itself into Committee on the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any Question, notwithstanding that notice of an Instruction has been given, and on the Committee stage of that Bill the Chairman shall forthwith put the Question that he do report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House without putting any other Question, and the Question so put shall be decided without amendment or debate.

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 Tuesday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Questions put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nineteen minutes past One o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.19 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Tuesday 9th December 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 11th November 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 58].

Gas,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 31st October 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 59].

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 1st December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Certain Mediterranean Countries) (Reductions and Exemptions) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1978), and

(2) dated 8th December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 7) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2049)

[by Act].

New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 5th November 1975 on loans raised by Harlow Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 60].

Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 31st October 1975 on loans raised by the National Water Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 61].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 145, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 23rd May 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Laos on trade in fabrics of silk or of waste silk other than roll or of cotton, woven on handlooms [by Command].

European Communities (No. 146, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 23rd May 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Laos on trade in hand-made products (handicrafts) [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Ross:

Agriculture,—Draft of a Scheme, entitled the Winter Keep (Scotland) (Revocation) Scheme 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises,—Report of the Proceedings of the Secretary of State for Employment during 1974 under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 52].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies),—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade for the year ended 31st March 1975, as to Orders under the Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies) Act 1969 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 34].


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Accounts of the British Cast Iron Research Association for the year ended 30th June 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Countryside,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st December 1975, entitled the Nature Conservancy Council (Byelaws) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1970) [by Act].


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Mr. Secretary Rees:
Police,—Copies of Regulations, dated 17th November 1975, entitled—
(1) the Police Cadets (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 321), and
(2) the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 320)
[by Statutory Instrument].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Fair Trading,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Restrictive Trade Practices (Services) Order 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Sugar,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Sugar Board for 1974 [by Act].

Wednesday, 10th December, 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).

Trade,—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 statistics relating to overseas trade of the United Kingdom for each month during the year 1976.—(Mr. Eric Deakins.)

Chairmen's Panel,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Chairmen's Panel several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

(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.

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 10th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 44-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 10th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-i].

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

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 3rd December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 67].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Subscription to Shares of the Additional Capital Stock) Order 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)
Armed Forces Bill.—The Armed Forces Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

Defence.—Resolved, That the Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 31st October 1975, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the OECD Support Fund Bill and the Moneylenders (Crown Agents) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

OECD Support Fund Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the OECD Support Fund Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

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

Moneylenders (Crown Agents) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Moneylenders (Crown Agents) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Moneylenders Acts not to apply to Crown Agents, etc.).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 7, after the word “applied”, to insert the words “except in cases where litigation was commenced and a defence under the Moneylenders Acts 1900 to 1927 or the Moneylenders Acts (Northern Ireland) 1900 to 1969 pleaded before 20th November 1975”.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

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

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Joseph Harper: 73.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 9.

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.

Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the 60 miles per hour and 50 miles per hour (Temporary Speed Limit) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1895), dated 21st November 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st November, be annulled.—(Mr. Marcus Fox):—Debate arising:

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker, being of opinion that, owing to the lateness of the hour at which consideration of the Motion was entered upon, the time for Debate had not been adequate, interrupted the business, and the Debate stood adjourned till to-morrow, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4 (Statutory Instruments, &c. (procedure)).
Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 3rd December relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, Mr. John Lee be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Martin Flannery 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 two minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 10th December 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Copies of Treasury Minutes—
(1) dated 14th November 1975, and
(2) dated 17th November 1975,
relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 65 and 66].

Import Duties.—Copies of Orders, dated 8th December 1975, entitled—
(1) the Import Duties (Greece) (Reductions) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2057),
(2) the Import Duties (Morocco and Tunisia) (Reductions) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2058), and
(3) the Import Duties (Turkey) (Reductions and Exemptions) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2056)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Rape.—Copy of the Report of the Advisory Group on the law of rape [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Housing (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 25th November 1975, entitled the Housing Expenditure Subsidy (Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1973) [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 26th November 1975, entitled the Commissioner for Local Administration in Scotland (Designated Body for Scotland) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1974) [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th November 1975, entitled the Commissioner for Local Administration in Scotland (Expenses) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1975) [by Act].

Tourism.—Statement of determination of the salary payable on appointment to a member of the Scottish Tourist Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence.—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th October 1975, entitled the Royal Air Force Terms of Service (Second Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1900) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Import Duties.—Copies of Orders, dated 9th December 1975, entitled—
(1) the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2059), and
(2) the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2060)
[by Act].

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th December 1975, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Diving Operations) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2062) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 8th December 1975, entitled—
(1) the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2037), and
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Minimum Age for Driving) (Community Rules) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2036)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th December 1975, entitled the Dinnington Main Mine (No. 1 Shaft) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2053) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Food Subsidies,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd December 1975, entitled the Food Subsidies (Exports) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1985) [by Act].

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

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 Police Bill, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. A. J. Beth, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Mark Carlisle, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. David Stoddart, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. John Watkinson, and Mr. Phillip Whitehead.

Scottish Grand Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Thirteen Members to serve on the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. John Cockerill, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Dudley Smith, and Mr. Peter Tapsell.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco and other Revenue Duties) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1943), viz.: Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. George Park, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. David Price, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Julian Riddale, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. John Stokes, Mr. Dalydd Thomas, Mr. James Wellbeloved, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/3357/75, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Peter Emery, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, 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 Value Added Tax (Processing) (Jewellery) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2014), the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Basis) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2004), the Valued Added Tax (Food) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1975), the Value Added Tax (Exhibition Sites) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2009), the Value Added Tax (Electronic Organs) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2004), the Valued Added Tax (Education) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2008), the Value Added Tax (Containers) (Variation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2012), the Value Added Tax (Construction of Buildings, etc.) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2011), and the Value Added Tax (Aircraft) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2006), viz.: Mr. John Cope, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Peter Fry, Sir John Hall, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Bryan Magee, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. John Roper, Mr. Wm. Ross, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, and Mr. Robert Sheldon.
Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Subscription to Shares of the Additional Capital Stock) Order 1975, viz.: Mr. John Biffen, Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Sir Raymond Gower, Mr. John Grant, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Tim Renton, and Mr. Peter Tapsell.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 10th December 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Police Bill to Standing Committee A; the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco and other Revenue Duties) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1943) to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; Commission Document No. R/2357/75 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Jewellery) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2014); the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Boats) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2015); the Value Added Tax (Food) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2013); the Value Added Tax (Exhibition Sites) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2009); the Value Added Tax (Electronic Organs) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2004); the Value Added Tax (Education) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2008); the Value Added Tax (Containers) (Variation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2012); the Value Added Tax (Construction of Buildings, etc.) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2011); and the Value Added Tax (Aircraft) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2006) to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Subscription to Shares of the Additional Capital Stock) Order 1975 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill; Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco and other Revenue Duties) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1943); Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/2357/75; Mr. W. T. Williams Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Jewellery) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2014); the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Boats) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2015); the Value Added Tax (Food) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2013); the Value Added Tax (Exhibition Sites) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2009); the Value Added Tax (Electronic Organs) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2004); the Value Added Tax (Education) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2008); the Value Added Tax (Containers) (Variation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2012); the Value Added Tax (Construction of Buildings, etc.) (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2011); and the Value Added Tax (Aircraft) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2006); and Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Subscription to Shares of the Additional Capital Stock) Order 1975.

[No. 17.]

Thursday, 11th December, 1975.

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

PRAYERS.

Private Bills.—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That, in accordance with Standing Order 81 relating to Private Business (Division of Bills between this House and 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.:—

Anglian Water Authority,
Australian Agricultural Company and Subsidiary Companies,
Coity Wallia Commons,
Foyle and Londonderry College,
Great Northern London Cemetery,
Hove Borough Council,
Methodist Church,
National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham Municipal Bank,
People's Dispensary for Sick Animals,
Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund,
Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited,
Tyne and Wear,
Wimbledon and Putney Commons,
Yorkshire Water Authority (River Derwent);

and that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Commons, viz.:

- Australian Estates Companies,
- British Railways,
- British Transport Docks,
- British Transport Docks (Felixstowe),
- Greater London Council (General Powers),
- London Transport,
- Nottingham City Council,
- River Medway (Flood Relief),
- Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society,
- Standard Life Assurance Company,
- Suffolk Coastal District Council,
- Tees Tunnel,
- West Midlands County Council.

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 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. 68].

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 (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 69].

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 11th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-ii].

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 and 10th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed 'Nos. 23-iv and vl.'

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:

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—The Lords propose that the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills do meet in Committee Room 4 on Wednesday next at half-past Four o'clock.

House of Lords Offices,—The Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to give leave to Robert Gordon Cooke, Esquire, a Member of their House, and to Michael Hugh Lawrence, Esquire, a Clerk of their 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.

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message this day as relates to the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills be now considered.

So much of the Lords Message considered accordingly.

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

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.
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 thinks 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.

Penalty for Terrorist Offences.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House demands capital punishment for terrorist offences causing death—(Mr. Ivan Lawrence);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Teddy Taylor : 232.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Kenneth Clarke : 361.

So the Question was negatived.

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Supplements to sums payable under Civil List Acts).

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

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

A Clause (Civil List supplementary sums and Government's incomes policy)—(Mr. W. W. Hamilton)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and 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 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.—Resolved, That the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Regulations 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 11th November 1975, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved. —(Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 27th November, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Rees.)

Overseas Development.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 22nd November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Overseas Development, Mr. Richard Luce be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Michael Marshall 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 in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), Mr. Clement Freud be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Cyril Smith 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. Peter Snape.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 11th December 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

- Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1975, entitled the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2095) [by Act].
- Import Duties,—Copies of Orders—
  1. dated 1st December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 22) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1977),
  3. dated 4th December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 21) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2027),
  4. dated 8th December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Egypt) (Reductions) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2077),
  5. dated 8th December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 23) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2076),
  6. dated 9th December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Cyprus) (Reductions) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2075),
  7. dated 9th December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Faroe Islands) (Reductions and Exemptions) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2074),
  8. dated 9th December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 8) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2073),
  9. dated 10th December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Developing Countries) (No. 4) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2094), and
  10. dated 10th December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Spain) (Reductions) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2093)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

- European Communities (No. 152, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th February 1975, between the European Economic Community and Ethiopia on the supply of common wheat and maize as food aid [by Command].
- Poland (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 26th September 1975, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Polish People’s Republic on international road transport (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].
- Road Transport (Miscellaneous No. 28, 1975),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at New York on 21st August 1975, amending Article 14(3) of the European Agreement of 30th September 1957 concerning the international carriage of dangerous goods by road (ADR) (the Protocol is not in force) [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Ross:
Food and Drugs,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd December 1975, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1997) [by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 1st December 1975, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1987), and

(2) the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1988) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Social Security,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1975, entitled the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (Commencement No. 4) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2079) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th December 1975, entitled the Civil Aviation (Joint Financing) (Second Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2071) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 4th December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (Phosphorus) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2003),

(2) dated 9th December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (Paper, Paperboard and Printed Products) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2072), and

(3) dated 10th December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 4) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2081) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copies of Regulations—

(1) dated 10th December 1975, entitled the European Free Trade Association and other Countries (Origin of Certain Goods) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2082), and

(2) dated 11th December 1975, entitled the Origin of Goods (Certain Mediterranean Countries) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2100) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th December 1975, entitled the Oil Pollution (Compulsory Insurance) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2002) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th December 1975, entitled the Housing Rents and Subsidies (North Eastern Housing Association) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2001) [by Act].


Transport,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th December 1975, entitled the British Railways Board (Funding of Pension Schemes) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2063) [by Act].
Mr. Frederick Peart:

Horticulture,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 3rd December 1975, entitled the Horticulture (Apple and Pear Growers) (Special Payments) (Variation) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1999) [by Act].

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

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the First Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1975-76 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 37].

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 Police Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Frank Hooley.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 11th December 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mrs. Lena Jeger an additional Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.

[No. 18.]

Friday, 12th December, 1975.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petition.—A Public Petition from Watford for development of Watford General Hospital was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Investment of Pension and Insurance Funds in Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets the post-war failure of British industry to invest adequate resources in the formation of new long-term capital and equipment; furthermore, recognising that contractual savings, pension and insurance funds represent the most important source of long-term investment, regrets that these funds, provided by the savings of individual men and women, are not at present subject to effective democratic control; and therefore calls upon Her Majesty’s Government to ensure that these funds are properly deployed to provide the productive capacity which is essential to the United Kingdom’s future economic prosperity—(Mr. Ted Fletcher);

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

Unemployment in Sunderland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, while appreciating that the measures taken by Her Majesty’s Government to alleviate unemployment have benefited Sunderland, nevertheless, in view of the persisting high level of unemployment in the borough, calls upon the Government to take further and immediate action—(Mr. Frederick Willey):—Debate arising;

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 12th December 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 9) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2114) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
European Communities,—Copy of a Government Statement on financial control in the European Community [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Trade,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty of 10th December for a Return of Statistics relating to overseas trade of the United Kingdom for each month during the year 1976.

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Public Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th December 1975, entitled the Control of Noise (Code of Practice for Construction Sites) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2115) [by Act].

Public Health,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th December 1975, entitled the Control of Noise (Appeals) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2116) [by Act].

Monday, 15th December, 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 Maurice Edelman, Esquire, Member for Coventry, North-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, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles,—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of offences relating to motor vehicles in England and Wales, the number of persons prosecuted for such offences, statistics of court proceedings and the number of alleged offences in respect of which written warnings were issued by the police, together with the number of persons concerned, during the year ended the 31st day of December 1974.—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill.)

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 15th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-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 15th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 24-iii].

Local Government,—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant Order 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Crosland.)

Local Government,—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2) Order 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Crosland.)
Local Government (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th December, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Ross);

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 Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th December, be approved.

Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (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. Secretary Ross):—It was agreed to.

Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make new provision with respect to freshwater and salmon fisheries in Scotland, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of the expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in making payments to any organisation approved by him and having as their object, or one of their principal objects, the development and improvement of salmon or freshwater fisheries and the making of such fisheries available for letting or fishing by persons authorised to fish.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 26th November, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Nationalised Industries, Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 15th November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, Mr. Iain Sproat be discharged from the Committee and Mr. John Cockcroft 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 in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Expenditure Committee, Mr. Neville Trotter be discharged from the Committee and Sir John Langford-Holt 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. Peter Snape.)

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

[Adjourned at 12 midnight.

APPENDIX

Monday 15th December 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Offences relating to Motor Vehicles,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day, relating to offences relating to motor vehicles during 1974; to be printed [No. 38].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

British Council,—Copy of a Statement on indemnities for borrowed objects (British Council) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Mr. Secretary John Morris:

Tourism.—Statement of determination of the salary payable on appointment to a member of the Wales Tourist Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Secretary Benn:

Petroleum.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th December 1975, entitled the British National Oil Corporation Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2122) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Fair Trading.—Copy of an Order, dated 15th December 1975, entitled the Regulation of Prices (Tranquilising Drugs) (No. 3) (Revocation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2127) [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 Medina Borough Council (Mornington Road, Cowes, Open Space) Appropriation Order (No. 1) 1975 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 15th December 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Jones an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill.

[No. 20.]

Tuesday, 16th December, 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).

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 (Fourth Report). Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 8-iv]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee upon 16th December to be printed [No. 8-iv].

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 Subcommittee C of the Committee in the last Session of Parliament, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report). Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 73]. Minutes of Evidence, together with Appendices, to be printed [No. 73]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 73].

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. 74].
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 16th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 75].

Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill,—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary 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. 72].

National Coal Board (Finance) Bill,—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the National Coal Board (Finance) 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. 80].

Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill in relation to the principle of the Bill, and 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. 76].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Michael English reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Subscription to Shares of the Additional Capital Stock) Order 1975, referred to a Committee on 10th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 70].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That Commission Document No. R/39/75 relating to Migrant Workers be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That Commission Document No. S/1636/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from Hong Kong be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Supply [3rd allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Defence Estimates, 1976-77 (Vote on Account).—Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £2,140,121,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for Defence Services for the year ending on 31st March 1977, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 29.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Civil Estimates, 1976-77 (Vote on Account).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That a sum, not exceeding £11,704,621,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for Civil Services for the year ending on 31st March 1977, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 30.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. David Stoddart: 234.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Cyril Smith: 59.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £11,704,621,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for Civil Services for the year ending on 31st March 1977, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 30.

Defence Supplementary Estimates, 1975-76.—Resolved, That a further supplementary sum, not exceeding £369,796,000, 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 1976 for expenditure on Defence Services, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 27.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Civil Supplementary Estimates, 1975-76.—Resolved, That a further supplementary sum, not exceeding £2,790,089,000, 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 1976 for expenditure on Civil Services, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 28.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)
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, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. Denzil Davies, do prepare and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund Bill.—Mr. Robert Sheldon accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on 31st March 1976 and 1977: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 16].

Supply.—The House, according to Order, 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. Donald Coleman);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 260. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Joseph Harper: 285.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Privileges may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Privileges.—Ordered, That the First Report from the Committee of Privileges (House of Commons Paper No. 22) be now considered.—(Mr. George Strauss.)

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the said Report.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Committee in paragraph 9 of the said Report—(Mr. George Strauss);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word " House " to the end of the Question, and add the words " while regretting the leakage of information from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax and its publication by The Economist, considers that no further action need be taken in the matter ".—(Mr. Paul Channon.)

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

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

Wednesday, 17th December, 1975

Mr. Dennis Skinner 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.

Mr. Dennis Skinner rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Deputy Speaker withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question:—Debate resumed.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. George Gardiner: 64. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Richard Crawshaw: 55.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That this House, while regretting the leakage of information from the Select Committee on a Wealth Tax and its publication by The Economist, considers that no further action need be taken in the matter.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past One o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.29 a.m.]
Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Customs and Excise for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Command].

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 1975; 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. 50].

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated 15th December 1975, entitled—
(1) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 24) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2128), and
(2) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 25) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2129)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Computers,—Copy of Government proposals for safeguarding the privacy of the individual in the use of computers [by Command].

Computers,—Copy of a Government Statement on the use of computers in the public service [by Command].

Representation of the People,—Copy of the Report of the Boundary Commission for England with respect to the areas comprised by the constituencies of Kensington and Chelsea, Chelsea; and Kensington and Chelsea, Kensington [by Act]; to be printed [No. 25].

Sex Discrimination,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th December 1975, entitled the Sex Discrimination (Questions and Replies) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2048) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Liberia (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 26th September 1975, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Liberia for air services between and beyond their respective territories [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 126, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Athens on 13th June 1974, between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the Hellenic Republic concerning the settlement of all claims arising out of awards rendered for the benefit of Greek citizens by the mixed Graeco-German Arbitral Tribunal established pursuant to the terms of the Treaty of Versailles of 28th June 1919 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 157, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at La Paz on 29th June 1973, concerning an interest-free loan by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Republic of Bolivia (United Kingdom-Bolivia Loan Agreement No. 1, 1973) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Natural Environment Research Council,—Copy of the Report of the Natural Environment Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 6].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence Expenditure,—Copy of Government Observations on the Sixth Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1974-75 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 2nd December 1975, entitled the London Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2031),
(2) dated 5th December 1975, entitled the Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2030), and
(3) dated 5th December 1975, entitled the Secretary of State’s Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2029)
[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 Petitions [30th July and 24th November] from London, Southsea and other places, concerning abortion; to be printed [by Standing Order].

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 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 49].

Sugar,—Account of the Home Grown Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Fund for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 71].

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 16th December 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill to the First Scottish Standing Committee, Commission Document No. R 139/75 relating to Migrant Workers to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and Commission Document No. S /1636/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from Hong Kong to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Police Bill; Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/39/75 relating to Migrant Workers; and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. S/1636/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from Hong Kong.

PRAYERS.

British Railways 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 British Railways: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday 13th January and to be printed [Bill 17].

Brownies Taing 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 Brownies Taing Pier: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday 13th January and to be printed [Bill 18].

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 of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-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 Environment Sub-Committee on 17th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 44-iii].
Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, 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 (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 87].

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 a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-ii].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Commission Document No. R/2357/75 relating to Sugar, referred to a Committee on 9th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 81].


Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 83].

Education Bill.—Mr. Secretary Mulley, supported by Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. Barry Jones, and Miss Joan Lestor, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to education: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 19].

Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) Bill.—Mr. Ray Carter, supported by Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Leo Abse, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mrs. Miller Miller, and Mr. John Farr, presented a Bill to make provision as to civil liability in the case of children born disabled in consequence of some person’s fault; and to extend the Nuclear Installations Act 1965, so that children so born in consequence of a breach of duty under that Act may claim compensation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th February and to be printed [Bill 20].

Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Robin Corbett, supported by Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Jack Ashley, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Sir George Young, Mr. Bryan Gould, and Mr. Ken Weetch, 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 13th February and to be printed [Bill 21].

Homes Bill.—Mr. David Lane, supported by Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Stephen Ross, and Mr. Nicholas Scott, presented a Bill to make provision for more homes for letting; to define the responsibility of local authorities for accommodation of the homeless; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th February and to be printed [Bill 22].

Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. Iain MacCormick, supported by Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. George Reid, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Iain Sproat, and Mr. David Steel, presented a Bill to amend the law of Scotland relating to divorce and separation; to facilitate reconciliation of the parties in consistorial causes; to amend the law as to the power of the court to make orders relating to financial provision arising out of divorce and to settlements and other dealings by a party to the marriage, and as to the power of the court to award aliment to spouses in actions for aliment; to abolish the oath
of calumny; 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 27th February and to be printed [Bill 23].

English Development Agencies Bill.—Mr. John Horam, supported by Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Mr. Tom Orwin, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Ali Bates, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, presented a Bill to establish development agencies in England; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th March and to be printed [Bill 24].

Industrial Common Ownership Bill.—Mr. David Watkins, supported by Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Ivor Clemintson, Mr. Robert Edwards, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Stanley Newens, Mr. George Rodgers, and Mr. Terry Walker, presented a Bill to further the development of enterprises owned and controlled by people working in them; to enable existing enterprises to change to such common ownership; to make provision for the tax liability of certain shareholders on the occasion of such change; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 12th March and to be printed [Bill 25].

Domestic Violence Bill.—Miss Jo Richardson, supported by Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. John Ovenden, Mrs. Audrey Wise, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Tom Litterick, Mrs. Renee Short, Mr. John Garrett, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, and Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to matrimonial injunction; to provide the police with powers of arrest for the breach of injunction in cases of domestic violence; to provide for the obtaining of such injunction in the absence of a claim for damages; and to make further provision for the protection of the rights of victims of domestic violence: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 13th February and to be printed [Bill 26].

Licensing (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. Kenneth Clarke, supported by Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Harry Lamborn, Mr. Tom Ellis, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Mark Carlisle, and Mr. Tony Newton, presented a Bill to extend the permitted hours of licensed premises and registered clubs during permitted hours; to repeal section 76(5) of the Licensing Act 1964; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 27th February and to be printed [Bill 27].

Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill.—Mr. Cranley Onslow, supported by Mr. George Younger, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Julian Critchley, Mr. Victor Goodhew, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, and Mr. Geoffrey Johnson Smith, presented a Bill to make provision for the registration for electoral purposes of members of the armed forces: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th February and to be printed [Bill 28].

Detonators Bill.—Mr. Carol Mather, supported by Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. John Farr, Mr. James Molyneaux, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Jonathan Aitken, and Mr. McCusker, presented a Bill to regulate the production, distribution and use of detonators: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th February and to be printed [Bill 29].

Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) Bill.—Mr. Michael Shersby, supported by Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. John Davies, Mr. Peter Walker, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. F. P. Crowder, Mr. Neville Sandelson, and Mr. Tony Durant, presented a Bill to amend and clarify the law relating to the transfer of securities and to companies with a view to simplifying the activities connected with the periodic completion of bargains made on stock exchanges; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 27th February and to be printed [Bill 30].

Television Licensing (Establishments for the Deaf) Bill.—Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, supported by Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Douglas Hard, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. William Wilson, Mr. David Penhalligon, and Mr. Jack Ashley, presented a Bill to abolish television licence charges for establishments for the deaf: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th February and to be printed [Bill 31].

Cruelty to Animals Act 1876 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, supported by Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. F. A. Burden, Sir John Eden, Mr. John Farr, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Neil Marten, Mr. Donald Stewart, and
Mr. Phillip Whitehead, 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 6th February and to be printed [Bill 32].

Industrial Training (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Giles Radice, supported by Mr. Tom Urwin, Mr. David Watkins, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Miss Betty Boothroyd, and Mr. James Wellbeloved, presented a Bill to make further provision for industrial training: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th February and to be printed [Bill 33].

Explosives (Age of Purchase &c.) Bill,—Mr. Gwilym Roberts, supported by Mr. James Johnson, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Giles Shaw, and Mr. Andrew Faulds, presented a Bill to restrict further the sale to young persons of explosive substances, including fireworks, and to increase the penalties provided by sections 31 and 80 of the Explosives Act 1875: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th February and to be printed [Bill 35].

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Jim Callaghan, supported by Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Miss Janet Fookes, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Terry Walker, Mr. David Watkins, Mr. A. W. Stallard, presented a Bill to provide access and facilities for disabled persons at newly built or extensively adapted places of employment in order to improve employment opportunities for disabled persons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 13th February and to be printed [Bill 35].

Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) Bill,—Mr. Andrew Bowden, supported by Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Churchill, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Ted Garrett, Mr. A. J. Beith, and Mr. David Lane, presented a Bill to amend the Food and Drugs Act 1955 by prohibiting the sale, etc., of food in certain circumstances: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th February and to be printed [Bill 36].

Theatres Bill,—Mr. David Crouch, supported by Mr. G. R. Strauss, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mrs. Renée Short, Mr. Tom Arnold, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Ted Graham, and Mr. Michael Neubert, presented a Bill to establish a Theatres Trust for the better protection of theatres; to amend the law of town and country planning and of landlord and tenant in respect of theatres; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 13th February and to be printed [Bill 37].

Representation of the People (Electors on Holiday) Bill,—Mr. Michael Jopling, supported by Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Wyn Roberts, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Robert McGrindle, Mr. Robert Adley, and Dr. Keith Hampson, presented a Bill to enable electors who are away on holiday at the time of a Parliamentary election to vote by post or by proxy; to amend the law for correcting the register of electors; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th February and to be printed [Bill 38].

Dangerous Wild Animals Bill,—Mr. Peter Thomas, supported by Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. David Watkins, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Jeffrey Thomas, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Michael Brotheron, and Mr. Esmond Bulmer, presented a Bill to regulate the keeping of certain kinds of dangerous wild animals: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th February and to be printed [Bill 39].

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. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. David Stoddart : 289.

So the Question was negatived.

Financial Assistance to Industry (Chrysler United Kingdom 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 Chrysler United Kingdom Limited, or any of its subsidiaries, sums exceeding £5 million but not exceeding £162.5 million—[Mr. Secretary Varley]:

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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. James Hamilton, Miss Margaret Jackson: 287.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 266.

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 Chrysler United Kingdom Limited, or any of its sub-

sidiaries, sums exceeding £5 million but not exceeding £162.5 million.

Thursday, 13th December, 1975:

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Hill Livestock
(Compensatory Allowances) Regulations 1975, a draft of which was laid before this
House on 27th November, be approved—(Mr. Edward Bishop);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James A. Dunn: 66.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Russell Johnston: 19.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations 1975, a
draft of which was laid before this House on 27th November, be approved.

Agriculture.—Resolved, That the Winter Keep (Scotland) (Revocation) Scheme 1975, a
draft of which was laid before this House on 9th December, be approved.—(Mr. Hugh
D. Brown.)

Weights and Measures.—Resolved, That the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Biscuits and
Shortbread) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 1st December,
be approved.—(Mr. Alan Williams.)

Overseas Aid.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to
Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the
Inter-American Development Bank (Subscription to Shares of the Additional Capital
Stock) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 28th November, be
approved—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt): It was agreed to.

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

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

Crofting Reform (Scotland) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified
to the proposed Motion relating to Crofting Reform (Scotland) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to confer new
rights on crofters and cottars to acquire subjects tenanted or occupied by them; to
confer rights on crofters to share in the value of land resumed by landlords or taken
possession of compulsorily; to protect the interests of crofters and cottars from planning
blight; to make further provision as to financial assistance for crofters, cottars and
owner-occupiers of certain land; to make further provision as to the removal of land
from crofting tenure; to amend the law with respect to common grazings; to extend
the powers of the Scottish Land Court; to make provision for pensions and compensa-
tion for members of the Crofters Commission; it is expedient to authorise—

1. The payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable
to the said Act in the expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State under—
   (a) section 3(10) of the Small Landholders (Scotland) Act 1911;
   (b) section 22(2) or 31(1) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1955;
   (c) Schedule 1 to the said Act of 1955 in the payment of pensions or compensation
to members of the Crofters Commission;
   (d) the said Act of 1955 in defraying any increase in the expenses of the Crofters
Commission under that Act which is attributable to the said Act of the present
Session.

2. The payment into the Consolidated Fund of all sums received by the Secretary
of State by virtue of the said Act of the present Session.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt)
Expenditure,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Expenditure Committee, Mr. Ted Graham 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 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 eleven minutes to Three o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.49 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 17th December 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Civil Aviation.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury as of 21st November 1975 on a loan to be made to the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 84].

Gas.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th November 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 85].

National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 18th November 1975 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 86].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Pensions.—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd December 1975, entitled the Pensions Increase (Approved Schemes) (Local Government) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2045) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census.—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971, Economic Activity County Leaflets, relating to—

(1) Anglesey,
(2) Breconshire,
(3) Carmarthenshire,
(4) Denbighshire,
(5) Glamorgan,
(6) Merionethshire,
(7) Monmouthshire,
(8) Montgomeryshire,
(9) Pembrokeshire, and
(10) Radnorshire

[by Act].

Social Security.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th December 1975, entitled the Social Security (Relaxation of Earnings Rules) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2126) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Mr. Secretary Rees:

County Courts.—Copy of Rules, dated 2nd December 1975, entitled the County Court (Costs) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 345) [by Statutory Instrument].

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Mr. Secretary Benn:

Coal Industry.—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th December 1975, entitled the Opencast Coal (Authorisations and Compulsory Rights Orders) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2054) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Hire Purchase.—Copies of Orders, dated 16th December 1975, entitled—

(1) the Control of Hiring (Amendment No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2140),
and
(2) the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Control) (Amendment No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2139)
[by Act].

Mr. Reginald Prentice:

Pensions.—Copies of Schemes, dated 16th December 1975, entitled—

(1) the Fiji Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1975, and
(2) The Fiji Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions (United Kingdom) 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 the County Borough of Newport (St. Julian's Wood) Appropriation Order 1973 [by Act].

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

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission for the period 30th October 1974 to 18th November 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 51].

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 Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. J. M. Craigen, Mr. Peter Doig, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. William Small, Mr. Iain Sproat, and Mr. David Steel.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/39/75 relating to Migrant Workers, viz.: Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ted Fletcher, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Neil Kinnoch, Mr. Marcus Lipton, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Michael Marshall, Sir Anthony Meyer, and Mr. George Reid.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. S/1636/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from Hong Kong, viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. John Carson, Mr. Eric Deakin, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Tom Normanton, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, and Mr. David Young.
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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.:—

Anglian Water Authority.
Australian Agricultural Company and Subsidiary Companies.
Australian Estates Companies.
British Railways.
British Transport Docks.
British Transport Docks (Felixstowe).
Coity Wallia Commons.
Greater London Council (General Powers).
Great Northern London Cemetery.
Hove Borough Council.
London Transport.
Methodist Church.
National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham Municipal Bank.
Nottingham City Council.
People’s Dispensary for Sick Animals.
Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund.
River Medway (Flood Relief).
Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited.
Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society.
Standard Life Assurance Company.
Suffolk Coastal District Council.
Tees Tunnel.
Tyne and Wear.
West Midlands County Council.
Wimbledon and Putney Commons.
Yorkshire Water Authority (River Derwent).

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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 11th November 1975, in the last Session of Parliament.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 13-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 18th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-iii].

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

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco and other Revenue Duties) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1943), referred to a Committee on 9th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 88].

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

The Lords have agreed to the OECD Support Fund Bill, without Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Moneylenders (Crown Agents) Bill, without Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Civil List Bill, without Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Northern Ireland (Loans) Bill, without Amendment.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act to amend the Road Traffic Act 1972 in so far as it relates to drivers' licences and the minimum age for driving certain classes of vehicles and to amend Part VI of the Transport Act 1968 and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) Bill [Lords].]

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].]

Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) Bill [Lords].—The Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 43].

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 to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 44].

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 25th November and 9th December to be printed [No. 63-i].

Adjournment (Christmas).—Resolved, That this House at its rising to-morrow do adjourn till Monday 12th January. (Mr. Edward Short.)

Business of the House (Consolidated Fund 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 Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting. (Mr. David Stoddart.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That Commission Document No. R/2627/75 relating to the Overall Concept for the Next Multi-Annual Research Programme of the Joint Research Centre be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Horticulture (Apple and Pear Growers) (Special Payments) (Variation) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1999) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

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 Friday morning;

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and was committed to a 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 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. 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.
Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Jewellery) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2014), a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th December, 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, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Boats) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2015), a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th December, 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, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Food) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2013), a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th December, 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, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Exhibition Sites) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2009), a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th December, 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, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Electronic Organs) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2004), a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th December, 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, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Education) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2008), a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th December, 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, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Containers) (Variation) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2012), a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th December, 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, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Construction of Buildings etc.), (No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2011), a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th December, 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, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Processing) (Aircraft) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2006), a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th December, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Sugar.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/2357/75 relating to Sugar—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

European Parliament (Membership).—Ordered, That Mr. John Corrie be discharged from membership of the European Parliament and that Mr. Alexander Fletcher be designated a member of the European 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 twenty-nine minutes to Six o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 5.31 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Thursday 18th December 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Savings Banks,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th December 1975, entitled the National Savings Bank (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2153) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Costa Rica (No. 3, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at San José on 25th and 26th June 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica further amending the United Kingdom-Costa Rica Loan 1973 (the Exchange of Notes is not in force) [by Command].

European Communities (No. 156, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 23rd July 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the supply of butteroil and flour of common wheat as emergency food aid for the populations affected by the events in Cyprus [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 151, 1975),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Singapore on 22nd July 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Singapore for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 159, 1975),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at New Delhi on 11th March 1975, concerning grain to be supplied by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of India within the framework of the Cereals Food Aid Programme of the European Economic Community (United Kingdom Food Aid Grant: India Agreement, 1975) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Iron and Steel,—Copy of the Accounts of the publicly-owned companies of the British Steel Corporation for the year ended 30th March 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Transport,—Statements of redetermination of the salaries payable to—

(1) the Chairman, and
(2) the Director General

of the National Ports Council [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 1974 [by Command].

Papers 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 1975, and Balance Sheet as at that date ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 89].

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 1975 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 90].

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. Mark Carlisle (nominated in respect of the Police Bill); and had appointed in substitution Sir Bernard Braine.
MEMORANDUM

Thursday 18th December 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 23.]

Friday, 19th December, 1975.

The House met at Eleven 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 Petition for the following Bill the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:—

Foyle and Londonderry College.

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 agreed to the Consolidated Fund Bill, without Amendment.

Bahamas (Gift of a Mace),—Mr. Tom Pendry acquainted the House, That the Members who had been given leave of absence on 18th June last to present, on behalf of the House, a Mace to the House of Assembly of The Bahamas had presented the said Mace and that the House of Assembly had come to the following Resolution:

We, the Members of the House of Assembly of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas 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 House of Assembly and the people of The Bahamas. This Mace will ever serve to remind us of the great tradition of Parliamentary Government which we, as a Member of the Commonwealth, have inherited from the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

Corporal Punishment Bill,—Mr. R. Graham Page presented a Bill to permit a sentence of whipping of a person convicted of an offence involving bodily harm to another or malicious damage to property; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th February and to be printed [Bill 40].

Road Accident Compensation Bill,—Mr. R. Graham Page presented a Bill to make provision for recovery (without proof of fault) of compensation for injury resulting from the use of a motor-vehicle on a road and to require compulsory insurance in respect thereof; and for purposes in connection therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 12th March and to be printed [Bill 41].

Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill,—Mr. Sydney Bidwell, supported by Miss Janet Fookes, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Andrew Foulds, and Sir George Sinclair, presented a Bill to exempt turban-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 13th February and to be printed [Bill 42].

Customs and Excise,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco and other Revenue Duties) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1943), a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th December, be approved.—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

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

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:


Adjournment.—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn:
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 twenty-eight minutes past Four o’clock, adjourned till Monday 12th January, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[Adjourned at 4.28 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 19th December 1975

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 21st November 1975, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 911].
Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 10) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2203) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th December 1975, entitled the Police (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2070) [by Act].
Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th December 1975, entitled the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Adopted Children Register) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2091) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 15th December 1975, providing for Amendments to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:
Industrial Tribunals,—Copies of Regulations, dated 10th December 1975, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Tribunals (Non-Discrimination Notices Appeals) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2098), and
(2) the Industrial Tribunals (Non-Discrimination Notices Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2099)
[by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971, Economic Activity County Leaflets, relating to—
(1) West Suffolk, and
(2) Yorkshire, West Riding
[by Act].
Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th December 1975, entitled the Occupational Pension Schemes (Contracting-out) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2101) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1975, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increase in Prices and Charges) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2208) [by Act].
MEMORANDUM

Friday 19th December 1975

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated Commission Document No. R/2627/75 relating to the Overall Concept for the Next Multi-Annual Research Programme of the Joint Research Centre to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the Horticulture (Apple and Pear Growers) (Special Payments) (Variation) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1999) to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 24.]

Monday, 12th January 1976.

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 Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 15th December.

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

Census,—The Order made on 14th April 1975, in the last Session of Parliament, That the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to Migration Tables, Part II: Ten per cent. sample, do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

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

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

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Unsolicited Goods and Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 2nd December, be approved.—(Mr. Roland Moyle.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.41 p.m.

APPENDIX

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:

Austria (No. 1, 1975),—Copy of a Supplementary Convention on Social Security, signed at Vienna on 16th September 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Austria (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged).

European Communities (No. 140, 1975),—Copy of a Commercial Co-operation Agreement, signed at Brussels on 22nd July 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Sri Lanka.

European Communities (No. 1, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 15th July 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Zambia on the supply of common wheat as food aid.

European Communities (No. 2, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 24th October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of Bangladesh on trade in jute products.
Finland (No. 1, 1976).—Copy of an Extradition Treaty, signed at London on 29th October 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Finland (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged).

Private International Law (Miscellaneous No. 2, 1976).—Copy of the European Convention, signed at Strasbourg on 15th October 1975, on the legal status of children born out of wedlock (the Convention has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).

Privileges and Immunities (Miscellaneous No. 1, 1976).—Copy of a Draft Headquarters Agreement between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts.

Spain (No. 2, 1975).—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on 21st October 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and Spain 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).


Treaty Series (No. 1, 1976).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Islamabad on 25th September 1975, concerning a grant by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of Pakistan (United Kingdom/Pakistan (Tarbela No. 9) Agreement 1975).


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:

22nd December 1975


Housing.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th December 1975, entitled the Housing Finance (Rent Allowance Subsidy) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2110) [by Act].

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th December 1975, entitled the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods (Rear Marking of Motor Vehicles) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2111) [by Act].

Consumer Credit.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th December 1975, entitled the Consumer Credit (Period of Standard Licence) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2124) [by Act].

23rd December 1975

Fire Services.—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th December 1975, entitled the Fire Services (Training and Equipment) (Revocation) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2132) [by Act].

Weights and Measures.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th December 1975, entitled the Calibration of Tanks of Vessels (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2125) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th December 1975, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2194) [by Act].

Agriculture.—Copies of Schemes, dated 9th December 1975, entitled—

(1) the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (England and Wales) (Revocation) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2131), and

(2) the Hill Cattle (Breeding Herds) (Northern Ireland) (Revocation) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2130) [by Act].
29th December 1975

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd December 1975, entitled the Community Drivers' Hours Rules (Deferment of Operation) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2226) [by Act].

30th December 1975

Wages Councils,—Copies of Regulations, dated 16th December 1975, entitled—
(1) the Wages Councils and Central Co-ordinating Committees (Conditions of Office) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2137),
(2) the Wages Councils and Statutory Joint Industrial Councils (Notices) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2138), and
(3) the Wages Councils (Meetings and Procedure) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2136)

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated 23rd December 1975, entitled—
(1) the Import Duties (Quota and Other Reliefs) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2230),
(2) the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 5) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2228), and
(3) the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 6) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2229)

31st December 1975

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th December 1975, entitled the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco) (No. 2) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2239) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th December 1975, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 26) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2238) [by Act].

Animals,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 18th December 1975, entitled the Brucellosis (Beef Incentives) Payments (Amendment) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2211) [by Act].

2nd January 1976

Copyright,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th December 1975, entitled the Copyright (International Conventions) (Amendment No. 3) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2193) [by Act].

5th January 1976

Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th December 1975, entitled the Notices to Quit (Prescribed Information) (Protected Tenancies and Part VI Contracts) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2196) [by Act].

6th January 1976

Water,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th December 1975, entitled the North West Water Authority (Prickshaw Brook) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2134) [by Act].

Fugitive Criminal,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th December 1975, entitled the Fugitive Offenders (Hong Kong) (Amendment) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2163) [by Act].

Maintenance of Dependants,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th December 1975, entitled the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (Designation of Reciprocating Countries) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2187) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 19th December 1975, entitled—
(1) the Merchant Shipping Act 1974 (Guernsey) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2182),
(2) the Merchant Shipping Act 1974 (Isle of Man) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2183),
(3) the Merchant Shipping Act 1974 (Jersey) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2181),
(4) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Act 1971 (Guernsey) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2185),
(5) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Act 1971 (Isle of Man) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2180), and
(6) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Act 1971 (Jersey) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2184)

[by Act].
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Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th December 1975, entitled the Rating (Timetable and Procedures) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2233) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd December 1975, entitled the Goods Vehicles (International Road Haulage Permits) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2234) [by Act].

Plant Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd December 1975, entitled the Plum Pox (Sharka Disease) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2225) [by Act].

Magistrates’ Courts,—Copy of Rules, dated 22nd December 1975, entitled the Magistrates’ Courts (Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders) (Amendment) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2236) [by Act].

Value Added Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th December 1975, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2004) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th December 1975, entitled the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2241) [by Act].

Consumer Protection,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd January 1976, entitled the Children’s Clothing (Hood Cords) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2) [by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of Rules, dated 17th December 1975, entitled the Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Scotland) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2198) [by Act].

9th January 1976

Value Added Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th December 1975, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2004) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th December 1975, entitled the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2241) [by Act].

Consumer Protection,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd January 1976, entitled the Children’s Clothing (Hood Cords) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2) [by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of Rules, dated 17th December 1975, entitled the Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Scotland) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2198) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 12th January 1976:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 12th January 1976, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for General Support to Industry (Class IV, 7) [by Act].

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. 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 3, 10 and 11 of the Protection of Aircraft Act 1973, during 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1972, relating to—

(1) animal and poultry foods,
(2) bread and flour confectionery,
(3) building bricks and non-refractory goods,
(4) chalk, clay, sand and gravel extraction,
(5) electrical appliances primarily for domestic use,
(6) electrical equipment for motor vehicles, cycles, and aircraft; primary and secondary batteries; electric lamps, electric light fittings, wiring accessories etc.,
(7) gramophone records and tape recordings; broadcast receiving and sound reproducing equipment,
(8) hosiery and other knitted goods; warp knitting,
(9) industrial (including process) plant and steelwork,
(10) inorganic chemicals,
(11) iron castings, etc.,
(12) lubricating oils and greases,
(13) mineral oil refining,
(14) mining machinery,
(15) miscellaneous chemicals,
(16) motor vehicle manufacturing; trailers, caravans and freight containers,
(17) narrow fabrics,
(18) photographic chemical materials,
(19) refractory goods,
(20) refrigerating machinery, space-heating, ventilating and air-conditioning equipment,
(21) scientific and industrial instruments and systems,
(22) shipbuilding and marine engineering,
(23) surgical instruments and appliances,
(24) synthetic resins and plastics materials and synthetic rubber,
(25) timber,
(26) tobacco,
(27) wheeled tractor manufacturing, and
(28) weatherproof outerwear

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Maplin Development Authority,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Maplin Development Authority for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

River Authorities,—Copies of Reports, for the year ended 31st March 1974, of—
(1) the Essex River Authority,
(2) the Isle of Wight River and Water Authority, and
(3) the Lee Conservancy Catchment Board
[by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:
Sex Discrimination,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1975, entitled the Sex Discrimination (Designated Educational Establishments) (Wales) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2113) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd December 1975, entitled the Electricity (Transfer of Transmission Assets) (Yorkshire Electricity Board) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2245) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:
Universities and Colleges (Trusts),—Copy of an Amending Scheme, made by St. John Baptist College, Oxford, on 19th December 1974, for administering certain funds of the College [by Act].

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of St. Catherine’s College, Cambridge, on 9th October 1975, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

MEMORANDUM
Monday 12th January 1976

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

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 106 (Chairmen’s Panel) Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Arthur Blekinssop and Mr. Peter Doig to be additional members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

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Tuesday, 13th January, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the British Railways Order Confirmation Bill. Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Brownies Taing Pier Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Brownies Taing Pier 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).

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 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 (Third Report). Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-iii].

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 referred to them, 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. 8-v]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-v].

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 13th January, together with Appendices. Minutes of Evidence and Appendices to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 53-ii].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter referred to them, 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 13th January and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report). Report, together with a Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-iii]. Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-iv].

Regional Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of the Regional Strategy for East Anglia be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That Commission Document No. R/818/75 relating to Data Processing be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That Commission Document No. R/2297/75 relating to Data Processing be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Northern Ireland Committee,—Ordered, That the matter of Housing in Northern Ireland, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

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. Edward Short.)

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.
Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), the Standing Committee considering Commission Document No. R/39/75 relating to Migrant Workers shall be able to sit for up to two and a half hours after the commencement of its proceedings.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), the Standing Committee considering Commission Document No. S/1636/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from Hong Kong shall be able to sit for up to two and a half hours after the commencement of its proceedings.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Tabitha Smith praying that the House will not pass any Bill for amendment of the British North American Acts prejudicial to the rights of Indians in Canada before the completion of current litigation and without granting an opportunity for the Indians to be heard 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. 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-nine minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 13th January 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 25th November 1975,
(2) 28th November 1975,
(3) 2nd December 1975,
(4) 5th December 1975, and
(5) 8th December 1975,
relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 95 to 99].

Development Fund,—Accounts of the Development Fund 1974-75, showing—
(1) the Receipts into, and Issues out of, the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1975, and
(2) the Loans outstanding on 31st March 1975;
with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 100].

Duchy of Lancaster,—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Lancaster in the year ended 29th September 1975; with a separate Account of the capital of the said Duchy to the same date [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:


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 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Film Industry,—Copy of the Report of the Prime Minister’s Working Party on the future of the British film industry [by Command].

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th January 1976, entitled the Civil Aviation (Notices) (Second Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 26) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Varley:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Transport,—Statements of determination of—
(1) the pension payable to the Chairman of the National Freight Corporation, and
(2) the salary payable on appointment to the Executive Chairman of the National Freight Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th December 1975, entitled the Ireland Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2218) [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 [8th December] from Merseyside for increased pensions and a Christmas bonus: to be printed [by Standing Order].

[No. 26.]

Wednesday, 14th January, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Order Confirmation Bill,—The British Railways Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Brownies Taing Pier Order Confirmation Bill,—The Brownies Taing Pier Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Commission Document No. R/39/75 relating to Migrant Workers, referred to a Committee on 16th December. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 101].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Commission Document No. S/1636/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from Hong Kong, referred to a Committee on 16th December. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 102].

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 Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until Eleven o'clock.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

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.

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 the first day on which they shall meet; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 64 (Meetings of Standing Committees) the second such sitting shall not commence before Four o'clock nor 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. J. D. 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 half-past Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 14th January 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Environmental Pollution,—Copy of the Fifth Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, relating to air pollution control [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th December 1975, entitled the Reporters (Conduct of Proceedings before the Sheriff) (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2251) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration,—Copy of the Second Supplement to the Fifth Report of the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration, 1975 [by Command].

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971, relating to Economic Activity County Leaflets for—
(1) Lancashire, and
(2) Nottinghamshire [by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd January 1976, entitled the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Consequential Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th December 1975, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Crew Accommodation) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2220) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
County Courts,—Copies of Rules—
(1) dated 8th December 1975, entitled the County Court (Licensing) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 548), and
(2) dated 12th December 1975, entitled the County Court (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 354) [by Statutory Instrument].

Legal Aid,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd December 1975, entitled the Legal Aid (Remuneration of Solicitors and Counsel in County Court Proceedings) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 366) [by Statutory Instrument].

Magistrates’ Courts,—Copies of Rules—
(1) dated 9th December 1975, entitled the Magistrates’ Courts (Licensing) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1975 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1975, No. 349), and

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th December 1975, entitled the Baddesley Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 27) [by Act].
Mr. Edward Short:

Merchant Shipping.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 19th December 1975, entitled—

(1) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Belize) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2164),
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Bermuda) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2165),
(3) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Cayman Islands) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2166),
(4) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Falkland Islands) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2167),
(5) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Gilbert Islands) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2168),
(6) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Hong Kong) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2169),
(7) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Montserrat) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2170),
(8) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Overseas Territories) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2171),
(9) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Seychelles) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2172),
(10) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Solomon Islands) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2173),
(11) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Tuvalu) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2174), and
(12) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Virgin Islands) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2175)

[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 Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. J. M. Craigie, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Donald Stewart, and Mr. James White.

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Ten Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of Housing in Northern Ireland, viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. David James, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Airey Neave, and Mr. van Straubenzee.

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 the Regional Strategy for East Anglia.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/2627/75 relating to the Overall Concept for the Next Multi-Annual Research Programme of the Joint Research Centre, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Robert Banks, Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. John Stanley, Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. Alexander Wilson, and Mr. Robert Woof.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/818/75 and of Commission Document No. R/2297/75 relating to Data Processing, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Robert Banks, Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. John Stanley, Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. Alexander Wilson, and Mr. Robert Woof.
Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Horticulture (Apple and Pear Growers) (Special Payments) (Variation) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1999), viz.: Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. John Dunlop, Mr. George Grant, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. James Wellbeloved, and Mr. David Young.

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated Commission Document No. R/818/75 and Commission Document No. R/2297/75 relating to Data Processing 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 appointed Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Economy in Wales; Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of Housing in Northern Ireland; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of the Regional Strategy for East Anglia; Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/2627/75 relating to the Overall Concept for the next Multi-Annual Research Programme of the Joint Research Centre; Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/818/75 and Commission Document No. R/2297/75 relating to Data Processing; and Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Horticulture (Apple and Pear Growers) (Special Payments) (Variation) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1999).

[No. 27.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure.—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 January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-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 14th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 103].

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Business of Supply may be taken after Ten o'clock and that 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, though opposed, until Eleven o'clock.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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. Peter Snape):

And it being Eleven o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House this day.
Fat Content of Whole Milk.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/2861/75 relating to fat content of whole milk and of the Government’s intention to ensure that arrangements are satisfactory for imports into those member states where sales of whole milk are unstandardised—(Mr. Edward Bishop);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 16th January, 1976:

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 this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/2861/75 relating to fat content of whole milk and of the Government’s intention to ensure that arrangements are satisfactory for imports into those member states where sales of whole milk are unstandardised.

Migrant Workers.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/39/75 relating to Migrant Workers—(Mr. John Ellis):—It was agreed to.

Imports of Textiles from Hong Kong.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That this House takes note of Commission Document No. S/1636/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from Hong Kong—(Mr. John Ellis):—It was agreed to.

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 on Thursday morning, 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 past One o’clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.2 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 15th January 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Coal Industry.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—

(1) 25th November 1975, and
(2) 26th November 1975

on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 105 and 106].

Iron and Steel.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—

(1) 26th November 1975,
(2) 26th November 1975, and
(3) 27th November 1975

on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 107 to 109].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Treaty Series (No. 161, 1975),—Copy of the Third Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 1975 [by Command].


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Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Medical Profession,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th January 1976, entitled the Abortion (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 15) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:


Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Community Land,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Community Land (Excepted Development) Regulations 1976 [by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th January 1976, entitled the Post Office (Rateable Values) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd January 1976, entitled the Compensation for Limitation of Prices Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 1) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th December 1975, entitled the Birch Coppice Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 28) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. David James, and Mr. Michael Mates, from the Northern Ireland Committee, to which they had been nominated in respect of the matter of Housing in Northern Ireland.

[No. 28.]

Friday, 16th January, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That Commission Document No. S/1185/75 relating to imports of Textiles from India be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Robert Mellish.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That Commission Document No. S/1212/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from Pakistan be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Robert Mellish.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That Commission Document No. S/1235/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from the Republic of Korea be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Robert Mellish.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That Commission Document No. R/2685/75 relating to International Trade in Textiles and Modification of EEC Regulation 1439/74 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Robert Mellish.)

Smoking and Health,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls upon the Government to lay before Parliament a draft Order under section 105(1)(b) of the Medicines Act 1968 containing the following provisions:
"For the purpose of section 105(1)(b) of the Act, tobacco and smoking substances are specified as substances which are not themselves medicinal products, but if used without proper safeguards are capable of causing damage to the health of the community, and it is hereby ordered that the following provisions of the Act shall have effect in relation to such substances as those provisions have effect in relation to medicinal products, that is Parts I, II, III, V, VI, and VIII"—(Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk);

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

Personal Liberty.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, concerned at the rentless erosion of personal liberty, deplores the narrowing of the citizen's choice on every hand, whether in education, in medical treatment or in country sports; and draws attention to the need to recognise the danger of state control, the tyranny of uniformity and the threat to the freedom of society before it is too late—(Mr. Michael Hamilton):—Debate arising;

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

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 16th January 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland,—Copy of the text of a Letter from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to the Chairman of the Northern Ireland Constitutional Convention [by Command].

Northern Ireland Trading and Other Accounts,—Copy of Northern Ireland Trading and Other Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1975; 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. 110].

[No. 29.]


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 19th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-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 Science Sub-Committee on 19th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 23-vi].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That if, at this day's sitting, an Amendment proposed to the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to Our Changing Democracy, Devolution to Scotland and Wales (Command Paper No. 6348) shall have been disposed of at or after Ten o'clock, the Amendment in the name of Mr. Donald Stewart may thereupon be moved, and the Question thereon shall be put forthwith.—(Mr. Thomas Cox);

Devolution to Scotland and Wales,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the White Paper on Our Changing Democracy, Devolution to Scotland and Wales (Command Paper No. 6348)—(Mr. Edmund Dell);
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words “affirms the need for an Assembly in Scotland, but rejects the Government's particular proposals for Scotland and Wales which will lead to confusion and conflict, and which will threaten the unity of the United Kingdom.”—(Sir David Renton.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 315.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words “but regrets that the Scottish and Welsh Assemblies are given no meaningful control over their respective economies.”—(Mr. Donald Stewart.)

The Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order of the House this day, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Dafydd Thomas: 27.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Peter Snape: 304.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Peter Snape: 295.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Iain Sproat: 37.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the White Paper on Our Changing Democracy, Devolution to Scotland and Wales (Command Paper No. 6348).

Import Duties.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Import Duties (General) (No. 5) Order 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1744), dated 27th October 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th November 1975, in the last Session of Parliament, be annulled—(Mr. Nigel Spearing);

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4 (Statutory Instruments, &c. (procedure)).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Bob Cryer: 64.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. David Stoddart: 107.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Tuesday, 20th January, 1976:

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 Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.10 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 19th January 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Diseases of Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th January 1976, entitled the Importation of Cattle (Number 1) Order 1976 [by Act].
Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census.—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for England and Wales, Migration Regional Report (Ten per cent. sample), relating to—

1. East Anglia, Part II,
2. East Midlands Region, Part II,
3. North Region, Part II,
4. Wales, Part II, and
5. Yorkshire and Humberside Region, Part II

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production.—Copy of the Report of the Census of Production 1972, relating to—

1. ball and roller bearings,
2. biscuits,
3. food and drink processing, packaging and bottling machinery,
4. made-up household textiles,
5. miscellaneous mining and quarrying,
6. miscellaneous (non-electrical) machinery; scales and weighing machinery and portable power tools,
7. precision chains and other mechanical engineering, and
8. radio, radar and electronic capital goods

[by Act].

Industrial Development.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th January 1976, entitled the Investment Grants Termination (No. 6) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 41) [by Act].

Iron and Steel.—Statements of—

1. the appointment of two part-time members, and
2. the re-appointment of a part-time Deputy Chairman

of the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Community Land.—Copies of Orders, dated 8th January 1976, entitled—

1. the Community Land (Outstanding Material Interests) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 19), and
2. the Community Land (Statutory Undertakers) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 18)

[by Act].

MEMORANDA

Monday 19th January 1976


In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Economy in Wales in the place of Mr. Ifor Davies.

[No. 30.]

Tuesday, 20th January, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

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 (Sixth Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-vi].

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 20th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 53-iii].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. 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 report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 20th January and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-vi].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-vi].

Mr. Speaker Lloyd’s Retirement.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had intimated to Her Majesty his wish to relinquish his office on 3rd February 1976.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, any Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill may be put after Ten o’clock, though opposed.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

Education (Abolition of Corporal Punishment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the use of corporal punishment in all educational establishments and to make provision for alternative forms of punishment—(Mr. Denis Canavan);

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. Bruce Grocott: 120.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Iain Sproat: 181.

So the Question was negatived.

Post Office (Banking Services) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (Banking Services) 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. Laurie Pavitt: 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 249.

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).

Post Office (Banking Services) [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Post Office (Banking Services) [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the powers of the Post Office to provide banking services, to make capital available for the provision of those services and to reduce the capital debt of the Post Office, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment to the Post Office, out of moneys provided by Parliament, of sums to be used by it for the purposes of its banking services and the payment into the Consolidated Fund of sums paid by the Post Office in consideration of sums received or deemed to have been received by it for those purposes; and

(b) the reduction, by an amount not exceeding £29.7 million and with effect from 1st April 1975, of the liability of the Post Office to repay the debts assumed by it under section 33(1) of the Post Office Act 1969 or incurred by it before 1st April 1975 under section 35(2) of that Act—(Mr. David Stoddart);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Miss Margaret Jackson : 286.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Michael Roberts : 247.

So the Question was agreed to.

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee)

The Chairman, pursuant to the Order of the House [9th December], put forthwith the Question, That the Chairman do report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Joseph Harper : 273.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Michael Roberts : 260.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Peter Snape reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment.

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

Fair Trading.—Resolved, That the Restrictive Trade Practices (Services) Order 1975, a draft of which was laid before this House on 9th December, be approved.—(Mr. Alan Williams.)

Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), the Standing Committee considering Commission Document No. S/1185/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from India shall be able to sit for up to two and a half hours after the commencement of its proceedings.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), the Standing Committee considering Commission Document No. S/1212/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from Pakistan shall be able to sit for up to two and a half hours after the commencement of its proceedings.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), the Standing Committee considering Commission Document No. S/1235/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from the Republic of Korea shall be able to sit for up to two and a half hours after the commencement of its proceedings.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), the Standing Committee considering Commission Document No. R/2297/75 relating to Data Processing shall be able to sit for up to two and a half hours after the commencement of its proceedings.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from London and elsewhere for legislation to limit abortion and for countervailing action, 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. Peter Snape);

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

Wednesday, 21st January, 1976:

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 Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.1 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 20th January 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Inland Revenue,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Command].

Bank Notes,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 9th December 1975, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 112].

Civil Appropriation Accounts,—Appropriation Accounts for the sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Revenue and Store Accounts—

(1) Classes II and III,
(2) Classes IV and IX, and
(3) Classes X to XV and XVII
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 77 to 79].

Defence Accounts,—Accounts of the Defence Services for the year ended 31st March 1975 comprising—

(1) Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Defence Services, Class I,
(2) Production Accounts and Balance Sheets as at 31st March 1975 of Her Majesty's Dockyards and Other Establishments, and
(3) Operating Account and Balance Sheet as at 30th June 1974, and Trading Fund Operating Account and Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1975, of the Royal Ordnance Factories;

with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 77].

Electricity,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

(1) on 4th December 1975,
(2) on 4th December 1975, and
(3) on 11th December 1975
on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 113 to 115].

Gas,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

(1) on 2nd December 1975,
(2) on 4th December 1975,
(3) on 4th December 1975,
(4) on 4th December 1975, and
(5) on 9th December 1975
on loans proposed to be raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 116 to 120].

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 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 121].

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Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Mongolia (No. 1, 1976),—Copy of a Consular Convention, signed at London on 21st November 1975, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Mongolian People's Republic (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 5, 1976),—Copy of a long-term Agreement, signed at Bucharest on 18th September 1975, on economic collaboration and industrial and technological co-operation between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Socialist Republic of Romania [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) (Amendment) Order 1976,
(2) the European Free Trade Association (Immunities and Privileges) (Revocation) Order 1976,
(3) the Inter-American Development Bank (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1976,
(4) the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 1976, and
(5) the OECD Financial Support Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Treatment of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 24th December 1975, entitled—

(1) the High Moor Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 43), and
(2) the Warsop Main Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 44)

[by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 20th January 1976


[No. 31.]


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).

Civil Aviation (Control of Land by Directions) (Gatwick) Order 1975 (Petition for Amendment),—Mr. John Parker reported from the Joint Committee, to whom a Petition for Amendment of the Civil Aviation (Control of Land by Directions) (Gatwick) Order 1975 was referred, pursuant to the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Acts 1945 and 1965, That they had considered the said Petition, and had made no Amendment to the Order; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.
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 Statute Law Revision (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 125.]

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 125].

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 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 January and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-iv].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-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 Environment Sub-Committee on 21st January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-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 21st January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-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 B on 21st January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 126].

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

Welsh Grand Committee.—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That they had considered the matter of the Economy in Wales, referred to them on 13th January, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 130].

Regional Affairs.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, That they had considered the matter of Regional Strategy for East Anglia, referred to them on 13th January, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 129].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Commission Document R/2627/75 relating to the Overall Concept for the Next Multi-Annual Research Programme of the Joint Research Centre, referred to a Committee on 18th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 124].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Horticulture (Apple and Pear Growers) (Special Payments) (Variation) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1999), referred to a Committee on 18th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 122].

Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross, supported by Mr. Hugh D. Brown and Mr. Robert Sheldon, presented a Bill to amend section 25(1) of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1968: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 46].
Water Charges Bill.—Mr. Secretary Crosland, supported by Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. John Silkin, Mr. Joel Barnett, and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to make provision for the refund of certain charges made by water authorities in England and Wales in respect of the financial years 1974-75 and 1975-76 and as to the scope of the powers of such authorities to make charges: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 47].

Social Security (Additional Benefits),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment out of the National Insurance Fund of a heating allowance for pensioners and those on long-term Social Security benefit and of a Christmas bonus for pensioners in 1976: And that Mr. John Golding, Mr. R. B. Cant, Mr. Robert Edwards, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. Les Huckfield, Mr. George Park, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. James Wellbeloved, and Mr. Alec Woodall, do prepare and bring it in.

Social Security (Additional Benefits) Bill.—Mr. John Golding accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the payment out of the National Insurance Fund of a heating allowance for pensioners and those on long-term Social Security benefit and of a Christmas bonus for pensioners in 1976; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th February and to be printed [Bill 48].

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill (Suggested Amendments),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, pursuant to the Parliament Acts 1911 and 1949, this House suggests to the Lords the following Amendments to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill:

New Clause (Freedom of the press)

"After section 1 of the principal Act there shall be inserted the following section:—

1A.—(1) If, before the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the passing of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Act 1975, there is agreed among parties including employers of journalists (or employers' associations representing such employers), editors (or editors' organisations), and trade unions representing journalists, a charter containing practical guidance for employers, trade unions and editors and other journalists on matters relating to the freedom of the press, the Secretary of State shall lay before both Houses of Parliament a draft of that charter.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) above, practical guidance on matters relating to the freedom of the press must include guidance on 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 right of editors to discharge their duties and to commission and to publish any article) and the question of access for contributors.

(3) If no such charter has been agreed as mentioned above, or if a draft charter laid before Parliament (under subsection (1) above or this subsection) is not approved by resolution of each House of Parliament as mentioned in subsection (6) below, the Secretary of State shall after consultation with the Press Council, and such of the parties referred to in subsection (1) above, such organisations representing workers, and such organisations representing employers, as he thinks fit, prepare in draft a charter, as follows:—

(a) 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;

(b) where, so far as there appears to the Secretary of State to be no such agreement on any of the particular matters referred to in subsection (2) above, he shall incorporate in the draft charter such practical guidance on that matter as he thinks fit,

and the Secretary of State shall lay the draft charter before both Houses of Parliament.

(4) 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.

(5) 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

(c) securing the publication of its decision.
(6) If a draft laid under subsection (1) or (3) above is approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament, the Secretary of State shall issue the charter in the form of the draft.

(7) A charter for the time being in force under this section may be revised from time to time by agreement between such parties as are referred to in subsection (1) above, and the Secretary of State shall lay a draft of the revised charter before both Houses of Parliament.

(8) If a draft laid under subsection (7) above is approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament, the Secretary of State shall issue the revised charter in the form of the draft.

(9) On issuing a charter or revised charter under subsection (6) or (8) above the Secretary of State shall make by statutory instrument an order specifying the date on which the charter or revised charter is to come into effect.

(10) 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—

(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.”.

“Title, line 4, at end add ‘and to provide for a charter on matters relating to the freedom of the press’”—(Mr. Albert Booth);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 17, to leave out from the word “journalists” to the end of line 19 and insert the words “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, the right of editors to commission and to publish or refuse to publish any material, and the assurance (subject only to editorial discretion) of access to the press of all contributors at all times”—(Mr. James Prior),—instead thereof.

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. John Corrie: 240.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Peter Snape: 299.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 48, after the word “decision”, to insert the words “which shall be binding”.—(Mr. Jeremy Thorpe.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Clement Freud: 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Thomas Cox: 294.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 62, at the beginning, to insert the words “Subject to the terms of paragraphs (c) and (d) hereof”.—(Mr. Leon Brittan.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 298.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being after Ten o’clock, further proceedings on the Motion stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motions relating to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill (Suggested Amendments) may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until Twelve o’clock.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill (Suggested Amendments).—The House again proceeded to consider the Motion relating to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill (Suggested Amendments).
The Main Question being again proposed;
Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 68, at the end, to add the words—

"( ) A charter agreed as mentioned in subsection (1) above, or prepared by the Secretary of State in accordance with subsection (3) above, shall provide that no member of any trade union shall be fined, expelled from any union, prevented or suspended from holding office in any union or be otherwise penalised or victimised by reason of the fact that he had refused to strike or work to rule or had continued to work on any occasion."—(Sir David Renton.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made: —It was negatived.

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

Resolved, That, pursuant to the Parliament Acts 1911 and 1949, this House suggests to the Lords the following Amendments to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill:

New Clause (Freedom of the press)

"After section 1 of the principal Act there shall be inserted the following section:—

1A.—(1) If, before the end of the period of twelve months beginning with the passing of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Act 1975, there is agreed among parties including employers of journalists (or employers' associations representing such employers), editors (or editors' organisations), and trade unions representing journalists, a charter containing practical guidance for employers, trade unions and editors and other journalists on matters relating to the freedom of the press, the Secretary of State shall lay before both Houses of Parliament a draft of that charter.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) above, practical guidance on matters relating to the freedom of the press must include guidance on 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 right of editors to discharge their duties and to commission and to publish any article) and the question of access for contributors.

(3) If no such charter has been agreed as mentioned above, or if a draft charter laid before Parliament (under subsection (1) above or this subsection) is not approved by resolution of each House of Parliament as mentioned in subsection (6) below, the Secretary of State shall after consultation with the Press Council and such of the parties referred to in subsection (1) above, such organisations representing workers, and such organisations representing employers, as he thinks fit, prepare in draft a charter, as follows:

(a) 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;

(b) where, so far as there appears to the Secretary of State to be no such agreement on any of the particular matters referred to in subsection (2) above, he shall incorporate in the draft charter such practical guidance on that matter as he thinks fit,

and the Secretary of State shall lay the draft charter before both Houses of Parliament.

(4) 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.

(5) 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

(c) securing the publication of its decision.

(6) If a draft laid under subsection (1) or (3) above is approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament, the Secretary of State shall issue the charter in the form of the draft.

(7) A charter for the time being in force under this section may be revised from time to time by agreement between such parties as are referred to in subsection (1) above, and the Secretary of State shall lay a draft of the revised charter before both Houses of Parliament.
(8) If a draft laid under subsection (7) above is approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament, the Secretary of State shall issue the revised charter in the form of the draft.

(9) On issuing a charter or revised charter under subsection (6) or (8) above the Secretary of State shall make by statutory instrument an order specifying the date on which the charter or revised charter is to come into effect.

(10) 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—

(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.’’

"Title, line 4, at end add ‘and to provide for a charter on matters relating to the freedom of the Press’’.

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill (Suggested Amendments) (No. 5).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, pursuant to the Parliament Acts 1911 and 1949, this House suggests to the Lords the following Amendments to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill:

Clause 1, page 1, line 16, leave out paragraph (d)(Mr. Barney Hayhoe);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. John Corrie: 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Peter Snape: 285.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Sutton Coldfield and elsewhere against the extension of municipal trading was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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 21st January 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:


Duchy of Cornwall,—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall in 1975 [by Act].

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 11th December 1975 on loans raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 131].

Iron and Steel,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 5th December 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 132 and 133].

New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 16th December 1975 on loans raised by the Commission for the New Towns [by Act]; to be printed [No. 134].

Oil Trading Service,—Accounts of trading and profit and loss for the periods 1st February 1974 to 31st March 1975 and 1st April 1975 to 26th September 1975, and Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1975 in respect of income and expenditure by the Department of Energy in connection with the purchase of oil from Iran; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 127].

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Prisons (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Production and Trading Account and Balance Sheet of prisons in Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 128].

Transport.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 11th December 1975 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Railways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 135].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Reginald Prentice:

Pensions.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 19th January 1976, entitled the Indian Military Widows' and Orphans' Fund (Transferred) Scheme 1976 [by Act].

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

Agriculture.—Account of the Central Council for Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation for the year ended 31st March 1975; 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 1975; 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 Post Office (Banking Services) Bill, viz.: Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Gregory Mackenzie, Mr. Simon Mahon, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, and Sir George Young.

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. John Stanley (nominated in respect of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. S/1185/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from India, Commission Document No. S/1212/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from Pakistan, Commission Document No. S/1235/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from the Republic of Korea, and Commission Document No. R/2685/75 relating to International Trade in Textiles and Modification of EEC Regulation 1439/74, viz.: Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Eric Deakin, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Douglas Hurd, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Tom Normanton, Mr. Michael Sheredy, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Frank R. White, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 21st January 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Post Office (Banking Services) Bill to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Spence Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Post Office (Banking Services) Bill.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 67 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Australian Estates Companies Bill.—A Bill to make provision for the transfer to the State of New South Wales in the Commonwealth of Australia of the registered offices of The Australian Estates Company Limited, New South Wales Pastoral Company Limited and Australian Estates (London) Limited; for the cesser of application to those companies of provisions of the Companies Acts 1948 to 1967; and for other purposes incidental thereto, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

British Railways Bill.—A Bill to empower the British Railways Board to construct works and to acquire lands; to extend the time for the completion of works; to confer further powers on the Board; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

British Transport Docks Bill.—A Bill to empower the British Transport Docks Board to construct works in substitution for works authorised by the British Transport Docks Act 1974 and to acquire lands and to apply the provisions of the said Act to the substituted works; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain lands; to confer further powers on the Board; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill.—A Bill to extend the powers and duties of the British Transport Docks Board with respect to the port of Felixstowe; to vest in the Board the share capital of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company; and for connected 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.

Nottingham City Council Bill.—A Bill to confer further powers on the Nottingham City Council in relation to private hire vehicles and street traders; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

River Medway (Flood Relief) Bill.—A Bill to provide for the relief of flooding in part of the catchment area of the river Medway; to authorise the Southern Water Authority to construct work and to acquire lands; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society Bill.—A Bill to repeal certain provisions of the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society's Acts 1849 to 1952 and to make further provision for the regulation and management of the Society; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Standard Life Assurance Company Bill.—A Bill to confer further powers of borrowing on The Standard Life Assurance Company; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Suffolk Coastal District Council Bill.—A Bill to empower the Suffolk Coastal District Council to discontinue their ferry across the river Deben in the Suffolk Coastal District; to confer further powers on the Suffolk Coastal District Council and the councils of parishes in the district and otherwise for the local government, improvement and health of the district, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Tees Tunnel Bill.—A Bill to authorise the construction of a tunnel for vehicular traffic under the river Tees between the borough of Langbaurgh and the borough of Stockton-on-Tees in the county of Cleveland and approaches to the tunnel; and for connected purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

West Midlands County Council Bill.—A Bill to confer further powers upon the Council of the West Midlands County and upon the councils of the districts within that county; to authorise motor racing on certain streets in the city of Birmingham; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).
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 22nd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 23-vii].

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. 136-i].

Northern Ireland Committee.—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the Northern Ireland Committee, That they had considered the matter of Housing in Northern Ireland, referred to them on 13th January, and had directed her to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 137].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Post Office (Rateable Values) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Supply [5th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Public Accounts.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts in the last Session of Parliament and of the Treasury Minute and Northern Ireland Memorandum on those Reports (Command Papers Nos. 6298 and 6286).—(Mr. Edward du Cann.)

Income Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Income Tax (Sub-Contractors in the Construction Industry) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1960), dated 28th November 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd December, be annulled—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley):—It was negatived.

Horticulture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Horticulture (Apple and Pear Growers) (Special Payments) (Variation) Scheme 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1999), a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th December, be approved—(Mr. Peter Snape):—It was agreed to.

Overall Concept for the next Multi-Annual Research Programme of the Joint Research Centre.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/2627/75 relating to the Overall Concept for the next Multi-Annual Research Programme of the Joint Research Centre—(Mr. Peter Snape):—It was agreed to.

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

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

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

Thursday 22nd January 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Ministerial Memoirs.—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Privy Counsellors on ministerial memoirs [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 3, 1976).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 24th October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the People’s Republic of Bangladesh on trade in fabrics of silk or of waste silk other than noil or of cotton, woven on handlooms [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:


Mr. Secretary Shore:

Civil Aviation,—Statements of determination of the salaries payable on appointment to the part-time Deputy Chairman and a part-time member of the British Airports Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th July 1973, entitled the Denbighshire County Council (St. Mary's Roman Catholic Aided School, Wrexham) Compulsory Purchase Order 1973, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Wales under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Counter-Inflation,—Copies of Orders, dated 22nd January 1976, entitled—

1. the Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Prices and Charges) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 73), and

2. the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 71) [by Act].

Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st September to 30th November 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 92].

[No. 331

Friday, 23rd January, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

United States of America (Bicentenary),—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from the Congress of the United States of America a concurrent Resolution, dated 23rd October 1975, which he read to the House, as follows:—

Whereas the historic document known as the Magna Carta of 1215 A.D. represents an essential link in the long chain of constitutional instruments; and

Whereas American Colonists brought with them from England the traditions of free government and the principle that all persons stand as equals before the law, concepts which had been embodied in the Magna Carta, and they regarded them as their birthright and incorporated them in their colonial charters and constitutions; and

Whereas in drafting the Constitution and the Bill of Rights of the United States, our Founding Fathers sought to guarantee to the people of these United States the freedom of the church, an independent judiciary, the right to a speedy trial, and the concept of due process of law, which principles were clearly derived from the Magna Carta; and

Whereas in recognition of the Bicentennial celebrations of the United States of America, the House of Lords and the House of Commons of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have unanimously adopted motions respectfully praying that Her Majesty, The Queen, direct that an original copy of the Magna Carta be loaned to the people of the United States, to be held by their representative, the Congress of the United States, for a period of one year; and

Whereas this loan has been authorized by Her Majesty, The Queen, in order that this historic document may be displayed in the Capitol, enclosed in a showcase donated by the United Kingdom for that purpose; Therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress of the United States recognizes that it is natural that men should value the original documents which guarantee their rights, and thus hereby expresses its sincere gratitude to Her Majesty, The Queen, the Parliament and the people of the United Kingdom for their loan to this Nation of the Magna Carta, a document of historic and symbolic significance to the people of both our Nations, and believes that its temporary residence here in the country of its philosophical descendants, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, will contribute an important historical perspective to the Bicentennial celebration; and be it further
Resolved, That the showcase donated to the United States by the United Kingdom to be used to display the Magna Carta may be placed in the rotunda of the United States Capitol, and the Architect of the Capitol is hereby authorized to make the necessary arrangements therefor, including the payment of all necessary expenses incurred in connection with the installation, maintenance, and protection thereof; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State is requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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

Regional Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of the Regional Strategy for East Anglia be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Integrated Transport,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls on Her Majesty’s Government, mindful of the pledges it gave in the election manifestoes of 1974, to introduce a co-ordinated policy for inland transport which reflects long-term resources and environmental needs, and which has as its central feature the support of public transport and transference to it of freight, both by road, rail and water, whilst resisting the clamour for false economies in slashing railway and bus services so as to force an increasing dependence on the private car—(Mr. Phillip Whitehead);

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

Relationship between the Bank of England and the City,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, noting the increasing responsibilities and functions being undertaken by the Bank of England, its dominant position in the City and its substantial influence on the country’s monetary system and financial service industries as adviser to the Government, guardian of the financial system and spokesman for the City, considers that it is an impediment to closer relations and better understanding between the different financial service industries and Government, trade unions, and employers’ organisations and that its activities should be more open and its operations more publicly accountable than at present—(Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth);—Debate arising;

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

Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

Business of the House (Election of the Speaker),—Ordered, That no Questions be taken on Tuesday 3rd February.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

Public Accounts,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th December in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of Members of the Committee of Public Accounts, Mr. David Price be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Geoffrey Pattie 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.)

Nationalised Industries,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 15th November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of Members of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, Mr. John Stanley be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Giles Shaw 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.)

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

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

Adjourned at 4.27 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 23rd January 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th January 1976, entitled the Herring By-Catch (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 38) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Public Health,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th January 1976, entitled the Control of Noise (Measurement and Registers) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 37) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 24th December 1975, entitled—

(1) the Markham Main Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1976, No. 81), and

(2) the Whitwick Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1976, No. 80) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Jesus College, Cambridge, on 2nd June 1975, amending the Statutes of the College [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 [12th December] from Watford for development of Watford General Hospital [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

MEMORANDUM

Friday 23rd January 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Post Office (Rateable Values) Order 1976 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 34.]

Monday, 26th January, 1976.

PRAYERS.

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

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 16th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 139-i].

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 26th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 33-v].

Expenditure,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Alexander of Potterhill 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.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft OECD Financial Support Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft European Free Trade Association (Immunities and Privileges) (Revocation) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Supply [6th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of the 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. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 255.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Tom Pendry: 278.
So the Question was negatived.

Industrial Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) (No. 2) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman);
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. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 279.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 254.
So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Financial Assistance to Industry (Increase of Limit) (No. 2) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved.

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 Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 27th January, 1976:
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 Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.27 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 26th January 1976
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th January 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 90) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th January 1976, entitled the Notices to Quit (Prescribed Information) (Protected Tenancies and Part VII Contracts) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 46) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th December 1975, entitled the Snibston Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1976, No. 82) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:


Merchant Shipping.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th January 1976, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Gibraltar) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 53) [by Act].

South Atlantic Territories.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th January 1976, entitled the Falkland Islands (Legislative Council) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 52) [by Act].

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Christ’s College, Cambridge, on 5th November 1975, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Medicines.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th January 1976, entitled the Medicines (Animal Feeding Stuffs) (Enforcement) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 30) [by Act].

Medicines.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th January 1976, entitled the Medicines (Feeding Stuffs Limits of Variation) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 31) [by Act].

Pests.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th January 1976, entitled the Prevention of Damage by Pests (Threshing and Dismantling of Ricks) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 42) [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)]:—


MEMORANDUM

Monday 26th January 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of the Regional Strategy for East Anglia.

[No. 35.]

Tuesday, 27th January, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Australian Estates Companies Bill.—The Australian Estates Companies Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

British Railways Bill.—Ordered, That the British Railways Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

British Transport Docks Bill.—Ordered, That the British Transport Docks Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill.—Ordered, That the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—Ordered, That the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

London Transport Bill.—Ordered, That the London Transport Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Nottingham City Council Bill was read a second time and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to amend Part II of that Bill in order to provide that no application for a licence under that Part shall be unreasonably refused and in particular that no licence shall be refused merely in order to restrict the total number of such licences or because the applicant has not previously held a licence under Part II of that Bill or a hackney carriage licence.—(Mr. Michael English.)
River Medway (Flood Relief) Bill,—The River Medway (Flood Relief) Bill was read a second time and committed.

Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society Bill,—The Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Standard Life Assurance Company Bill,—The Standard Life Assurance Company Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Suffolk Coastal District Council Bill,—Ordered, That the Suffolk Coastal District Council Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Tees Tunnel Bill,—The Tees Tunnel Bill was read a second time and committed.

West Midlands County Council Bill,—Ordered, That the West Midlands County Council Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

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 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 27th January and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-vii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-vii].

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 (Seventh Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-vii].

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 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. 142].

So much of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee as relate to the Report to be printed [No. 142].

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 27th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 140].

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 (Fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-vii].

Requisitioning of Empty Properties,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to permit local authorities to requisition houses or flats left empty for more than six months without good reason—(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. George Rodgers, Mr. Ron Thomas: 224.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Nicholas Ridley: 184.

So the Question was agreed to.
Ordered, That Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, 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 Properties Bill,—Mr. Frank Allaun accordingly presented a Bill to
permit local authorities to requisition houses or flats left empty for more than six months
without good reason: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a
second time upon Friday 7th May and to be printed [Bill 45].

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill (Suggested Amendments) (No. 3),—
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, pursuant to the Parliament Acts
1911 and 1949, this House suggests to the Lords the following Amendment to the Trade
Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill:

Clause 1, page 1, line 8, leave out paragraph (a).

Clause 2, page 1, line 22, at beginning insert—

"( ) At end of section 5(3) of the principal Act (Rights of workers as to arbitrary
or unreasonable exclusion or expulsion from trade union) there shall be inserted the
words ‘ providing that he has first sought to resolve the matter by using the internal
procedures of the union, or where appropriate, the Trades Union Congress ’ ”—(Mr.
James Prior);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. John Corrie : 254.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Laurie Pavitt : 280.

So the Question was negatived.

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill (Suggested Amendments) (No. 4),—
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, pursuant to the Parliament Acts
1911 and 1949, this House suggests to the Lords the following Amendment to the Trade
Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill:

Clause 1, page 1, leave out lines 10 to 15—(Mr. Leon Britton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. William Benyon : 250.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. James Hamilton : 281.

So the Question was negatived.

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill (Suggested Amendments) (No. 6),—
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, pursuant to the Parliament Acts
1911 and 1949, this House suggests to the Lords the following Amendment to the Trade
Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill:

Clause 1, page 1, line 19, leave out paragraph (e)—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Carol Mather : 240.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Laurie Pavitt : 287.

So the Question was negatived.

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill (Suggested Amendments) (No. 7),—
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, pursuant to the Parliament Acts
1911 and 1949, this House suggests to the Lords the following Amendment to the Trade
Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill:

Clause 2, page 2, line 7, leave out subsection (2)—(Mr. Ian Percival);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Anthony Berry : 241.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Cox : 288.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Third Reading of the Trade Union and Labour
Relations (Amendment) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed,
until Twelve o'clock,—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read
for the Third Reading of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question put, That the Bill be now read the
third time;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. David Stoddart: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Fred Silvester: 249.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Amendments suggested by this House to the Bill be communicated to the Lords.

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill as compared with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill sent up to the House of Lords in the last Session contained only such alterations as were necessary owing to the time which had elapsed since the date of that Bill, or represented Amendments which were made by the House of Lords in the last Session.

Consideration on Report of certain Bills by a Standing Committee,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 73 (Consideration on report of certain Bills by a Standing Committee) be amended, as follows:—

Line 24, leave out “ and Monmouthshire ”.

Line 27, leave out “ and Monmouthshire ”.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 27th January 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:


Mr. Secretary Mulley:

British Library,—Statement of determination of the remuneration, allowances and pension benefits payable to the members of the British Library Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Administration of Estates,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th January 1976, entitled the Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 6) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th January 1976, entitled the Cheese Prices (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 97) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th January 1976, entitled the Agricultural Levy Reliefs (Frozen Beef and Veal) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 47) [by Act].

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 27th January 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft OECD Financial Support Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1976, the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1976, the draft European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1976, the draft European Free Trade Association (Immunities and Privileges) (Revocation) Order 1976 and the draft International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 1976 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft OECD Financial Support Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1976, the draft Inter-American Development Bank...

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 67 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland) Mr. Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 36.]

Wednesday, 28th January, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure.—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 28th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 44-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 28th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-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 Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 28th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-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 28th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 24-iv].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Painter 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 28th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 23-viii].

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

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., That they had considered Commission Documents Nos. R/2297/75 and R/818/75 relating to Data Processing, referred to a Committee on 13th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 143].


Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 144].

Education (Married Persons of Compulsory School Age).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Education Act 1944 in respect of the definition of "parent" for a married person of compulsory school age: And that Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. John Horam, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Evan Luard, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Michael Ward, and Mr. Alec Woodall, do prepare and bring it in.

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Education (Married Persons of Compulsory School Age) Bill,—Dr. Edmund Marshall accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Education Act 1944 in respect of the definition of "parent" for a married person of compulsory school age: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th February and to be printed [Bill 49].

Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Orders excluding persons from Northern Ireland)—[Mr. Secretary Jenkins]—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Contributions towards acts of terrorism)—[Mr. Secretary Jenkins]—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Information about acts of terrorism)—[Dr. Shirley Summerskill]—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. David Stoddart, Mr. James A. Dunn: 196.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Tom Litterick: 24.

Clause added to the Bill.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 5, to leave out "£400" and insert "£1,000"—[Mr. Michael Alison], instead thereof.

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

Amendments (Nos. 3 to 5) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 10, to leave out Clause 3.—[Mr. Andrew Bennett]

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Andrew Bennett: 21.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. David Stoddart: 140.

Other Amendments (Nos. 9, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22 and 23) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 29, at the end, to insert the words—

"(c) set out the general reasons for the issue of the exclusion order".—[Mr. A. J. Beith]

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Richard Wainwright: 35.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. J. D. Dormand: 116.

Other Amendments (Nos. 25, 28, 30 and 32) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 21, to leave out the words "5 days" and insert the words "48 hours"—[Mr. Ian Mikardo], instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 35) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 21, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) Any person arrested under this section shall be entitled, provided that no hindrance is reasonably likely to be caused to the processes of investigation or the administration of justice by his doing so, to inform a relative, or require a police officer to inform a named relative, of the fact of his arrest and the place of detention; and any person in respect of whom the Secretary of State has extended the period shall be entitled to communicate with and consult in private a solicitor (or his duly authorised clerk) at any time during the five days".—[Mr. Andrew Bennett]

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 Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill and the National Coal Board (Finance) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—[Mr. John Ellis]
Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill.

Question again proposed, That the proposed Amendment (No. 35) be made to the Bill:—Debate resumed;

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Ron Thomas: 35.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. David Stoddart: 109.

Another Amendment (No. 38) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 40) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) For the purpose of facilitating the examination of persons arriving in Great Britain from Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland or arriving in Northern Ireland from Great Britain or the Republic of Ireland in accordance with subsection (1)(a) above, and for facilitating the control of entry of persons into Great Britain or Northern Ireland no person shall be admitted to Great Britain or Northern Ireland without production of a valid passport or such other document of identification as the Secretary of State shall provide for citizens of the United Kingdom ".—(Mr. John Biggs-Davison.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 45 and 46) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 50) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 17, to leave out subsection (1) and insert the words—

"(1) This Act shall expire six months after the date of its coming into force unless continued for a further period of not more than six months by an Order under this section ".—(Mr. Ian Mikardo),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Robin Corbett: 31.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 105.

Other Amendments (Nos. 49, 52 to 54, 59 to 64 and 68 to 71) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Laurie Pavitt: 118.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Stan Thorne: 11.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

National Coal Board (Finance) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the National Coal Board (Finance) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes to Three o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.44 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 28th January 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—

(1) 11th December 1975,

(2) 12th December 1975.

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Mr. Speaker certified that the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill as compared with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill sent up to the House of Lords in the last Session contains only such alterations as are necessary owing to the time which has elapsed since the date of that Bill, or represent Amendments which were made by the House of Lords in the last Session.
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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill;

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

British Transport Docks Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks Bill;

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

British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill;

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

Suffolk Coastal District Council Bill.—The Suffolk Coastal District Council Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

West Midlands County Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the West Midlands County Council Bill;

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

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. 155].

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. 104-iv].

Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 50].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 154].

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 Trustee Savings Banks Central Board; to confer wider powers on trustee savings banks; to transfer to the Registrar of Friendly Societies certain functions previously exercised by other persons; and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law relating to insolvency; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Insolvency Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for Scotland for the holding of public inquiries in respect of fatal accidents, deaths of persons in legal custody, sudden, suspicious and unexplained deaths and deaths occurring in circumstances giving rise to serious public concern; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

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Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords].—The Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 53].

Insolvency Bill [Lords].—The Insolvency Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 52].

Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 51].

The Employment Situation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, while welcoming the reduction in the rate of inflation and the improvement in the balance of payments as an essential basis for economic recovery expresses its deep concern at the continuing rise in unemployment and its determination to take all possible effective measures to reduce it so as to ensure continuing growth with stable prices—(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 "regrets that unemployment will be higher and will endure longer as a direct result of the Government's failure to take early and decisive action against inflation; endorses the Government's apparent determination not to undertake a general relafion of the economy nor to impose import controls; but deplores the lack of an effective long-term strategy for a sustained economic recovery based on a prosperous private sector and the reduction of State spending and borrowing"—(Mr. John Nott), instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 250.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. D. Derrmand, Mr. Peter Snape: 299.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Joseph Harper: 234.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Cyril Smith: 25.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House, while welcoming the reduction in the rate of inflation and the improvement in the balance of payments as an essential basis for economic recovery, expresses its deep concern at the continuing rise in unemployment and its determination to take all possible effective measures to reduce it so as to ensure continuing growth with stable prices.

Data Processing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/818/75 relating to data processing—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Data Processing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/2297/75 relating to data processing—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Imports of Textiles from India.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That this House takes note of Commission Document No. S/1185/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from India—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Imports of Textiles from Pakistan.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That this House takes note of Commission Document No. S/1212/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from Pakistan—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

International Trade in Textiles and Modification of EEC Regulation 1439/74.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/2685/75 relating to International Trade in Textiles and Modification of EEC Regulations 1439/74—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Imports of Textiles from the Republic of Korea.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That this House takes note of Commission Document No. S/1235/75 relating to Imports of Textiles from the Republic of Korea—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.
European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of the House of 18th November in the last Session of Parliament relating to the Quorum of the Sub-committees of the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., be amended by leaving out the word "Three" and inserting the word "Two", instead thereof. (Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Leeds for safeguards in the use of electro-convulsive therapy 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 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 one minute to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.59 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 29th January 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated 28th January 1976, entitled—
(1) the Import Duties (General) (No. 1) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 125), and
(2) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 2) Order 1976
(S.I., 1976, No. 126) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th January 1976, entitled the Central Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 66) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th January 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 118) [by Act].

Mr. Reginald Prentice:
Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 28th January 1976, entitled—
(1) the Malta Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976, and
(2) the Malta Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 29th January 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill.
Friday, 30th January, 1976.

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).

The Problems of the Self-Employed and the Small Business,—Resolved, That this House recognises the importance of the self-employed and the small independent business in the industrial, commercial and social life of the nation; accepts their major contribution to the maintenance of employment and the restoration of Great Britain's economic health; and calls on Her Majesty's Government to find means of alleviating the taxation and other burdens which threaten their existence, and to conclude as quickly as possible the reviews of national insurance provision for the self-employed both at home and within EEC.—(Mr. Paul Dean.)

Business of the House (Election of the Speaker).—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business), Mr. Stephen Ross may give notice for Thursday 5th February of the Motion standing in his name for Tuesday 3rd February relating to Swimming Pools (Safety Regulations), and such Motion shall then be proceeded with in accordance with the provisions of that Standing Order.—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt.)

Cyprus,—Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to report, by 15th April 1976, on 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 Six Members.

And the Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine, Mrs. Lena Jeger, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. William Rees-Davies, and Mr. Hugh Rossi.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House; and to report from time to time.

Ordered, That Two be the Quorum of the Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Committee have power to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Cyprus in the last Session of Parliament, together with Memoranda laid before them, 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. 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 30th January 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for England and Wales, Migration Regional Report (Ten per cent. sample), relating to—

(1) North West Region, Part II,
(2) South West Region, Part II, and
(3) West Midlands Region, Part II

[by Act].
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Friendly Societies.—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd January 1976, entitled the Friendly Societies (Limits of Benefits) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 86) [by Act].

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [4th August 1975 in the last Session of Parliament] from Tidworth, Hampshire, for the retention of the Tidworth Military Hospital [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

[No. 39.]


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 2nd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-vi.]

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn (Mr. Peter Snape): It was negatived.

Community Land.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Community Land (Excepted Development) Regulations 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved (Mr. John Silkin);

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.

Privilege.—Ordered, That the question whether a contempt of the House was committed by the National Coal Board in dismissing Mr. W. A. Grimshaw, previously a Witness before the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Ordered, That the Memoranda reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries on 25th February, in the last Session of Parliament, and ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the Committee. (Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Members' Interests.—Ordered, That there shall be a Select Committee to examine the arrangements made for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of the Register of Members' Interests; to consider any proposals made by Members or others as to the form and contents of the Register; to consider any specific complaints made in relation to the registering or declaring of interests; to consider 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.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Thirteen Members.

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

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.

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

Members' Interests.—Ordered, That Mr. R. B. Cant, Mr. Nicholas Edwards, Mr. A. G. F. Hall-Davis, Sir Michael Havers, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mr. Colin Jackson, Mr. Simon Mahon, Mr. Angus Maude, Mr. Arthur Palmer, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Geoffrey Johnson Smith and Mr. Frederick Willey be members of the Select Committee on Members' Interests.

Ordered, That the members of the Select Committee on Members' Interests 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. Joseph Harper.)

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

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Maldives Islands,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 2nd February 1976, relative to the gift of assets to the Government of the Maldives Islands [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to the Dumfries and Galloway Region, as constituted on 16th May 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Insurance,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd January 1976, entitled the Insurance Companies (Valuation of Assets) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 87) [by Act].
Tourism,—Statements of determination of the salary payable on appointment to—
(1) two part-time members of the British Tourist Authority, and
(2) three part-time members of the English Tourist Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Rating and Valuation,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd February 1976, entitled the Post Office (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

MEMORANDUM

Monday 2nd February 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Post Office (Rateable Values) Order 1976.

[No. 40.]

Tuesday, 3rd February, 1976.

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).

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision with respect to school-leaving dates; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Education (School-leaving Dates) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the British Railways Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Brownies Taing Pier Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.
Education (School-leaving Dates) Bill [Lords].—The Education (School-leaving Dates) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 54].

Mr. Speaker’s Retirement.—Mr. Speaker addressed the House, as follows:

I wish to say something to the House in amplification of my statement 14 days ago indicating my intention to relinquish this office.

I begin by thanking all those who have served the House and myself during my period of office. I shall not name anyone, thereby maintaining my record while in the Chair. I want to thank my Deputy Chairmen and the Panel. I am grateful to the Departments of the Clerk and the Serjeant at Arms, the Library staff and Hansard, the Vote Office, the police and custodians, the staff of the Refreshment Department and all those engaged in the maintenance and cleaning arrangements in the House people not always in the public eye but who do a great deal to keep this building functioning. Last, but not least, I am under a special debt to my personal staff.

As to the House itself, one of my illustrious predecessors, Speaker Lowther, who left this office in 1921 after 15 years’ service, said that he was conscious that he had obtained the confidence of the House during the early period of his Speakership and was grateful for its continuance. He went on to say that he had sought to preserve the authority and dignity of the Chair and had endeavoured to construe the rules with common sense and without pedantry, although he had been slow to mark what was said amiss. Although the House was not a perfect institution, it was admirably fashioned to express the will of a high-spirited and free people.

Having listened to yesterday’s debate, or part of it, and having read the rest of it in the Official Report, I am quite certain that I should not be able today to get away with saying that the House is admirably fashioned. I think that the House is aware of its collective faults—long-windedness, sedentary interruptions, points of order which are not points of order, inability to scrutinise Bills and Statutory Instruments as they should be scrutinised and many other matters which were pointed out yesterday.

On the credit side, however, I think that most honourable Members work extremely hard, and they are a very important, and increasingly important, link between the ordinary citizen and Government Departments and public bodies. They, at least, can get an answer, even though it may not always be a satisfactory one. Although the volume of business means that the check on legislation is far from being as good as it should be, Ministers can be questioned, they can be called to account, and if a majority of the House so decides, it can turn the Government out. These are not inconsiderable matters. Therefore, although politicians as a species have never been popular, do not let us denigrate ourselves too much.

My final admonition is that I hope that every honourable Member will study the fascinating debate we had yesterday. At one stage I nearly decided to change my mind and stay on. However, I am resigning and doing so primarily because I think that five years is as long as anyone should be expected to occupy this office with its many strains and stresses.

Having made that decision, I had to consider my position as a Member of Parliament. I firmly believe that the Speaker should be elected for a constituency, as are other honourable Members, so as to keep personally in touch with the hopes and fears and the personal and individual needs of many thousands of ordinary men and women, meeting them face to face from time to time, and to know the problems of the area which he represents.

To mark the fact that I am an ordinary Member I have decided, as is my right, to stay on as a Member of this House. I am grateful for that response. I have also noticed the uneasiness on the surfaces of the usual channels at the prospect of having yet another floating voter. Although I shall stay on, it will be only for a few days. This time next week, or thereabouts, I hope to be unprofitably employed either in the Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, or perhaps in the Manor of Northstead.

Finally, and very seriously and sincerely, I want to thank the House for its tolerance and kindness.

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be given to Mr. Speaker for what he has said this day to the House; and that the same be entered in the Journals of this House.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That this House tenders its gratitude to the Right Honourable Selwyn Lloyd for his skilful, reasonable and firm guidance of our affairs; offers thanks for his personal kindnesses, hospitality and friendship; records appreciation of the clarity of his decisions and his success in achieving fairness to all Members; and unites in wishing him well on his retirement from the Chair to which he has brought such distinction.—(The Prime Minister.)
Queen gives leave to the House to choose new Speaker.—The Prime Minister acquainted the House that Her Majesty, having been informed of the wish of Mr. Speaker to relinquish his office, gives leave to the House to proceed forthwith to the choice of a new Speaker.

Mr. George Strauss proposed to the House for their Speaker the Right Honourable George Thomas, and moved, That the Right Honourable George Thomas do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which Motion was seconded by Sir Derek Walker-Smith.

Mr. George Thomas 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 George Thomas do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

Then Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Serjeant laid the Mace under the Table.

Whereupon the Right Honourable George Thomas was taken out of his place and conducted to the Chair by Mr. George Strauss 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 was placed upon the Table.

Whereupon the Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Molyneaux, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, and Mr. Michael Roberts, congratulated Mr. Speaker Elect; and the Prime Minister signified the pleasure of Her Majesty that the House should present their Speaker this day at half-past Four o'clock in the House of Peers, for Her Majesty's Royal Approbation.

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 then Mr. Speaker repeated his very respectful acknowledgments and grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had conferred upon him, and renewed the assurance of his entire devotion to the service of the House.

Mr. Speaker Lloyd's Retirement.—Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty that she will be most graciously pleased to confer some signal mark of Her Royal favour upon the Right Honourable Selwyn Lloyd, for his eminent services during the important period in which he has, with such distinguished ability and dignity, presided in the Chair of this House; and assuring Her Majesty that whatever expense Her Majesty shall think fit to be incurred upon that account this House will make good the same.—(The Prime Minister.)

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.

Chairman and Deputy Chairmen of Ways and Means.—Ordered, That Mr. Oscar Murton be Chairman of Ways and Means, that Sir Myer Galpern be First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means and that Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine be Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.—(The Prime Minister.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes to Five o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
APPENDIX

Tuesday 3rd February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Ancient Monuments,—Copy of the Thirty-fourth Interim Report of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions of England, relating to the town of Stamford [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
European Communities (No. 4, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 24th October 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on trade in textile products [by Command].
European Communities (No. 5, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 24th October 1974, between the European Economic Community and the People’s Republic of Bangladesh on trade in hand-made products (handicrafts) [by Command].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st January 1976, entitled the Milk (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 95) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on the jurisdiction of certain ancient courts [by Command].

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 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 158].
Ironstone Restoration Fund,—Account of the Ironstone Restoration Fund showing Receipts and Payments during the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 159].
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 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 160].
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 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 161].

[No. 41.]

Wednesday, 4th February, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker Lloyd’s Retirement (Answer to Address).—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household acquainted the House, on behalf of the Prime Minister, That the Address yesterday to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty that She will be most graciously pleased to confer some signal mark of Her Royal favour upon the Right Honourable John Selwyn Brooke Lloyd, CH, CBE, TD, QC, DL, MP for his eminent services during the important period in which he has with such distinguished ability and dignity presided in the Chair of this House, and assuring Her Majesty that whatever expense Her Majesty shall think fit to be incurred upon that account this House will make good the same, had been presented to Her Majesty, and Her Majesty had been pleased to Her Majesty, and Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and had commanded him to acquaint this House that Her Majesty is desirous, in compliance with the request of her faithful Commons, to confer upon the Right Honourable John Selwyn Brooke Lloyd some signal mark of Her Royal favour; and Her Majesty understands that the House of Commons has adopted such measures as may be necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose.
Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

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 Statute Law (Repeals) 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. 163].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 163].

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 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 3rd February and 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. 54-viii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-ix].

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 (Eighth Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-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 4th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-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 Environment Sub-Committee on 4th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 44-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 A on 3rd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 157].

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 4th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 164].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, 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 (Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 166].

Regional Affairs.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, that they had considered the matter of Regional Strategy for East Anglia, referred to them on 23rd January, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 165].
Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft OECD Financial Support Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1976, the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1976, the draft European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1976, the draft European Free Trade Association (Immunities and Privileges) (Revocation) Order 1976, and the draft International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 26th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 162].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Post Office (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

Post Office (Amendment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Post Office Act 1969—(Mr. Ian Gow)—

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. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Ian Gow : 155.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Roger Stott : 166.

So the Question was negatived.

Education Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Bill;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Joseph Harper : 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Michael Roberts : 255.

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).

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to education, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any increase in the sums so payable in respect of—

(i) grants under section 102 or loans under section 105 of the Education Act 1944, or

(ii) rate support grant under the Local Government Act 1974,

which is attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session relating to proposals for any such action as is mentioned in section 13(1) or (2) of the Education Act 1944 ;

(b) any increase in the sums so payable in respect of grants under section 8(2) of the Local Government Act 1974 which is attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session applying section 1 of the Education Act 1962 to courses for the higher diploma of the Technician Education Council or the Business Education Council ;

(c) any increase in the sums so payable in respect of rate support grant under the Local Government Act 1974 which is attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session relating to the provision of milk by local education authorities—(Mr. Gerry Fowler) ;

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. James Hamilton: 293.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Michael Roberts: 252.

So the Question was agreed to.

London Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the London Councillors Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 9th December, be approved—(Mr. John Silkin);

And the House having continued to sit until Twelve o'clock on Thursday 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. J. D. Dormand, Mr. David Stoddart: 279.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Michael Roberts: 253.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the London Councillors Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 9th December, be approved.

Members' Interests.—Ordered, That Mr. Andrew Bennett be added to the Select Committee on Members' Interests.

Ordered, That the member of the Select Committee on Members' Interests nominated this day 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.)

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Ordered, That Mr. Douglas Hurd be discharged from the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills and that Mr. Richard Body be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.43 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Wednesday 4th February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copies of two Treasury Minutes, dated 4th February 1976, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for Civil Superannuation, etc. [by Act].

Car Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd January 1976, entitled the Car Tax (Sale or Return) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 91) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Ancient and Historical Monuments,—Copy of the Interim Report of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions of England, relating to monuments threatened or destroyed (1963-74) [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:


Social Security,—Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee on the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 88) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 138].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th January 1976, entitled the Skimmed Milk with Non-Milk Fat (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 103) [by Act].
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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Post Office (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1976 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Post Office (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1976.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill in the place of Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine.

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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.:—

Australian Estates Companies Bill.
Standard Life Assurance Company Bill.
Bills committed.

British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill;

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

British Transport Docks Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks Bill;

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

British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill;

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

West Midlands County Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the West Midlands County Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next at Seven o'clock.

River Medway (Flood Relief) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to River Medway (Flood Relief) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the relief of flooding in part of the catchment area of the River Medway, to authorise the Southern Water Authority to construct works and to acquire lands, it is expedient to authorise any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under section 55 of the Land Drainage Act 1930, section 38 of the Land Drainage Act 1961 and section 37 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

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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 amend the law relating to premises for which special hours certificates may be granted under the Licensing Act 1964; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords]].

Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 56].

Expenditure.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Reverend the Lord Sandford and the Lord Watkins of Glyntawe to attend to be examined as witnesses before the Environment Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. James Boyden.)

Swimming Pools (Safety Regulations).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide safety regulations covering the use of privately owned swimming pools made available for public use: And that Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. John Tomlinson, and Mr. James Wellbeloved, do prepare and bring it in.

Swimming Pools (Safety Regulations) Bill,—Mr. Stephen Ross accordingly presented a Bill to provide safety regulations covering the use of privately owned swimming pools made available for public use: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th May and to be printed [Bill 55].

Supply [7th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Economic Infrastructure for Wales,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House deplores the failure of successive Governments in not creating an industrial infrastructure for Wales which includes a road, rail and air communications system and which would make possible the development of a balanced Welsh economy—(Mr. Gwynfor Evans);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Douglas Henderson: 19.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 242.

So the Question was negatived.

The Scottish Economy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the salary of the Secretary of State for Scotland should be reduced by the sum of £1,000—(Mr. Donald Stewart):—Debate arising;

Mr. Gordon Wilson 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.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Andrew Welsh, Mr. Douglas Henderson: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 235.

So the Question was negatived.

National Health Service,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the National Health Service (Charges) Amendment Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 1945) dated 27th November 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th December, be annulled—(Dr. Gerard Vaughan);

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

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, &c.), That the OECD Financial Support Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 20th January, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—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, &c.), That the Inter-American Development Bank (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 20th January, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—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, &c.), That the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 20th January, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—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, &c.), That the European Free Trade Association (Immunities and Privileges) (Revocation) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 20th January, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—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, &c.), That the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Miscellaneous Provisions Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 20th January, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Cyprus.—Ordered, That Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine be discharged from the Select Committee on Cyprus and that Sir George Sinclair 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 eleven minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.49 p.m.]

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APPENDIX I

Thursday 5th February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Justices of the Peace,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th January 1976, entitled the Justices' Allowances Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 117) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 6, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 15th July 1975, between the European Economic Community and the United Mexican States [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 10, 1976),—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 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Medical Profession,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd January 1976, entitled the Abortion (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 127) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th January 1976, providing for Amendments to the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:


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Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industrial Organisation and Development.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Wool Industries Research Association for the year ended 30th September 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Miners and Quarries.—Copies of Orders, dated 27th January 1976, entitled—
(1) the Ironstone Restoration Fund (Rates of Contribution) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 107), and
(2) the Ironstone Restoration Fund (Standard Rate) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 106)
[by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Weights and Measures.—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Dried Fruits) Order 1976, and
(2) the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Edible Fats) Order 1976
[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 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 168].

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 1975; 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. 169].

National Land Fund.—Account of the National Land Fund for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 170].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Copy of the Second Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1975-76 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 141].

Radiological Protection.—Statement of Account of the National Radiological Protection Board for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 171].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

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

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty-one Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Education Bill, viz.: Dr. Rhodes Boyson, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Gerry Fowler, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. George Gardiner, Dr. Keith Hampson, Mr. Barry Jones, Mr. Jim Lester, Miss Joan Lester, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Sir George Silver, and Mrs. Ann Taylor.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Post Office (Rateable Values) Order 1976, and the Post Office (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mr. F. A. Burden, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. John Page, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Sydney Tierney, and Sir George Young.
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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Education Bill to Standing Committee E.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Education Bill.

[No. 43.]

Friday, 6th February, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) Bill.—The Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) 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).

Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill:

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

Mr. Cranley Onslow 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.

Detonators Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Detonators Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 5th March.

Television Licensing (Establishments for the Deaf) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Television Licensing (Establishments for the Deaf) 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.

Industrial Training (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial Training (Amendment) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 5th March.

Explosives (Age of Purchase, &c.) Bill.—The Explosives (Age of Purchase, &c.) 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).

Dangerous Wild Animals Bill.—The Dangerous Wild Animals 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 (Additional Benefits) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Social Security (Additional Benefits) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 5th March.

Education (Married Persons of Compulsory School Age) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Married Persons of Compulsory School Age) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.
Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Licensing (Amendment) 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).

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.6 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 6th February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Community Land.—Copy of an Order, dated 27th January 1976, entitled the Community Land (Operational Land of Water Authorities) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 110) [by Act].

Housing.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Housing Corporation Advances (Increase of Limit) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th February 1976, entitled the Gedling Mine (No. 1 Downcast Shaft) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 156) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Plant Breeders’ Rights.—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th January 1976, entitled the Plant Breeders’ Rights (Fees) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 123) [by Act].


[No. 44.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure.—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 9th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-vii].

Education (Married Persons of Compulsory School Age) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Education (Married Persons of Compulsory School Age) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 12th March.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, Motions in the name of Mr. Walter Harrison relating to Abortion may, if not already disposed of, be made after Ten o’clock, though opposed, and the Questions thereon shall be put forthwith.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Foreign Policy and Morality.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, deeply deploiring the increased use of torture, imprisonment without trial, arbitrary executions and other flagrant abuses of the rights of individuals in a growing number of countries, and the support from abroad given openly or in a clandestine manner to reactionary individuals or cliques seeking to deny political freedom and economic advance to their peoples, calls upon Her Majesty’s Government vigorously to condemn all abuses of human rights wherever they occur, to refuse to supply arms and, in the worst cases, aid to governments which perpetuate such abuses, and to oppose most
strenuously military or clandestine interventions by outside powers in any country in which the mass of the people clearly do not support such an intervention—(Mr. Stan Newens);

And it being Seven o'clock, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 6 (Precedence of Government Business).

Abortion,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the matters contained in the Abortion (Amendment) Bill committed to a Select Committee in the last Session of Parliament:

That the Committee do consist of Fifteen Members:

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 Committee:

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:

That Three be the Quorum of the Committee:

That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill in the last Session of Parliament, together with Memoranda laid before them, be referred to the Committee—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—Debate arising;

Mr. Leo Abse 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. Ian Campbell, Mr. Anthony Fell : 313.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Sir George Sinclair : 172.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the matters contained in the Abortion (Amendment) Bill committed to a Select Committee in the last Session of Parliament:

That the Committee do consist of Fifteen Members:

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 Committee:

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.

That Three be the Quorum of the Committee:

That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill in the last Session of Parliament, together with Memoranda laid before them, be referred to the Committee.

Community Land,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Community Land (Outstanding Material Interests) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 19), dated 8th January 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th January, be annulled—(Mr. R. Graham Page):—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Landlord and Tenant,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Notices to Quit (Prescribed Information) (Protected Tenancies and Part VI Contracts) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2196), dated 18th December 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th January, be annulled—(Mr. Hugh Rossi):—Debate arising;

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker, being of opinion that, owing to the lateness of the hour at which consideration of the Motion was entered upon, the time for Debate had not been adequate, interrupted the Business and the Debate stood adjourned till to-morrow, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4 (Statutory Instruments, &c. (procedure)).

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

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

Monday 9th February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 16th January 1976, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 175].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th January 1976, entitled the Electricity (Transfer of Transmission Assets) (Eastern Electricity Board) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 131) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 9th February 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) Bill, the Explosives (Age of Purchase, &c.) Bill, the Dangerous Wild Animals Bill, and the Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee F.

Tuesday, 10th February, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

City of Aberdeen District Council 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 City of Aberdeen District Council: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday 18th February and to be printed [Bill 57].

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 of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-x].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boydén 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. 178].

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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 177].

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 (Sixth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-viii].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to allow for the valuation and rating as a single unit in certain cases of caravan sites or portions of caravan sites inclusive of parts separately occupied by caravanners and of their caravans; and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords]].

Select Committee on the Hare Coursing Bill.—The Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to give leave to Marcus Richard Kimball, Esquire, a Member of this House, to attend to be examined as a witness before the Select Committee appointed by the Lords on the Hare Coursing Bill.

Expenditure Committee.—The Lords give leave to the Lord Alexander of Potterhill 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; they give leave to the Lord Sandford and the Lord Watkins to attend to be examined as witnesses before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Expenditure Committee, if their Lordships think fit.

Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords].—The Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 61].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Commission Document No. R/2662/75 relating to Nuclear Safety be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand);

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. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.).

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Commission Document No. R/2663/75 relating to Nuclear Safety be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand);

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. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.).

Criminal Appeal (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 to facilitate the receipt of fresh evidence by the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, in cases referred to that court by the Secretary of State; and with respect to the adjudication of such cases; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Petre Crowder, Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, and Mr. William Wilson, do prepare and bring it in.

Criminal Appeal (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 to facilitate the receipt of fresh evidence by the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, in cases referred to that court by the Secretary of State; and with respect to the adjudication of such cases; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th February and to be printed [Bill 60].

Dock Work Regulation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dock Work Regulation 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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 312.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 305.

So the Question 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. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 312.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 304.

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. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 312.

So the Question was negatived.

The Bill was accordingly committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Commitittal of Bills).

Dock Work Regulation [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Dock Work Regulation [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to reconstitute the National Dock Labour Board and to make further provision for regulating the allocation and performance of the work of cargo-handling in and about the ports of Great Britain, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increased administrative expenses of the Secretary of State which are attributable to provisions of that Act and of any sums required by him—

(i) for making loans to the Board up to a maximum amount outstanding at any one time by way of principal of £10 million or such higher amount not exceeding £30 million as may be specified by order;

(ii) for making grants to the Board towards their expenses in pursuance of provisions of the Act requiring them to make reports and recommendations to the Secretary of State; and

(iii) for making payments to and in respect of the chairman and vice chairman of the Board by way of salaries, fees, allowances, pensions and gratuities, and compensation on leaving office; and

(b) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums received by the Secretary of State by way of repayment of loans made by him to the Board or its predecessor, and interest thereon—(Mr. Tom Pendry);

And it being three quarters of an hour 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 Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 308.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 295.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to reconstitute the National Dock Labour Board and to make further provision for regulating the allocation and performance of the work of cargo-handling in and about the ports of Great Britain it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increased administrative expenses of the Secretary of State which are attributable to provisions of that Act and of any sums required by him—

(i) for making loans to the Board up to a maximum amount outstanding at any one time by way of principal of £10 million or such higher amount not exceeding £30 million as may be specified by order;

(ii) for making grants to the Board towards their expenses in pursuance of provisions of the Act requiring them to make reports and recommendations to the Secretary of State; and

(iii) for making payments to and in respect of the chairman and vice chairman of the Board by way of salaries, fees, allowances, pensions and gratuities, and compensation on leaving office; and

(b) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums received by the Secretary of State by way of repayment of loans made by him to the Board or its predecessor, and interest thereon.

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 Wednesday 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 eleven minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.11 a.m.]

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**APPENDIX**

**Tuesday 10th February 1976**

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

- **Mr. Robert Sheldon:**
  - Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th February 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 173) [by Act].
  - Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th January 1976, entitled the Value Added Tax (Consolidation) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 128) [by Act].

- **Mr. Secretary Jenkins:**
  - Burial,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd February 1976, entitled the Human Remains Removal Licence (Variation of Maximum Fee) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 138) [by Act].
  - Immigration,—Statement of change in the Immigration Rules for the control on entry of EEC and other non-Commonwealth nationals [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 123].

- **Mr. Secretary Callaghan:**
  - Treaty Series (No. 11, 1976),—Copy of a Convention, signed at London, Moscow and Washington on 10th April 1972, on the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of bacteriological (biological) and toxin weapons and on their destruction [by Command].

- **Mr. Secretary Mason:**
  - Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 29th January 1976, 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].

- **Mrs. Secretary Castle:**
  - Pensions,—Copies of Regulations, dated 3rd February 1976, entitled—
    - (1) the Contracted-out Employment (Notifications, Premium Payments and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 143),
    - (2) the Occupational Pension Schemes (Equal Access to Membership) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 142), and
    - (3) the Occupational Pension Schemes (Preservation of Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 140) [by Act].
  - Pensions,—Report of the Occupational Pensions Board pursuant to section 68(1) of the Social Security Act 1973, together with a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services, on the Occupational Pension Schemes (Preservation of Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 140) [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 156].
Mr. Secretary Shore:
Civil Aviation.—Statement of determination of the pension payable to a former member of the Civil Aviation Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Transport.—Copies of the Reports for 1975 to the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection of—
(1) the Central Transport Consultative Committee for Great Britain,
(2) the Transport Users’ Consultative Committee for Wales, and
(3) the Transport Users’ Consultative Committee for Scotland
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 151 to 153].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Sea Fisheries.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 29th January 1976, entitled the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) Scheme 1976 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM
Tuesday 10th February 1976
In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) Bill.

[No. 46]

Wednesday, 11th February, 1976.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

Inverness Harbour (Citadel Quay etc.) 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 Inverness Harbour (Citadel Quay etc.): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 59].

Inverness 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 Inverness Harbour: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 58].

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

Contingencies Fund, 1974-75.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 1974-75, showing (1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1975, and (2) the Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

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 (Ninth Report). Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 8-ix].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-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 Environment Sub-Committee on 11th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 44-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 11th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-v].

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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 182].

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. 186].

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 11th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 23-ix].

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

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Post Office (Rateable Values) Order 1976 and the Post Office (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 22nd January and 4th February, respectively.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 179].

Hare Coursing Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message yesterday as requests the attendance of Marcus Richard Kimball, Esquire, a Member of this House, before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Hare Coursing Bill, now pending in the House of Lords, be now considered.

So much of the Lords Message considered accordingly.

And Mr. Marcus Kimball having signified that he was willing, with the leave of the House, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships;

Resolved, That Marcus Richard Kimball, Esquire, a Member of this House, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Dried Fruits) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Edible Fats) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Milk (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 95) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

Shops (Amendment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Shops Acts 1950 to 1965—(Sir John Langford-Holt);

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, Sir John Langford-Holt, Mr. Robin Corbett: 151.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Tom Torney: 159.

So the Question was negatived.

Supply [8th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.
State Investment in the Motor Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the salary of the Secretary of State for Industry should be reduced by the sum of £1,000—(Mr. Tom King);

The House proceeded to a Division.

The Tellers being come to the Table, it was stated by Mr. J. D. Dormand, one of the Tellers, that a mistake regarding the numbers had been discovered.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. Stradling Thomas, Mr. W. Benyon: 214.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Tom Pendry: 209.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the salary of the Secretary of State for Industry should be reduced by the sum of £1,000.

West Midlands County Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the West Midlands County Council Bill;

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

Mr. George Park 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. Bob Cryer, Mr. John Golding: 104.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Jim Lester: 268.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Montrose and other places for rejection of the Dock Work Regulation Bill, 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 twenty minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 11th February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd February 1976, entitled the Pensions Increase (Northern Ireland Reserved Services) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 146) [by Act].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Contingencies Fund, 1974-75,—Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 1974-75, showing (1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1975, and (2) the Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 181].

Gas,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th April 1974 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 183].

Post Office,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—

(1) 11th April 1974, and
(2) 12th June 1974

on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 184 and 185].
Mr. Secretary Ross:

Transport,—Copy of the Report for 1975 to the Secretary of State for Scotland of the Transport Users' Consultative Committee for Scotland [by Act]; to be printed [No. 111].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration,—Copy of the Third Supplement to the Fifth Report of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration, 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Civil Aviation.—Draft of a Statement on Civil Aviation Policy Guidance to be given by the Secretary of State for Trade to the Civil Aviation Authority with respect to the performance of its functions, pursuant to section 3(2) of the Civil Aviation Act 1971 [by Act].

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th February 1976, entitled the Oil Pollution (Compulsory Insurance) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 154) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Rates.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd February 1976, entitled the Rates (Regional Rate and Reduction of Regional Rate on Dwelling-houses) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 24) [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 Denbighshire County Council (St. Mary's Roman Catholic Aided School, Wrexham) Compulsory Purchase Order 1973 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee F,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) Bill, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mrs. Lyoda Chalker, Mr. William Craig, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Neil MacFarlane, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. J. W. Rooker, and Mr. Solicitor General.

Standing Committee F,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Explosives (Age of Purchase, &c.) Bill, viz.: Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Michael Hamilton, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Hector Monaco, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Richard Wainwright, and Mr. Alan Williams.

Standing Committee F,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Dangerous Wild Animals Bill, viz.: Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Jack Dunnett, Mr. Emily Hooson, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Hugh McCann, Mr. Robert Parry, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. Jeffrey Thomas, Mr. Peter Thomas, Mr. Terry Walker, Mr. David Watkin, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

Standing Committee G,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Thirty-one Members to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of the Dock Work Regulation Bill, viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Albert Booth, Mr. Leon Brittan, Mrs. Lyoda Chalker, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Secretary Cott, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mr. Ted Leadbetter, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. David Madel, Mr. David Price, Mr. James Prior, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Peter Viggers, and Mr. Alan Lee Williams.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Milk
In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Dock Work Regulation Bill to Standing Committee G, the Milk (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 95) to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Dried Fruits) Order 1976 and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Edible Fats) Order 1976 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Dock Work Regulation Bill; Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Milk (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 95); and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Dried Fruits) Order 1976 and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Edible Fats) Order 1976.

British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill:

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

British Transport Docks Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks Bill:

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

British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill:

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

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

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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-iv].
Selection,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Post Office (Banking Services) Bill,—Mr. John Spence reported from Standing Committee B, that they had gone through the Post Office (Banking Services) Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 63].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 189].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act to amend the law of Scotland relating to the damages recoverable in respect of deaths caused by personal injuries; to define the rights to damages in respect of personal injuries and death which are transmitted to an executor; to abolish rights to assythment; to make provision relating to the damages due to a pursuer for patrimonial damage caused by personal injuries whereby his expectation of life is diminished; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords]].

Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords].,—The Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 64].

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Crosland, supported by Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. John Silkin, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Gordon Oakes, presented a Bill to make amendments for England and Wales of provisions of the law which relates to local authorities or highways and is commonly amended by local Acts; to alter certain supplemental provisions of the enactments relating to public health; to provide for certain powers of local authorities to execute works to be exercisable outside their areas; to provide for certain future local enactments and orders to have effect subject to certain other enactments; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 62].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, Mr. Speaker shall put any Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Water Charges Bill not later than half-past Seven o'clock.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Water Charges Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Charges Bill;

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

And it being half-past Seven o'clock, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Order of the House this day:—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. Peter Snape.)

Committee to-morrow.

Common Agricultural Policy Price Proposals for 1976-77,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents R/3166/75 and R/3271/75 and, in respect of R/3166/75, of the Government's intention, taking account of the needs of producers and consumers and the importance of restraining public expenditure, to seek both satisfactory levels of agricultural support prices and further improvements in the operation of the common agricultural policy, especially in the milk and cereals sectors, and to maintain the provision for variable slaughter premiums in the EEC beef regime along the lines of the arrangement secured as part of the renegotiated terms of EEC membership.—(Mr. Frederick Peart);

The Question was amended, in line 8, at the end, by adding the words "and urges Her Majesty's Government to ensure that the competitive and structural advantages of United Kingdom agriculture are maintained".—(Mr. Francis Pym.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents R/3166/75 and R/3271/75 and, in respect of R/3166/75, of the Government's intention, taking account of the needs of producers and consumers and the importance of restraining public expenditure, to seek both satisfactory levels of agricultural support prices and further improvements in the operation of the common agricultural policy, especially in the milk and cereals sectors, and to maintain the provision for variable slaughter premiums in the EEC beef regime along the lines of the arrangements secured as part of the renegotiated terms of EEC membership, and urges Her Majesty's Government to ensure that the competitive and structural advantages of United Kingdom agriculture are maintained.
Rating and Valuation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Post Office (Rateable Values) Order 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th January, 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, &c.), That the Post Office (Rateable Values) (Amendment) Order 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd February, be approved—(Mr. J. D. Dormand):—It was agreed to.

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, 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 I

Thursday 12th February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:


Mr. Secretary Ross:

Provisional Orders (Scotland),—Copy of a Report of the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under section 2 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the Provisional Orders for which Petitions were presented to one of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State on or before the 27th day of November 1975, namely, the Atholl Investments (Aberdeen Development) Order, the East Kilbride District Council Order, the Edinburgh Merchant Company Order, the Lerwick Harbour Order, the Strathclyde University Order and the Mackintosh School of Architecture Order, and are of opinion that the Orders should be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make thereon [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Electricity Supply,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th January 1976, entitled the Electricity Service (Limits on Borrowing) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 18) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th February 1976, entitled the Falkenham Creek Reach Oyster Fishery Order 1976 (S.L., 1976, No. 153) [by Act].

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 [3rd December] from London and other places for amendment of the Official Secrets Act; to be printed [by Standing Order].


Medical Research Council,—Statement of Account of the Medical Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].


Nature Conservancy Council,—Account of the Nature Conservancy Council showing the Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 1975, and Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 187].

Social Science Research Council,—Statement of Account of the Social Science Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].

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 in the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 188].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee G,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee G Mr. Roy Hughes (nominated in respect of the Dock Work Regulation Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hugh McCartney.

[No. 48.]

Friday, 13th February, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Coventry North West Writ,—Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Coventry North West, in the room of Maurice Edelman, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Robert Mellish.)

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

Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill,—The Sexual Offences (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).

Domestic Violence Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Domestic Violence 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.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) Bill,—The Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) 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).

Theatres Bill,—The Theatres 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).

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 27th February.

Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 6th February, That the Representation of the People (Armed Forces) 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:—It was agreed to.

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

Television Licensing (Establishments for the Deaf) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Television Licensing (Establishments for the Deaf) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 19th March.

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.

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 seventeen minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 13th February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Concorde Aircraft,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 13th February 1976, relative to the transfers free of charge of the Concorde Prototype Aircraft 002 to the Science Museum and the Concorde Pre-production Aircraft 01 to the Duxford Aviation Society [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th February 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 4) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 194) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Education,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th February 1976, entitled the Remuneration of Teachers (Burnham Further Education Committee) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 169) [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 1976 under the General Pier and Harbour Acts 1861 to 1915 [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of his proceedings in 1975 under sections 1 to 5 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Friday 13th February 1976

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

[No. 49.]

Monday, 16th February, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).
Expenditure,—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 16th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 192].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Land Drainage Act 1930, the Land Drainage Act 1961, Part IV of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968 and related enactments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords].

Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 66].

Expenditure,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Douglas of Barloch to attend to be examined as a witness before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. James Boyden.)

Freedom of Speech (Restoration) Bill, Mr. Ronald Bell, supported by Mr. Iver Stanbrook, Mr. Peter Fry, and Mr. Michael Brotherton, presented a Bill to repeal section 6 of the Race Relations Act 1965; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 12th March and to be printed [Bill 65].

Insolvency Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Insolvency Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Education (School-Leaving Dates) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Education (School-Leaving Dates) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) Scheme 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) Bill [Lords].—The Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) 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).

Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) 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. A. W. Stallard, Mr. John Ellis : 156.


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).

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Treatment of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 20th January, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Rees.)

Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) [Money];

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise all such charges on public funds as may result from the provisions of an Act of the present Session which extend the compensation provisions of the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 to a child born disabled as the result of an injury to either of its parents caused by breach of duty under that Act.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., Mr. Russell Johnston be discharged from the Committee.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
Armed Forces Bill.—Ordered, That Mr. R. E. Bean, Mr. Antony Buck, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Victor Goodhew, Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. John Roper, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, Mr. David Walder, Mr. John Watkinson, and Mr. Alan Lee Williams, be members of the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fifteen minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 11.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 16th February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation.—Accounts of the Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 190].

Mr. Secretary Foot:


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industrial Organisation and Development.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Hosiery and Allied Trades Research Association for the year ended 30th September 1975, with the Balance Sheet as at that date [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Consumer Safety.—Copy of a Consultative Document on consumer safety [by Command].

Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, on 26th November 1975, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 16th February 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, the Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) Bill, the Theatres Bill, and the Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill to Standing Committee F, and the Fishing Vessels ( Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) Scheme 1976 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 50.]

Tuesday, 17th February, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Inverness Harbour (Citadel Quay etc.) Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Inverness Harbour (Citadel Quay etc.) Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Inverness Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Inverness Harbour 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 of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 17th February and a Memorandum laid before them; And the Report was brought up and read (Eighth Report).

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xi].

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 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. 55-x].

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

Expenditure Committee, The Lords give leave to the Lord Douglas of Barloch to attend to be examined as a witness before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee of the Expenditure Committee, if his Lordship think fit.

Race Relations Bill,—Mr. Secretary Jenkins, supported by Mr. Secretary Foot, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary Mulley, Mr. Alexander Lyon, and Mr. Attorney General, presented a Bill to make fresh provision with respect to discrimination on racial grounds and relations between people of different racial groups; and to make in the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 amendments for bringing provisions in that Act relating to its administration and enforcement into conformity with the corresponding provisions in this Act: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 68].

Road Traffic (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Road Traffic Act 1972: And that Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Terry Walker, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. R. E. Bean, Mr. Frank R. White, Mrs. Ann Taylor, and Mr. Ron Thomas, do prepare and bring it in.

Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Doug Hoyle accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Road Traffic Act 1972: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 27th February and to be printed [Bill 67].

Salary of the Secretary of State for Industry,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House, notwithstanding the opinion expressed on 11th February in the Motion relating to the salary of the Secretary of State for Industry, affirms that the provisions of the relevant statutes shall continue to apply—(Mr. Edward Short); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. John Ellis: 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 280.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House, notwithstanding the opinion expressed on 11th February in the Motion relating to the salary of the Secretary of State for Industry, affirms that the provisions of the relevant statutes shall continue to apply.

Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords],—The Trustee Savings Banks 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).
Ways and Means.—Trustee Savings Banks.—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish a Trustee Savings Banks Central Board; to confer wider powers on trustee savings banks; to transfer to the registrar of Friendly Societies certain functions previously exercised by other persons; and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise the payment of any sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords] be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Harry Ewing.)

Armed Forces Bill.—Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill have power to send for persons, papers and records.
Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 9.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 17th February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
European Assembly.—Copy of a Consultative Document on direct elections to the European Assembly [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 13, 1976).—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 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Secretary Benn:
Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines.—Statement by the Secretary of State for Energy pursuant to section 42(3) of the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Act 1975, concerning a guarantee given by the Secretary of State on a loan advanced by Barclays Bank Limited to Tricentrol Thistle Development Limited [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Coal Industry.—Copy of the Report of the Domestic Coal Consumers’ Council for 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 167].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection
Standing Committee G.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee G Mr. Richard Luce (nominated in respect of the Dock Work Regulation Bill); and had appointed in substitution Sir Anthony Meyer.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 17th February 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Road Traffic (Drivers’ Ages and Hours of Work) Bill [Lords] and the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee H.
Wednesday, 18th February, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Inverness Harbour (Citadel Quay etc.) Order Confirmation Bill.—The Inverness Harbour (Citadel Quay etc.) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Inverness Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—The Inverness Harbour Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

City of Aberdeen District Council Order Confirmation Bill.—The City of Aberdeen District Council Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be considered to-morrow.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, some 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 (Tenth Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-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 Environment Sub-Committee on 18th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 44-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 18th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-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 18th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-viii].

Overseas Development,—Sir Geoffrey de Freitas reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, 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 Committee in the last Session of Parliament, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 191].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Appendices, to be printed [No. 191].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 191].

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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 23-x].

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

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Milk (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 95), referred to a Committee on 11th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 193].
Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Wells reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Dried Fruits) Order 1976 and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Edible Fats) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 11th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 192].

Atomic Energy Authority (Special Constables) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Benn, supported by Mr. Secretary Jenkins, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. John Smith, and Mr. Alex Eadie, presented a Bill to extend the powers relating to firearms of special constables appointed on the nomination of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority; to extend the property in respect of which, and the places where, they may exercise those and their other powers; to make certain minor amendments about their powers; 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].

Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill.—Dr. John Gilbert, 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 69].

Scottish Banknotes.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Scottish banknotes legal tender throughout the United Kingdom: And that Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Iain MacCorinick, Mr. George Reid, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. Hamish Watt, and Mr. Andrew Welsh, do prepare and bring it in.

Scottish Banknotes Bill.—Mr. Douglas Henderson accordingly presented a Bill to make Scottish banknotes legal tender throughout the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 12th March and to be printed [Bill 71].

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Duty of water authorities to refund certain charges).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 6, after the word “refund”, to insert the words “by such instalments as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of State by Statutory Instrument”.—(Mr. Arthur Jones.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 2 to 4) made.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 1, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that in the case of such charges paid by a public corporation or other body within the public sector, the duty of water authorities to make such refunds shall not take effect until 1st April 1977.”—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 53) proposed, in page 1, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

“(c) the court fees and costs of persons summoned for arrears in respect of properties without sewerage or water supplies on the relevant date.”—(Miss Janet Fookes.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 6, 8 to 10, 14 and 16) made.

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed, in page 2, line 25, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Julian Ridsdale.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 29 and 30) made.

Another Amendment (No. 32) proposed, in page 2, line 33, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 33) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 2 (Water authorities’ power to charge).
Amendment (No. 37) proposed, in page 3, line 17, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 7 on page 4 and insert the words “from persons for whom they perform the services, provide the facilities or make the rights available:
Provided that in respect of the services, facilities and rights other than the supply of water the authority shall allow such persons a remission equal to one half of the charges therefor.”—(Mr. Keith Speed.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Amendments (Nos. 38 to 42 and 44 to 47) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 3 (Citation etc.).
Amendments (Nos. 49 to 52) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
A Clause (Reimbursement of administrative expenses)—(Mr. Julian Ridsdale)—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.
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 Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Counter-Inflation,—Resolved, That the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 71), a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd January, be approved.—(Mr. Alan Williams.)

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Peter Snape):—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 tomorrow.
[Adjourned at 12 midnight.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 18th February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

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. 174].

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. 173].

Defence (Votes A) 1976-77,—Estimates of the maximum number of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces for the year ending 31st March 1977 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 172].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 20th January 1976,
(2) 21st January 1976, and
(3) 26th January 1976,
relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 196 to 198].
Local Loans,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th February 1976, entitled the Valuation (Post Office Telecommunication Services) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 177) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census,—Copies of the New County Reports of the Census 1971, relating to—
(1) Hertfordshire, and
(2) West Sussex,
as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 18th February 1976, entitled the Counter-Inflation Act 1973 (Continuation) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 228) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Poultry,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th February 1976, entitled the Importation of Captive Birds Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 189) [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 Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. R. B. Cant, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Harry Lamborn, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. John Nott, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. Defydd Wigley, Mr. Alexander Wilson, Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, and Mr. David Young.

Standing Committee F,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr. Michael Brotherton (nominated in respect of the Dangerous Wild Animals Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Marcus Kimball.

Standing Committee H,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee H in respect of the Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Les Huckabee, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. George Park, Mr. David Penhaligon, and Mr. Michael Roberts.

Standing Committee II,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee II in respect of the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, the Reverend Robert Bradford, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. John Dunlop, Mr. Gerard Fitt, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Tom Litterick, Mr. McCuaker, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Airey Neave, Mr. Stanley Orme, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. A. W. Stallard, and Mr. van Straubenzee.

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 Insolvency Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. Gerry Fowler, Mr. Michael Grylls, Dr. Keith Hampson, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. John Loveridge, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, and Mr. Robert Woof.

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 Insolvency Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Jack Dunnett, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, and Mr. Alec Woodall.
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 Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. **Julian Amery**, Mr. **Tom Arnold**, Mr. **Robert Banks**, Sir **Edward Brown**, Mr. **Alan Clark**, Mr. **Geoffrey Dodsworth**, Dr. **Alan Glyn**, Mr. **Alastair Goodlad**, Mr. **John Gorst**, and Mr. **Stephen Hastings**.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. **Hugh Delargy** reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) Scheme 1976, viz.: Mr. **E. S. Bishop**, Mr. **Andrew Bowden**, Mr. **Norman Buchan**, Mr. **Nicholas Fairbairn**, Mr. **George Grant**, Mr. **James Johnson**, Mr. **Michael Jopling**, Mr. **John MacGregor**, Mr. **Kevin McNamara**, Mr. **Tom Pendry**, Mr. **Jim Spicer**, Mr. **Thomas Swain**, Mr. **Sydney Tierney**, Mr. **Tom Torney**, Mr. **Patrick Wall**, and Mr. **Hamish Watt**.

**MEMORANDA**

**Wednesday 18th February 1976**

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. **John Spence** Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords]; Mr. **Michael English** Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) Bill [Lords]; Sir **Thomas Williams** Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Education (School-Leaving Dates) Bill [Lords]; Mr. **R. Bonner Pink** Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Insolvency Bill [Lords]; and Mr. **Alan Fitch** Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvements) (Grants) Scheme 1976.

**PRAYERS.**

**British Railways Bill,**—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill;

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

**British Transport Docks Bill,**—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks Bill;

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

**British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill,**—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill;

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

**City of Aberdeen District Council Order Confirmation Bill,**—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the City of Aberdeen District Council 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 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. 204].
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. 205].

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 19th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-v].

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

Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 72].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 195].

Northern Ireland Committee,—Ordered, That the matter of Health and Social Services in Northern Ireland, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Supply [9th 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) ;—Debate arising ;

Mr. Douglas Henderson 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, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Douglas Henderson : 13.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. James A. Dunn : 99.

So the Question was negatived.

Landlord and Tenant,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 9th February, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Notices to Quit (Prescribed Information) (Protected Tenancies and Part VI Contracts) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1975, No. 2196), dated 18th December 1975, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th January, be annulled ;

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

And the Question being put :—It was negatived.

Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Milk (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 95), a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd February, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison) ;—It was agreed to.

Weights and Measures,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Dried Fruits) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 5th February, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison) ;—It was agreed to.

Weights and Measures,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Edible Fats) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 5th February, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison) ;—It was agreed to.

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, 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 I

Thursday 19th February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Public Expenditure,—Copy of a Statement on Public Expenditure to 1979-80 [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 2nd January 1976 on a loan proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 199].

Gas,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 8th January 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 200 to 202].

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland)—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 11th December 1975 on loans raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 203].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:


Pensions (Miscellaneous No. 4, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Castries on 13th October 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of St. Lucia concerning public officers' pensions [by Command].


Mrs. Secretary Castle:


Pensions,—Report of the Occupational Pensions Board pursuant to section 68(1) of the Social Security Act 1973, together with a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services, on the Occupational Pensions Board (Determinations and Review Procedure) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 185) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 180].

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 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, Part 12, relating to Area Summary Figures [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Local Government,—Copies of Orders, dated 11th February 1976, entitled—

(1) the Darlington and Sedgefield (Areas) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 187), and
(2) the Glanford and Scunthorpe (Areas) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 188)
[by Act].

Transport,—Statements of determination of the pension payable to—

(1) a member of the National Freight Corporation, and
(2) nine members of the British Railways Board
[by Act].
Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Consumer Credit,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th February 1976, entitled the Consumer Credit Licensing (Representations) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 191) [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. Carol Matter (comitted in respect of the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords]; and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Farr.

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 106 (Deputy Speaker and Chairmen) Mr. Speaker nominated Miss Janet Fookes to be an additional member of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 19th February 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 53.]

Friday, 20th February, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Sutton, Carshalton Writ,—Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Sutton, Carshalton, in the room of the Right Honourable Leonard Robert Carr, called up to the House of Peers.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

Wirral Writ,—Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County Constituency of Wirral, in the room of the Right Honourable John Selwyn Brooke Lloyd, C.H., C.B.E., T.D., Q.C., who since his election for the said County Constituency has accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty’s Manor of Northstead in the County of York.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from London and elsewhere for the preventing of experiments in psychosurgery on mental patients 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, one 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 19th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 206-i].

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

Mr. David Lane 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. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Stephen Ross : 42.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Thomas Cox : 22.
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 Four o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

Corporal Punishment Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Corporal Punishment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th May.

Criminal Appeal (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Appeal (Amendment) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th May.

Domestic Violence Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th February, That the Domestic Violence Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) 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.

House of Commons (Services),—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 15th November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), Mr. Giles Shaw be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Charles Irving 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.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.33 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 20th February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Currency and Bank Notes,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th February 1976, entitled the Fiduciary Note Issue (Extension of Period) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 232) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th February 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 5) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 251) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Prevention of Fraud,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th February 1976, entitled the Authorised Unit Trust Schemes Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 195) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Government Trading Funds,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Property Services Agency Supplies Trading Fund Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture,—Statement of Exchequer Payments in Aid of Schemes for Agriculture in Northern Ireland for the year ending 31st March 1976 [by Act].

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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 [20th January] from London and elsewhere for legislation to limit abortion; to be printed [by Standing Order].

[No. 54.]


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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 23rd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 33-ix].

Post Office Bill,—Mr Ronald Bell, supported by Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. John Wells, and Mr. Kenneth Lewis, presented a Bill to restore the Post Office to the position of a Department of State under a Postmaster General; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th March and to be printed [Bill 73].

Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords],—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee —(Mr Tom Pendry); 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. 66 (Second Reading Committees).

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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).

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make amendments for England and Wales of provisions of the law which relates to local authorities or highways and is commonly amended by local Acts, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by a Minister of the Crown by virtue of that Act and any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(Mr. Gordon Oakes.)

Nuclear Safety,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/2663/75 and R/2662/75 and of the importance which the Government attaches to matters of nuclear safety—(Mr. Secretary Benn); The Question was amended, in line 2, at the end, by adding the words ' and invites the Government to take account of the observations of the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., on these documents "—(Mr. John Biffen.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put ;

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/2663/75 and R/2662/75 and of the importance which the Government attaches to matters of nuclear safety, and invites the Government to take account of the observations of the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., on these documents.

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.—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 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

Monday 23rd February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
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 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Census,—Copy of the New County Report of the Census 1971 relating to Mid Glamorgan, as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Protection of Wrecks,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th February 1976, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 1) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 203) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Trade Descriptions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th February 1976, entitled the Textile Products (Determination of Composition) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 202) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Community Land,—Copies of Orders, dated 11th February 1976, entitled—
(1) the Community Land (Appropriate Minister) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 199), and
(2) the Community Land (Appropriate Minister for the National Coal Board) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 198)
[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 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 207].

[No. 55.]

Tuesday, 24th February, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

City of Aberdeen District Council Order Confirmation Bill,—The City of Aberdeen District Council 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 (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 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 24th February, and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Ninth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xiii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xiv].

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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 Catering Sub-Committee, and 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. 213].

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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 212].

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. 55-x].

Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords],—Mr. John Spence reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Trustee Savings Banks 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. 211].

Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) Bill [Lords],—Mr. Michael English reported from Standing Committee H, That they had gone through the Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 75].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 210].

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

The Lords have agreed to the National Coal Board (Finance) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Maplin Development Authority; and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords].

Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords],—The Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 77].

Expenditure,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Boyle of Handsworth 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.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Business of Supply may be taken after Ten o'clock, and that 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, though opposed, until Eleven o'clock. (Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That Commission Document No. R/1131/75 relating to Forestry Measures be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Solicitors Act 1974 (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Solicitors Act 1974 so as to allow persons other than solicitors, barristers and notaries public to draw up certain documents: And that Mr. Ken Weetch, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Mike Noble, and Mr. James Wellbeloved, do prepare and bring it in.

Solicitors Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Ken Weetch accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Solicitors Act 1974 so as to allow persons other than solicitors, barristers and notaries public to draw up certain documents: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 21st May and to be printed [Bill 74].

Supply [10th 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. A. W. Stallard);
And it being Eleven o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Order of the House this day.

Armed Forces Bill.—Ordered, That Mr. John Watkinson be discharged from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill and that Mr. Paul B. Rose be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Constitution of Standing Committees,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees) be amended as follows:

Paragraph (2), after "business", insert "or measures under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 and instruments made under such measures".—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Nomination of Standing Committees,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 62 (Nomination of Standing Committees) be amended as follows:

Paragraph (1), after "business", insert "or measures under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 and instruments made under such measures".—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.) be amended as follows:

Paragraph 3(ii), after "motion", insert "to the effect".

At end add:—

"(6) The provisions of this Order shall apply to measures under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 and instruments made under such measures as if such measures and such instruments were statutory instruments; and the notice referred to in paragraph 3(ii) of this Order may, in respect of such measures and instruments, have been given by any Member".—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Violence in the Family.—Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the extent, nature and causes of the problems of families where there is violence; and to make recommendations.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Thirteen Members.

And the Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mrs Joyce Butler, Sir William Elliott, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, Mrs. Audrey Wise, 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. Donald Coleman.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.24 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 24th February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Treaty Series (No. 15, 1976),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Florence on 19th April 1972, setting up a European University Institute (and related documents) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Animals,—Copies of Orders, dated 23rd February 1976, entitled—

(1) the Brucellosis Compensation (Scotland) Amendment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 258), and

(2) the Tuberculosis (Compensation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 259)

[by Act].

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Mr. Secretary John Morris:

Welsh Church Funds.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 25th November 1975, for applying certain Welsh ecclesiastical property vested in the County Council of South Glamorgan pursuant to section 211 of the Local Government Act 1972 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Lands Tribunal.—Copy of an Order, dated 10th February 1976, entitled the Lands Tribunal (Superannuation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 43) [by Act].

Northern Ireland.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

1. the Department of Housing, Local Government and Planning (Dissolution) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, and

2. the Members’ Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety.—Copies of Regulations, dated 19th December 1975, entitled—

1. the Birch Coppice Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1976, No. 255), and

2. the Hem Heath Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1975 (S.I., 1976, No. 254) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Animals.—Copies of Orders, dated 23rd February 1976, entitled—

1. the Brucellosis (England and Wales) Compensation (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 257), and

2. the Tuberculosis (Compensation) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 256) [by Act].

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

Agriculture.—Copy of an Order, dated 13th February 1976, entitled the Agricultural Land Tribunals (Areas) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 208) [by Act].

MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr Speaker allocated the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee B and Commission Document No. R/1131/75 relating to Forestry Measures to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Spence Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords], and Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of Health and Social Services in Northern Ireland.

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

PRAYERS.

Private Bill Petitions (Standing Orders not 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, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Hampshire County Council (Haslar Bridge) Bill.

Report referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

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

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 Restrictive Practices Court 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. 216].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 216].

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 (Eleventh Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 25th February to be printed [No. 8-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 Environment Sub-Committee on 25th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 44-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 25th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-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 25th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-ix].

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. 217].
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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 24-v].

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

Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) Bill.—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from Standing Committee F, That they had gone through the Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 30th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 219].

Education (School-Leaving Dates) Bill [Lords].—Sir Thomas Williams reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Education (School-Leaving Dates) 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 Education (School-Leaving Dates) [Lords] ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 215].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) Scheme 1976, referred to a Committee on 16th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 233].

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

Expenditure Committee.—The Lords give leave to the Lord Boyle of Handsworth 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.

Standing Orders (Public Business).—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business, as amended, be printed [No. 214].

Passports Bill.—Mr. Ronald Bell, supported by Mr. John Stokes and Mr. Robert Boscawen, presented a Bill to make passports documents of entitlement: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 12th March and to be printed [Bill 78].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Ecclesiastical Judges and Legal Officers Measure be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Cathedrals Measure be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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 McCorquodale, Mr. Tony 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 5th March and to be printed [Bill 79].

Post Office (Banking Services) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Post Office (Banking Services) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 5, to leave out Clause 1.—(Mr. Michael Marshall.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Michael Roberts: 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Joseph Harper: 244.
Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, to leave out Clause 2.—(Mr. Tim Renton.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 30, to leave out Clause 4.—(Mr. Anthony Nelson.)

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—Debate arising:

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, Government Business may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Post Office (Banking Services) Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Post Office (Banking Services) Bill be now read the third time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Ellis: 258.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Richard Roberts, Mr. Fred Silvester: 221.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Ways and Means.—Development Land Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That provision be made—

(1) for imposing a tax, to be known as development land tax, on the realisation of the development value of land on any occasion where an interest in the land is, or is treated as being, disposed of:

(2) for requiring certain bodies, to whom are made certain disposals of interest in land giving rise to liability for development land tax, to deduct amounts on account of that tax from the consideration paid for the disposals, for treating amounts so deducted as having been paid in respect of that tax by the persons liable for it, and for securing that those bodies receive the benefit of the whole of the development land tax paid in respect of those disposals;

(3) for terminating the charges on capital gains from land imposed by Part III of the Finance Act 1974;

(4) for adjusting the amount chargeable to income tax, corporation tax or capital gains tax in certain cases where the whole or part of the amount so chargeable is or has been chargeable to development land tax on the same or a previous occasion; and

(5) for other matters incidental or supplementary to the matters specified in the preceding paragraphs of this Resolution.—(Mr. Edmund Dell);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. W. Benyon: 211.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That provision be made—

(1) for imposing a tax, to be known as development land tax, on the realisation of the development value of land on any occasion where an interest in the land is, or is treated as being, disposed of;

(2) for requiring certain bodies, to whom are made certain disposals of interest in land giving rise to liability for development land tax, to deduct amounts on account of that tax from the consideration paid for the disposals, for treating amounts so deducted as having been paid in respect of that tax by the persons liable for it, and for securing that those bodies receive the benefit of the whole of the development land tax paid in respect of those disposals;

(3) for terminating the charges on capital gains from land imposed by Part III of the Finance Act 1974;

(4) for adjusting the amount chargeable to income tax, corporation tax or capital gains tax in certain cases where the whole or part of the amount so chargeable is or has been chargeable to development land tax on the same or a previous occasion; and
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. John Silkin, Mr. Edmund Dell, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. Denzil Davies, do prepare and bring it in.

Development Land Tax Bill,—Mr. Denzil Davies accordingly presented a Bill to impose a new tax on the realisation of the development value of land; and for the termination of the charges on capital gains from land imposed by Chapters I and II of Part III of the Finance 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 80].

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. A. W. Stallard):—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 25th February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 16th February 1976, entitled—

(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 233), and
(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 234)

[by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury as of 21st January 1976 on a loan to be made to the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 220].

Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th February 1976, entitled the Opencast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 235) [by Act].

Coal Industry,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th January 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 221].

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 20th January 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 222].

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 26th January 1976 on a loan raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 223].

Gas,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—

(1) 13th January 1976,
(2) 13th January 1976,
(3) 3rd February 1976, and
(4) 4th February 1976

on loans proposed to be raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 224 to 227].

Iron and Steel,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—

(1) 14th January 1976, and
(2) 30th January 1976

on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 228 and 229].

Transport,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—

(1) 30th January 1976, and
(2) 30th January 1976

on loans proposed to be raised by the British Railways Board [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 230 and 231].
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Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 17th November 1975 on loans raised by the National Water Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 232].

Mr. Secretary Ross:


Prisons,—Copy of Rules, dated 10th February 1976, entitled the Local Review Committee (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 237) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, and
(2) the Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Copyright,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 18th February 1976, entitled the Copyright (International Conventions) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 227) [by Act].


Merchant Shipping,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 18th February 1976, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Turks and Caicos Islands) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 223) [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 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, viz.: Mr. Nicholas Budgen, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Alec Jones, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Keith Speed, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

Standing Committee F,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. James White, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Scottish Grand Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Scottish Grand Committee Mr. Tom Arnold, Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, and Mr. John Stokes (nominated in respect of the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill).

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seven Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of Health and Social Services in Northern Ireland, viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Roland Moyle, and Mr. Airey Neave.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/1131/75 relating to Forestry Measures, viz.: Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Thomas Cox, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Mr. George Grant, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Hector Munro, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. John Parker, Dr. Colin Philips, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Tom Swain, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. James Wellbeloved, and Mr. Jerry Wiggin.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Ecclesiastical Judges
and Legal Officers Measure and the Cathedrals Measure, viz.: Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. Ivor Clemenson, Mr. John H. Corrie, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mr. Ron Lewis, Dr. Edmund Marshall, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Sir Anthony Royle, Mr. van Strouven, Mr. Terry Walker, Mr. Frank R. White, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 25th February 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Ecclesiastical Judges and Legal Officers Measure and the Cathedrals Measure to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Explosives (Age of Purchase, &c.) Bill; Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R1131/75 relating to Forestry Measures; and Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Ecclesiastical Judges and Legal Officers Measure and the Cathedrals Measure.

[No. 57.]

Thursday, 26th February, 1976.

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

British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill;

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

British Transport Docks Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks Bill;

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

British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 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 Wednesday next at Seven o'clock.

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 Thursday next.

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 General Sub-Committee on 26th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 235-i and -ii].

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 26th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-vii].

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 (Second Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 234].

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 February.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 23-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 have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law of Scotland relating to divorce and separation; to facilitate reconciliation of the parties in consistorial causes; to amend the law as to the power of the court to make orders relating to financial provision arising out of divorce and to settlements and other dealings by a party to the marriage, and as to the power of the court to award aliment to spouses in actions for aliment; to abolish the oath of calumny; 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 provision as to the powers of the Law Society of Scotland to intervene in the professional practice and conduct of solicitors, to make provision for the appointment of a lay observer to examine the Society's treatment of complaints about solicitors and the appointment of lay members of the Scottish Solicitors' Discipline Tribunal; to extend the powers of that Tribunal; to make provision as to the indemnity of solicitors against professional liability; to amend the Solicitors (Scotland) Acts 1933 to 1965; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Solicitors (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

Solicitors (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Solicitors (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 81].

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Civil Aviation.—Resolved, That the Statement on Civil Aviation Policy Guidance, to be given by the Secretary of State to the Civil Aviation Authority in pursuance of section 3(2) of the Civil Aviation Act 1971 with respect to the performance of its functions, a draft of which was laid before this House on 11th February, be approved in pursuance of section 3(3) of that Act. (Mr. Secretary Shore.)

Civil Aviation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House rejects the Secretary of State for Trade's decision to cancel Laker Airways Skytrain designation and to require the Civil Aviation Authority to revoke the Skytrain licence contrary to the Authority's considered view that it should be allowed to stand—(Mr. Terence L. Higgins);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 232.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Ellis: 262.

So the Question was negatived.

Atomic Energy Authority (Special Constables) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Atomic Energy Authority (Special Constables) 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 A. Dunn, Mr. Joseph Harper: 104.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Richard Wainwright: 11.

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).

Education (School-Leaving Dates) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (School-Leaving Dates) 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).

Education (School-Leaving Dates) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Education (School-Leaving Dates) [Money];
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to school-leaving dates, it is expedient to authorise any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the Family Allowances Act 1965 and the Social Security Act 1975 which is attributable to—

(a) provisions whereby a person who has attained the upper limit of compulsory school age can be treated for the purposes of the said Act of 1965 as being under that limit until a later date; and

(b) provisions substituting the age of 16 for school-leaving age in sections 4(2)(a), 7(1) and 8(1) of the said Act of 1975.—(Mr. Gerald Fowler.)

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 Fishing Vessels ( Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) Scheme 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th February, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c), the Standing Committee considering Commission Document No. R/1131/75 relating to Forestry Measures shall be able to sit for up to Two and a half hours after the commencement of its proceedings.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Violence in the Family,—Ordered, That Sir William Elliott be discharged from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family and that Mr. William Rees-Davies be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.34 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 26th February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr. Robert Sheldon :

Exchange Control,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th February 1976, entitled the Exchange Control (Purchase of Foreign Currency) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 212) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan :


Mr. Secretary Ross :

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 13th February 1976, entitled the Local Authorities (Staff Transfer and Protection) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 211) [by Act].


Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—Draft of an Order, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972 (Commencement No. 4) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland :

Local Government.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th February 1976, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Specified Bodies) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 214) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn :

Nationalised Industries.—Copy of Government Observations on the First Report from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, Session 1974-75, relating to nationalised industries and the exploitation of North Sea oil and gas [by Command].
Continental Shelf,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th February 1976, entitled the Petroleum (Production) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 276) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Agriculture,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 16th February 1976, entitled the Fat Sheep (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 250), and
(2) dated 18th February 1976, entitled the Fat Sheep (Guarantee Payments) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 249) [by Act].

Diseases of Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th February 1976, entitled the Importation of Cattle and Rams Order (No. 1) 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Reginald Prentice:
Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 25th February 1976, entitled—
(1) the Ghana Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976, and
(2) the Ghana Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Fund (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976 [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 [29th January] from Leeds for safeguards in the use of electro-convulsive therapy [by Standing Order] ; to be printed.

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. Peter Hardy (nominated in respect of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jim Marshall.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir Paul Bryan (nominated in respect of the Ecclesiastical Judges and Legal Officers Measure and the Cathedrals Measure); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Eldon Griffiths.

[No. 58.]
Friday, 27th February, 1976.
The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (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 Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 10th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 236-1].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boydén 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 [Nos. 104-x and xi].

Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill,—The Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) 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).

Licensing (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—The Licensing (Amendment) (No. 2) 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).

Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) Bill,—The Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) 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).
Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill,—The Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Religious Exemption) 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).

Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill;

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

Homes Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th February, That the Homes Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Domestic Violence Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th February, That the Domestic Violence Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till 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.

Solicitors (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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

Violence in the Family,—Ordered, That Mrs. Winifred Ewing be discharged from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family and that Mrs. Margaret Bain 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. 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-nine minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.31 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 27th February 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Foot:


Mr. Secretary Varley:

National Enterprise Board,—Statements of consent by the Secretary of State for Industry, given on 25th February 1976, to the transfer to the National Enterprise Board and their nominees of certain shares held by him or the Treasury Solicitor or their nominees, in—

(1) Ferranti Ltd., Herbert Ltd. and Cambridge Instruments Ltd., pursuant to section 5(4) of the Industry Act 1975, and


Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th February 1976, entitled the Cycle Racing on Highways (Special Authorisation) (England and Wales) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 247) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Friday 27th February 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Education (School-Leaving Dates) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B.
Monday, 1st March, 1976.

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 Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 17th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 236-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 Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 1st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-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 1st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 235-iii].

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 Nugent of Guildford and the Lord Brecon to attend to be examined as witnesses before the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries.—(Mr. Russell Kerr.)

Science and Technology,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Bowden to attend to be examined as a witness before the Science Sub-Committee appointed by the Select Committee on Science and Technology.—(Mr. Arthur Palmer.)

Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

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 put, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Roger Moate : 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, Mr. John Wells : 139.

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).

Housing,—Resolved, That the Housing Corporation Advances (Increase of Limit) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved.—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.11 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 1st March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:


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Mr. Secretary Ross:

Census.—Copy of the 1971 Census Statistics for Scotland relating to New Local Government Areas, as constituted on 16th May 1975 [by Act].

MEMORANDA

Monday 1st March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill to the Second Scottish Standing Committee; and the Licensing (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, the Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) Bill, and the Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill to Standing Committee F.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, in the place of Mr. Peter Doig.

Tuesday, 2nd March, 1976.

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).

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 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. 54-xv].

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 2nd March: And the Report was brought up and read (Ninth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-xi].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-xii].

Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Housing (Amendment) (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. 242].

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

Select Committee on Nationalised Industries,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Nugent of Guildford and the Lord Brecon to attend to be examined as witnesses before the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, if their Lordships think fit.

Select Committee on Science and Technology,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Bowden to attend to be examined as a witness before the Science Sub-Committee of the Select Committee on Science and Technology, if his Lordship thinks fit.

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Bruce of Donington to attend to be examined as a witness before the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c.—(Mr. John Davies.)
Weights and Measures, &c. Bill,—Mrs. Secretary Williams, supported by Mr. Secretary Jenkins, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Frederick Peart, and Mr. Alan Williams, presented a Bill to amend certain enactments relating to weights and measures; and to make provision for the alleviation of shortages of food and other goods: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 82].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Glanford and Scunthorpe (Areas) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 188) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Stoddart);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Ellis: 138.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. George Cunningham: 12.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Glanford and Scunthorpe (Areas) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 188) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Stoddart);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Donald Coleman and Mr. A. W. Stallard were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but Division (No Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it).

Ordered, That the draft Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Welsh Affairs,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the matter of Housing in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for their consideration—(Mr. David Stoddart);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Donald Coleman and Mr. A. W. Stallard 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 the matter of Housing in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for their consideration.

Transport (Amendment),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Transport Act 1968—(Mr. Ian Gow);

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. Ian Gow, Mr. Nigel Lawson: 138.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Russell Kerr: 150.

So the Question was negatived.

Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) 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).

Ordered, That, notwithstanding anything in paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees) and Standing Order No. 69 (Scottish Standing Committees), the Bill be considered by a Scottish Standing Committee.—(The Lord Advocate.)

Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Area Boards)—(Mr. David Steel)—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. David Steel, Mr. Douglas Henderson: 18.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. J. D. Dormand: 135.
Another Clause (Scottish Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Committee)—
(Sir John Gilmour)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.
Another Clause (Register relating to freshwater fishing)—(Mr. David Steel)—brought up, and read the first and second time.
Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Steel, Mr. A. J. Beith : 20.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Joseph Harper : 118.
Amendments (Nos. 2 to 4 and 6 to 12) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 27, after the word "charges", to insert the words "which should be related to the expenditure already made or forecast in the application".—(Mr. Hector Monro.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
And it being Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill and the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill,—The House proceeded further to consider the Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
Other Amendments (Nos. 14 to 16, 19, 20, 22 to 25 and 28) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 8, at the end, to insert the words—
"The sums which the Secretary of State pays under this section shall not exceed £160,000 in the three years immediately following the making of the first protection order under section 1 of this Act except so far as any excess over the said sum of £160,000 has been authorised by a resolution of the Commons House of Parliament".—(Sir John Gilmour.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Other Amendments (Nos. 30 and 32) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, column 4, line 8, to leave out "£100" and insert "£1".—(Sir John Gilmour), instead thereof.
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 ;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman : 99.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Dennis Canavan : 16.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
Mr. David Steel moved, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned, but Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28 (Dilatory motions in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.
An Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 23, at the end, to insert the words "unless that dwelling-house is occupied by a member of the crofter's family in which case this subsection shall not apply".—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Another Amendment (No. 4) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 7, to leave out subsection (3), and insert the words—

"(3) If the croft land acquired by virtue of section 2(1) of this Act is disposed of by means other than by lease for crofting or agriculture purposes at any time within five years of its acquisition, then the landlord referred to in the said section 2(1) may apply to the Land Court for a share of the increase in market value of the relevant land. The Land Court shall not grant such an application if it would be substantially detrimental to the interests of the crofter concerned."—(Mr. Robert Hughes), instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 6 to 8 and 10) made to the Bill.

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Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 41, after the word "purpose", to insert the words "having relevance to the good of the croft or of the estate or of the public interest".—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 17 and 19 to 30) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 31) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 34, at the end, to insert the words "and shall additionally for the purposes of section 1(2) include anyone who holds a dwelling-house and garden ground as a tenant-at-will, tenant holder or kindly tenant".—(Mr. Douglas Henderson.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 32 to 38) 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.

Armed Forces Bill,—Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill have power to adjourn from place to place.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.11 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 2nd March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 2nd March 1976, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for Civil Superannuation, etc. [by Act].

Bank Notes,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 30th January 1976, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 243].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Treaty Series (No. 12, 1976),—Copy of an Arrangement, made at Neuilly-sur-Seine between 1st June and 21st September 1973 between certain member States of the European Space Research Organisation and the European Space Research Organisation, concerning the execution of a communication satellite programme [by Command].
Mrs. Secretary Castle:

National Health Service.—Copy of an Order, dated 24th February 1976, entitled the National Health Service (Transferred Local Authority Property) Amendment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 273) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Import Duties.—Report by the Department of Trade on the exercise of the powers conferred by the Import Duties Act 1958 for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 194].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Housing.—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th February 1976, entitled the Rent Refunds (Housing Authorities) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 271) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Explosives.—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th February 1976, entitled the Control of Sodium Nitrite Explosives Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 51) [by Statutory Instrument].

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. James A. Dunn (nominated in respect of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Joseph Harper.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords], in the place of Mr. Peter Doig.

[No. 61.]

Wednesday, 3rd March, 1976.

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).

Armed Forces Bill.—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 3rd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 248-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 (Twelfth Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xii].

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 Sub-Committee A on 3rd March (at a meeting held concurrently with Sub-Committee D of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities).

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 241-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 3rd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-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 3rd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-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 Energy Resources Sub-Committee on 3rd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 24-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 3rd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 23-xii].

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

Explosives (Age of Purchase, &c.) Bill,—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from Standing Committee F, that they had gone through the Explosives (Age of Purchase, &c.) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 7th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 249].

Insolvency Bill [Lords],—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Insolvency 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 Insolvency 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. 247].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Commission Document No. R/1131/75, relating to Forestry Measures, referred to a Committee on 24th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 246].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Albert Costain reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Cathedrals Measure and the Ecclesiastical Judges and Legal Officers Measure, referred to a Committee on 25th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 244].

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

Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Bruce of Donington to attend to be examined as a witness before the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., if his Lordship think fit.

Privilege,—Complaint having been made yesterday by Sir Bernard Braine, Member for South East Essex, of words alleged to have been used by a spokesman of the National Abortion Campaign Steering Committee, and reported in the Times and Guardian newspapers of 2nd March:

And copies of the said newspapers having been delivered in, and the passages complained of read, as follows:

"We will boycott the Select Committee and encourage other organisations to boycott the Committee. . . ."

"We hope to discredit the illusion of a fair Select Committee. There is no way that this Committee can look at our evidence logically and fairly" (The Times);

"The National Abortion Campaign bluntly said 'We believe that it will serve no purpose to talk to MPs who are already poised to restrict the existing abortion legislation'" (The Guardian);
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges—(Mr. Edward Short);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Thomas Cox and Mr. David Stoddart 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 the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Fat Sheep (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 250) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Fat Sheep (Guarantee Payments) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 249) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Sex Discrimination (Age of Retirement),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to eliminate discrimination between men and women as to the age of retirement: And that Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Miss Joan Maynard, and Mrs. Millie Miller, do prepare and bring it in.

Sex Discrimination (Age of Retirement) Bill,—Mr. Greville Janner accordingly presented a Bill to eliminate discrimination between men and women as to the age of retirement: And the same was read the first time : and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 19th March and to be printed [Bill 85].

Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating (Caravan Sites) 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. Joseph Harper, Mr. A. W. Stallard : 210.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Andrew Welsh : 19.

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).

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause 6—(Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg):—Debate arising;

Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. Neil Macfarlane : 228.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mrs. Millie Miller : 159.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause 6.

Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Amendment) (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. Hugh D. Brown):—It was agreed to.

Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) [Money];
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend subsection (1) of section 25 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1968, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) any increase not exceeding £210 million in the sums which may be issued out of the National Loans Fund by virtue of the said section 25 which is attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session;

(2) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under Part I of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972 which is so attributable, and

(3) the payment into the National Loans Fund of any increase in the sums received by the Secretary of State by virtue of the said section 25 which is so attributable.—(Mr. Hugh D. Brown.)

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, 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 to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.42 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 3rd March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Overseas Territories,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Commonwealth Development Corporation (Extension of Limits on Borrowing and Advances) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Mr. Secretary Rees:


Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th February 1976, entitled the Local Government (General Grant) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 52) [by Act].

Valuation,—Copies of Orders, dated 23rd February 1976, entitled—

(1) the Valuation (Electricity Service) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 72), and

(2) the Valuation (Gas Undertakings) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 71) [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 [21st January] from Sutton Coldfield and elsewhere against the extension of municipal trading [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

National Insurance,—Accounts of the National Insurance Fund, the National Insurance (Reserve) Fund and the Industrial Injuries Fund for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 245].
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 Atomic Energy Authority (Special Constables) Bill, viz.: Mr. Tom Arnold, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. John Biften, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Grimson, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Arthur Palmer, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. Peter Rost, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

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 Education (School-Leaving Dates) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. Michael Grylls, Dr. Keith Hampson, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Hugh Jenkins, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. John Loveridge, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, and Mr. Robert Woof.

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 Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill, viz.: Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Peter Fry, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. David Ginsburg, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Bryan Magee, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. Norman Mischam, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. George Park, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Wm Ross, and Mr. Michael Ward.

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Norman Mischam, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Miss Jo Richardson, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, and Sir George Young.

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 Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Antony Buck, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. George Grant, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Gavin Strang, and Mr. Hamish Watt.

Second Scottish Standing Committee.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Mr. George Reid, Mr. Malcolm Rikkind, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. William Small, Mr. Iain Sproat, and Mr. David Steel.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Glanford and Scunthorpe (Areas) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 188), viz.: Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mr. Ken Callaghan, Mr. Julian Critchley, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Paul Dean, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Colin Jackson, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. J. P. W. Mallalieu, Mr. John osborn, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Keith Speed, Mr. Richard Wainwright, 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 Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. John Carson, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. David James, Mr. James Killfedder, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. James Mollyneaux, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Paul B. Rose, Mr. Wm Rees, and Mr. A. W. Stallard.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fat Sheep (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 250) and the Fat Sheep
(Guaranteed Payments) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 249), viz.: Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. F. A. Burden, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Fred Evans, Mr. Anthony Fell, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Peter Mills, Mrs. Renée Short, Mr. Tom Swain, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, and Mr. Tom Torney.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 3rd March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Atomic Energy Authority (Special Constables) Bill and the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill to Standing Committee B; the Glanford and Scunthorpe (Areas) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 188) to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Fat Sheep (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 250) and the Fat Sheep (Guarantee Payments) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 249) to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Education (School-Leaving Dates) Bill [Lords]; Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Dangerous Wild Animals Bill; Sir Thomas Williams Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Housing in Wales; and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fat Sheep (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 250) and the Fat Sheep (Guarantee Payments) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 249).

[No. 62.]

Thursday, 4th March, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill;

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

British Transport Docks Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks Bill;

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

British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) 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 Thursday next.

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

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 3rd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 235-iv].

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

Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords] in relation to the principle of the Bill and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House:

And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read a second time to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 251].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the City of Aberdeen District Council Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Inverness Harbour (Citadel Quay, &c.) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Inverness Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

Cigarette Sales (Gift Coupons) Bill.—Mr. Laurie Pavitt, supported by Dr. M. S. Miller, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. David Steel, Mr. McCusker, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Robin Corbett, Sir George Young, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Roger Sims, Dr. Colin Phipps, and Mr. William Molloy, presented a Bill to prohibit the provision of gift coupons with cigarettes sold in the United Kingdom, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 30th April and to be printed [Bill 86].

Race Relations Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Race Relations Bill;

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


Race Relations Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Race Relations Bill be now read a second time:—Debate arising:

And it being Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the business.

Whereupon 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. J. D. Dormand, Mr. John Ellis: 132.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook: 8.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Race Relations [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Race Relations [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision with respect to discrimination on racial grounds and relations between people of different racial groups, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any sums required by the Secretary of State for defraying any 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 expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in undertaking, or financially assisting the undertaking by other persons of, research into any matter connected with relations between persons of different racial groups;
(d) any increase attributable to the provisions of that Act in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under any other Act.—(Mr. Alexander Lyon.)

Lead Content of Petrol.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the proposals for EEC Directives for limiting the lead content of petrol and for biological and air quality standards for lead as contained in documents R/3113/73 and R/1150/75, and the outcome of the Government review of lead in petrol.—(Mr. Denis Howell);
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words "accepts the principle of reducing the maximum lead content of petrol to 0.40 grams per litre as proposed by the EEC; and, whilst recognising that this will have an adverse effect on the United Kingdom balance of payments, nevertheless calls on Her Majesty's Government to take appropriate steps to achieve this aim by staged reductions".—(Mrs. Joyce Butler.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;

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. J. D. Dormand: 20.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Alastair Goodlad: 6.

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.

Insolvency Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Insolvency 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).

Forestry Measures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/1131/75 relating to Forestry Measures—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Church of England (General Synod) Measures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Ecclesiastical Judges and Legal Officers 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):—It was agreed to.

Church of England (General Synod) Measures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Cathedrals 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):—It was agreed to.

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

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

Friday, 5th March, 1976:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes past Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.19 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 4th March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Treaty Series (No. 16, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 24th September 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Israel for air services between and beyond their respective territories [by Command].
Mrs. Secretary Castle:


Mr. Edward Short:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 18th February 1976, entitled—

(1) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Locally Engaged Ratings’ Service Pensions and Gratuities) (Amendment) Order 1976, and

(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pay and Allowances) Order 1976 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Scottish Standing Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. J. M. Craigen, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Teddy Taylor, and Mr. Alexander Wilson.

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 Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: The Lord Advocate, Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. J. M. Craigen, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. George Thompson, and Mr. James R. White.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 4th March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill and the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to the First Scottish Standing Committee.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords]; Sir Thomas Williams Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill; Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Glanford and Scunthorpe (Areas) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 188); and Mr. Richard Crawshaw an additional Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].
Friday, 5th March, 1976.

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 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 3rd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 44-xl.

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

Lead Content of Petrol,—The Order of the day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment to the Question proposed yesterday, relating to Lead Content of Petrol, was read and discharged.

English Development Agencies Bill,—The English Development Agencies 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).

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

And it being Four o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted the business.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 30th April.

Industrial Training (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industrial Training (Amendment) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 21st May.

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 30th April.

Homes Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th February, That the Homes Bill be now read a second time ;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Domestic Violence Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th February, That the Domestic Violence Bill be now read a second time ;

The Question being again proposed :—The House resumed the said 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).

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.

Solicitors (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Solicitors (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. Michael Clark Hutchison.)

Committee upon Friday next.

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.3 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Friday 5th March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:
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. 239].

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. 238].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th February 1976, entitled the Skimmed Milk with Non-Milk Fat (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 294) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:
Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd February 1976, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Knitting, Lace and Net) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 275) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Medicines,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th March 1976, entitled the Medicines (Fees) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 347) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd March 1976, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 346) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Transport,—Statement of determination of the pension payable to a member of the British Railways Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Offshore Installations,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st March 1976, entitled the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 332) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th February 1976, entitled the Soft Drinks (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 295) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th February 1976, entitled the Immature Crabs and Lobsters Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 305) [by Act].

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

Tribunals and Inquiries,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th February 1976, entitled the Tribunals and Inquiries (Discretionary Inquiries) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 293) [by Act].

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 Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords] Mr. Russell Kerr; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ronald Brown.
Monday, 8th March, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Private Bills (Petitions for Bills),—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill, they had agreed to the following Special Report:

1. On 12th February 1976 they received a Memorial addressed to them by European Ferries Limited and Felixstowe Port Users Association, complaining of non-compliance with the Standing Orders of both Houses of Parliament in the matter of the Petition of the British Transport Docks Board for the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill. They complained that Standing Order 64 (Consents of Members of companies, etc., not being promoters, in case of certain bills originating in this House), which they contended was applicable to the Bill, had not been complied with.

2. Standing Order 75 (Memorials complaining of non-compliance with Standing Orders, House of Commons) prescribes that:

"(2) No party shall be heard by the Examiner unless his memorial has been deposited in the Private Bill Office—

(a) in the case of a petition for a bill deposited in that office on or before the twenty-seventh day of November, on or before the seventeenth day of December;".

The Memorial under consideration was deposited on 12th February. The Memorialists contended that the Standing Orders in relation to which Memorials must be deposited on or before 17th December are those compliance with which has to be proved before the Examiners on 18th December. Standing Order 64 is not one of them. It is one of a series, 62 to 67, known as Wharncliffe Orders, compliance with which has to be proved after Second Reading. Standing Order 75 further prescribes the time by which a Memorial shall be deposited in the following additional cases.

"(c) in the case of a petition for additional provision in a private bill, a bill referred to the Examiners after second reading, a bill brought from the House of Lords or a bill presented by leave of this House in lieu of another bill which has been withdrawn."

The Promoters contended that the present Memorial did not fall within these categories, and was therefore out of time. The Examiners, however, are in doubt as to whether the provisions of paragraph (2) of Standing Order 75 apply to the Memorial.

3. Paragraph 13 of the Memorial states that one of the Memorialists, European Ferries, are through their nominees beneficially entitled to 63,000 units of the ordinary stock of the Company. The Examiners are in doubt as to whether a party holding stock through nominees at the date of deposit of a Memorial complaining of non-compliance with Standing Order 64 is entitled to appear and to be heard upon it.

4. The Promoters contend that their bill is exempted from the requirements of Standing Order 64 (Consents of Members of companies, etc., not being promoters, in case of certain bills originating in this House) by the proviso to that standing order, which is as follows:

"Provided that this order shall not apply to any bill in so far as the provisions thereof relate to a proposal for—

(i) the compulsory acquisition by or transfer to the promoters thereof of the whole or part of the undertaking or assets of; or

(ii) the imposition of any duty or obligation upon, or the limitation of any power of,

any such company, society, association, or partnership as aforesaid, nor shall it apply to provisions in the bill for the protection of the company, society, association or partnership."

Clause 4 of the Bill provides that on the appointed day all the ordinary stock of the company shall, by virtue of that section, vest in the British Transport Docks Board free from all trusts and encumbrances. The Examiners are satisfied that the proviso applies to the Bill to the extent that this transaction is compulsory; but they are in doubt as to whether or not the vesting of the ordinary stock of the company in the board constitutes an acquisition by or transfer to the promoters of the whole or part of the undertaking or assets of the company.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).
Abortion,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Abortion, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 8th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 250-i].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, 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. 252].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, 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. 253].

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 8th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 23-xiii].

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

Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)

Agricultural Tenancies,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Government’s intention to make fresh provision with regard to agricultural tenancies.—(Mr. Secretary John Morris.)

House of Commons (Services),—Ordered, That the First Report from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) (H.C. No. 142) be now considered.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House supports the proposal that the public sound broadcasting of its proceedings should be arranged on a permanent basis.—(Mr. Edward Short):—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 Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords] and the Road Traffic (Drivers’ Ages and Hours of Work) Bill [Lords] be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 18, at the end, to add the words—

“ (4) A person who has attained the age of 70 shall, despite subsections (1) and (2) above, be eligible for appointment as a Trustee if a special resolution is placed before the appointing meeting detailing his age and which has received the prior approval of the Central Board ”.—(Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

“ (e) three representatives of employees elected through trade union machinery ”.—(Mr. Giles Radice.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 26, to leave out “ £100 million ’and insert ’ £40 million ’”—(Mr. David Knox),—instead thereof.

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

Amendments (Nos. 3 and 4) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
Road Traffic (Drivers’ Ages and Hours of Work) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Road Traffic (Drivers’ Ages and Hours of Work) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 22, to leave out “ 9 ” and insert “ 16 ”.—(Mr. John Hannam),—instead thereof.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:

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

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

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

Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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.

Violence in the Family.—Ordered, That Sir George Young be discharged from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family and that Mr. Peter Bottomley 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):—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 three minutes to One o’clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.57 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 8th March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Crown’s Nominee Account,—Abstract Account of Receipts and Payments by the Treasury Solicitor in 1975 in the Administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Rules, dated 26th February 1976, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Radar) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 302) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

National Enterprise Board,—Statement by the Secretary of State for Industry, pursuant to section 5(6) of the Industry Act 1975, specifying the amount of the consideration for the transfer of certain shares held by him or his nominees in Brown Boveri Kent Ltd. to the National Enterprise Board and their nominees [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Local Government,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th February 1976, entitled the Local Government Area Changes Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 246) [by Act].

Mobile Homes,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th March 1976, entitled the Mobile Homes (Discounts and Commissions) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 365) [by Act].

Transport,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st March 1976, entitled the National Freight Corporation (Commencing Capital Debt) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 329) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture,—Copy of the Annual Review of Agriculture, for 1976 [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 Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords] Mr. Michael Jopling; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Colin Shepherd.

MEMORANDA

Monday 8th March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the English Development Agencies Bill and the Domestic Violence Bill to Standing Committee F.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the Second Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill.

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

Tuesday, 9th March, 1976.

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.:

Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society Bill.

Bill committed.

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 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 (Eleventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xvi].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 9th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 257].

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 (Tenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-xiii].

Violence in the Family,—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, 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. 260].
Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.—Sir Thomas Williams reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) 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. 256].

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.

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 87].

Education (Married Persons of Compulsory School Age) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Education (Married Persons of Compulsory School Age) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 30th April.

Solicitors (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Friday next, on the Solicitors (Scotland) Bill [Lords], was read and discharged.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday 19th March, resolve itself into the said Committee.

New Member Sworn.—Geoffrey Robinson, Esquire, Member for Coventry North West, was sworn.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. Jim Callaghan, supported by Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Miss Janet Fookes, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Sydney Tienney, Mr. Terry Walker, and Mr. David Young, presented a Bill to amend the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970; and to provide access and parking facilities for disabled persons at newly provided places of employment in order to improve employment opportunities for disabled persons; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next and to be printed [Bill 84].

Regional Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of the Yorkshire and Humberside Economic Planning Council Regional Strategy Review be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs. (Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Local Government Act 1972 (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of allowances to members of local authorities and other bodies; to facilitate the recovery of loss of earnings especially for self-employed persons; and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. John Farr, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Peter Fry, and Mr. Stephen Ross, do prepare and bring it in.

Local Government Act 1972 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. John Farr accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of allowances to members of local authorities and other bodies; to facilitate the recovery of loss of earnings especially for self-employed persons; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th June and to be printed [Bill 83].

Public Expenditure.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, in rejecting the demand for massive and immediate cuts in public expenditure which would increase both unemployment and the cost of living, recognises the need to ensure that manufacturing industry can take full advantage of the upturn in world trade by levelling off total public expenditure from April 1977 while keeping under continuous review the priority between programmes—(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 "declines to approve a White Paper which will lead only to lower living standards, fewer jobs and higher taxes"—(Sir Geoffrey Howe), instead thereof.

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow

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

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 I

Tuesday 9th March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 19th, 24th, 30th, 31st December 1975, and 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 12th and 14th January 1976 relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 258].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th March 1976, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 370) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Treaty Series (No. 17, 1976),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Dacca on 3rd July 1975, concerning cereals to be supplied by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of Bangladesh within the framework of the Cereals Food Aid Programme of the European Economic Community (United Kingdom Food Aid Grant: Bangladesh Agreement 1975) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd March 1976, entitled the Lochaber and Skye and Lochalsh Districts (Boundaries) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 340) [by Act].


Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st March 1976, entitled the Child Interim Benefit (Determination of Questions) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 308) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th March 1976, entitled the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 369) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Rates,—Copies of Orders, dated 16th February 1976, entitled—

(1) the Rate Rebate (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 54), and

(2) the Rates (Recreational Hereditaments) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 55) [by Act].


Legal Aid and Advice,—Copies of Regulations, dated 19th February 1976, entitled—

(1) the Legal Advice (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 75), and

(2) the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 74) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Food Subsidies,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th March 1976, entitled the Prices Act 1974 (Continuation of Section 1) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 358) [by Act].
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 Mrs. Jill Knight (nominated in respect of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ivor Stanbrook.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Tom Torney (nominated in respect of the Fat Sheep (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 250) and the Fat Sheep (Guarantee Payments) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 249)); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Joseph Harper.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 9th March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Race Relations Bill to Standing Committee A; the Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B; and the Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to the First Scottish Standing Committee.

[No. 66.]

Wednesday, 10th March, 1976.

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).

Nottingham City Council 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 Nottingham City Council Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereof; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Standard Life Assurance Company 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 Standard Life Assurance Company Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

Armed Forces Bill,—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 10th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 248-ii].

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 (Thirteenth Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xiii].

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 Sub-Committee A on 10th March (at a meeting held concurrently with Sub-Committee D of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities).

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 241-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 Environment Sub-Committee on 10th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 44-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 Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 10th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 64-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 10th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 104-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 Energy Resources Sub-Committee on 10th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 24-vii].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 23-xiv].

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

Dangerous Wild Animals Bill,—Miss Janet Fookes reported from Standing Committee F, That they had gone through the Dangerous Wild Animals Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 14th May ; and to be printed [Bill 89].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 267].

Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords], That they had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows: That the Committee recommend that the Land Drainage (Amendment) 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. 261].

Welsh Grand Committee,—Sir Thomas Williams reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That they had considered the matter of Housing in Wales, referred to them on 2nd March, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 264].

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. Michael English reported from the Northern Ireland Committee, That they had considered the matter of Health and Social Services in Northern Ireland, referred to them on 19th February, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 265].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Glanford and Scunthorpe (Areas) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 188), referred to a Committee on 2nd March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 262].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fat Sheep (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 250) and the Fat Sheep (Guarantee Payments) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 249), referred to a Committee on 3rd March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 263].
Indecent Displays,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make fresh provision with respect to the display, advertisement or distribution of indecent matter and the use of machines for the viewing of indecent pictures; and for purposes connected with those matters: And that Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Mr. Mark Carlisle, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. John Page, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. Tim Renton, and Mr. Jonathan Aitken, do prepare and bring it in.

Indecent Displays Bill,—Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies accordingly presented a Bill to make fresh provision with respect to the display, advertisement or distribution of indecent matter and 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 next and to be printed [Bill 88].

Supply [11th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Public Expenditure,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment to the Question proposed yesterday, That this House, in rejecting the demand for massive and immediate cuts in public expenditure which would increase both unemployment and the cost of living, recognises the need to ensure that manufacturing industry can take full advantage of the upturn in world trade by levelling off total public expenditure from April 1977 while keeping under continuous review the priority between programmes;

Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word “House” to the end of the Question and add the words “declines to approve a White Paper which will lead only to lower living standards, fewer jobs and higher taxes”,—instead thereof;

And the Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 274.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Tom Pendry: 304.
So the Question was negatived.
And the Main Question being put:
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Tom Pendry: 256.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 284.
So the Question was negatived.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.26 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 10th March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:


Mr. Secretary Ross:

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 2nd March 1976, entitled—

(1) the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Extension of Proceedings) Regulations 1976, and
(2) the Legal Aid (Scotland) (General) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 333)
[by Act].
Mrs. Secretary Castle:


Mr. Secretary Varley:

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

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Local Government.—Copy of an Order, dated 1st March 1976, entitled the Local Authorities etc. (Miscellaneous Provision) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 315) [by Act].

Road Traffic.—Copies of Regulations—
(2) dated 27th February 1976, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 317), and
(3) dated 27th February 1976, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 316) [by Act].


Mr. Frederick Peart:

Sugar.—Copy of an Order, dated 1st March 1976, entitled the Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 324) [by Act].

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

Legal Aid and Advice.—Copies of Regulations, dated 2nd March 1976, entitled—
(1) the Legal Aid (Extension of Proceedings) Regulations 1976, and
(2) the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 338) [by Act].


Supreme Court of Judicature.—Copy of Rules, dated 27th February 1976, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment) 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 337) [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 Race Relations Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. John Carson, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. A. G. F. Hall-Davis, Mr. Secretary Jenkins, Mr. David Lane, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Evan Luard, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. William Whitelaw, Mr. Frederick Willey, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

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 Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Jim Marshall, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Bruce Millan, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Roger Moore, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. George Reid, Mr. Wyn Roberts, Mr. Peter Tapsell, and Mr. Bernard Weatherill.

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 Insolvency Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Bryan
Standing Committee D.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Miss Margaret Jackson (nominated in respect of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Tom Pendry.

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Miss Joan Lestor (nominated in respect of the Education Bill); and had appointed in substitution Miss Margaret Jackson.

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 Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. R. E. Bean, Mr. Harold Boardman, Mr. James Boyd, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Timothy Raison, Mr. Albert Roberts, Sir Anthony Royle, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Norman Tebbit, and Mr. Cyril D. Townsend.

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 Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: The Lord Advocate, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. John Corrie, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. James White, Mr. Alexander Wilson, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

Second Scottish Standing Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they discharged from the Second Scottish Standing Committee Mr. David Steel (nominated in respect of the Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Russell Johnston.

Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had added Mr. Gregor Mackenzie to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, in respect of the matter of the Yorkshire and Humberside Economic Planning Council Regional Strategy Review.

MEMORANDA
Wednesday 10th March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Insolvency Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Michael English Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords]; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords]; Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; and Mr. R. Bonner Fink an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Education Bill.

[No. 67.]
Thursday, 11th March, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
British Transport Docks Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks Bill;

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

British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) 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 Thursday next.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boydén 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 Subcommittee on 9th December and 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. 270].

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

Education (School-leaving Dates) Bill [Lords].—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Education (School-leaving Dates) Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 91].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 269].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) 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 Shops Acts 1950 to 1965 in relation to Sunday trading at holiday resorts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Shops (Holiday Resorts—Sunday Trading) Bill [Lords].

Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 92].

Freedom of Speech (Restoration) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Freedom of Speech (Restoration) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 19th March.

Passports Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Passports Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 19th March.

Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill be read a second time upon Friday 19th March.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. James A. Dunn: 297.

So the Question was negatived.
Development Land Tax Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Development Land Tax Bill;

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

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Department of Housing, Local Government and Planning (Dissolution) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th February, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th February, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Members' Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th February, be approved.—(Mr. Roland Moyle.)

Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 25th February, be approved—(Mr. Roland Moyle);

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

Friday, 12th March, 1976:

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 Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 25th February, be approved.

Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

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

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

Land Drainage (Amendment) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Land Drainage (Amendment) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Land Drainage Act 1930, the Land Drainage Act 1961, Part IV of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968 and related enactments, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums so payable under any other Act.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision as to the powers of the Law Society of Scotland to intervene in the professional practice and conduct of solicitors; to make provision for the appointment of a lay observer to examine the Society's treatment of complaints about solicitors and the appointment of lay members of the Scottish Solicitors' Discipline Tribunal; to extend the powers of that Tribunal; to make provision as to the indemnity of solicitors against professional liability; to amend the Solicitors (Scotland) Acts 1933 to 1965; and for connected purposes, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(1) such remuneration and expenses of the lay observer and his staff, and
(2) such fees and allowances for the lay members of the Scottish Solicitors' Discipline Tribunal,
as the Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Minister for the Civil Service, determine.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Fat Sheep (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 250), a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr. James A. Dunn):—It was agreed to.

Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Fat Sheep (Guarantee Payments) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 249), a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr. James A. Dunn):—It was agreed to.
Armed Forces Bill,—Ordered, That Mr. R. E. Bean be discharged from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill and that Mr. Ben Ford be added to the Committee.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.39 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 11th March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Civil and Defence Estimates (Excesses), 1974–75,—Statement of the sums required to be voted in order to make good excesses on certain grants for Civil and Defence Services for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 254].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
Pensions (Miscellaneous No. 6, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Kingstown on 20th October 1975, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of St. Vincent concerning public officers' pensions [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 18, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Neuilly-sur-Seine between 20th December 1971 and 31st January 1972, between Sweden, other member states of the European Space Research Organisation, and the European Space Research Organisation, on a special project concerning the launching of sounding rockets [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Animals,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 10th March 1976, entitled the Milk (Eradication of Brucellosis) (Variation) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 387) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd March 1976, entitled the National Health Service (Family Practitioner Committees: Membership and Procedure) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 334) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Acquisition of Land,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th February 1976, entitled the Compulsory Purchase of Land Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 300) [by Act].

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th March 1976, entitled the City of London Loans Fund Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 359) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 5th March 1976, entitled the Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) Order 1976, and
(2) dated 11th March 1976, entitled the Gas Hereditaments (Rateable Values) Order 1976 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary John Morris:
Town and Country Planning,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th July 1974, entitled the Borough of Newport (Shaftesbury Park) Appropriation Order 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 Mr. Secretary Jenkins and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth (nominated in respect of the Race Relations Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Neville Sandelson and Mr. John Watkinson.

Second Scottish Standing Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Second Scottish Standing Committee Mr. Norman Buchan (nominated in respect of the Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill); and had appointed in substitution the Lord Advocate.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords] Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Sir Bernard Braine, and Mr. Clinton Davis; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Gordon Oakes, and Mr. John Wakeham.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 11th March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Thomas Williams Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords] Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Sir Bernard Braine, and Mr. Clinton Davis; and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of the Yorkshire and Humberside Economic Planning Council Regional Strategy Review.

[No. 68.] 

Friday, 12th March, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

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

New Towns (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Crosland, supported by Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. John Silkin, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. Ernest Armstrong, and Mr. Alec Jones, presented a Bill to provide for the transfer to district councils of the interest of the Commission for the New Towns and development corporations in dwellings and of any associated property, rights, liabilities and obligations; to increase the maximum number of members of development corporations; 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 90].

Industrial Common Ownership Bill,—The Industrial Common Ownership 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).

Road Accident Compensation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Accident Compensation 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 14th May.

Scottish Banknotes Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scottish Banknotes Bill:

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

Homes Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th February, That the Homes Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till 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 30th April.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.—The Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) (No. 2) 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).

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th July.

Violence in the Family.—Ordered, That the Select Committee on Violence in the Family 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. Michael Cocks.)

Violence in the Family.—Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage in the last Session of Parliament be referred to the Select Committee on Violence in the Family.—(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 I

Friday 12th March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:


Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Friendly Societies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd March 1976, entitled the Friendly Societies (Fees) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 353) [by Act].

Industrial and Provident Societies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd March 1976, entitled the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment of Fees) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 355) [by Act]

Savings Banks,—Draft of a Warrant, entitled the Savings Banks (Registrar's Fees) Warrant 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Housing (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd March 1976, entitled the Housing (Limits of Rateable Value for Improvement Grants) (Variations) (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 350) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Rating and Valuation.—Copy of an Order, dated 11th March 1976, entitled the Natural Gas Terminals (Rateable Values) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 391) [by Act].

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

Building Societies.—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th March 1976, entitled the Building Societies (Fees) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 342) [by Act].

Industrial Assurance.—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th March 1976, entitled the Industrial Assurance (Fees) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 341) [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 Sir Anthony Meyer and Mr. Roger Moate (nominated in respect of the Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Sir John Gilmour and Mr. Michael Latham.

[No. 69.]


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).

Abortion.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Abortion, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 15th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 250-ii].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 53-v].

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 2nd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 236-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 15th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-xi].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to revise the statute law of Northern Ireland by repealing obsolete, spent, unnecessary or superseded enactments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Statute Law Revision (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords]].

Statute Law Revision (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The Statute Law Revision (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 94].
Development Land Tax Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Development Land Tax 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 accepting that increases of land values resulting from planning decisions should bear a special tax, nevertheless declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which—

(a) imposes a levy at a rate which will serve only to inhibit the supply of land, and
(b) will in many cases impose tax liabilities before profits or even returns from development can be realised”—(Mr. Timothy Raison),—instead thereof.

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather: 258.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Donald Coleman: 292.

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).

Local Loans.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 18th February, be approved—(Mr. Denzil Davies);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. James A. Dunn: 111.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. Ian Gow: 7.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 18th February, be approved.

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

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

Monday 15th March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd March 1976, entitled the Aerodrome Traffic (Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Prestwick) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 365) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Community Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th March 1976, entitled the Community Land (Operational Land of the National Coal Board) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 405) [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 [20th February] from London and elsewhere for the preventing of experiments in psychosurgery on mental patients [by Standing Order]; to be printed.
MEMORANDUM

Monday 15th March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Industrial Common Ownership Bill and the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill to Standing Committee F.

PRAYERS.

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

Standard Life Assurance Company Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Standard Life Assurance Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

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 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. 54-xvii].

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 Sub-Committee B on 16th March (at a meeting held concurrently with Sub-Committee A of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities).

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 272-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 A on 16th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 273].

Privileges,—Mr. G. R. Strauss reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the question whether a contempt of the House was committed by the National Coal Board in dismissing W. A. Grimshaw, Esquire, previously a witness before the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, 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 (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 274].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 274].

Privileges,—Mr. G. R. Strauss reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the matter of the complaint by Sir Bernard Braine of words alleged to have been used by a spokesman of the National Abortion Campaign Steering Committee, 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 (Fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 275].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 275].

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 Trustee Savings Banks Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Road Traffic (Drivers’ Ages and Hours of Work) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

New Members sworn,—

Francis Nigel Forman, Esquire, Member for Sutton, Carshalton, was sworn.

David James Fletcher Hunt, Esquire, M.B.E., Member for Wirral, was sworn.

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Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972 (Commencement No. 4) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Commonwealth Development Corporation (Extension of Limits on Borrowing and Advances) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Regional Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of Greater London be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Transport (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the licensing of public service vehicles: And that Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr. Peter Fry, and Mr. John Cope, do prepare and bring it in.

Transport (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Richard Luce accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the licensing of public service vehicles: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 21st May and to be printed [Bill 95].

House of Commons (Services),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 8th March, That this House supports the proposal that the public sound broadcasting of its proceedings should be arranged on a permanent basis;

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. Joan Evans, Mr. Tim Rathbone: 299.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. Tim Renton: 124.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House supports the proposal that the public sound broadcasting of its proceedings should be arranged on a permanent basis.

Energy Policy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/210/76 and R/253/76 and of the Government’s view that Culham is the best site for the Joint European Torus project—(Mr. John Smith);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from “R/253/76” to the end of the Question, and add the words “and further recognises the outstanding experience and facilities of the Culham Laboratory in the field of thermo-nuclear fusion, considers Culham to be the most appropriate location for the Joint European Torus, and calls on the Government to secure the choice of Culham as the research centre”—(Mr. John Biffen),—instead thereof.

The Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:

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.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/210/76 and R/253/76, and further recognises the outstanding experience and facilities of the Culham Laboratory in the field of thermo-nuclear fusion, considers Culham to be the most appropriate location for the Joint European Torus, and calls on the Government to secure the choice of Culham as the research centre.

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

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

Tuesday 16th March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Royal Commission on the Press,—Copy of an Interim Report of the Royal Commission on the Press, entitled the National Newspaper Industry [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
Expenditure (Miscellaneous No. 9, 1976),—Copy of Government Observations on the Eighth Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1974-75, relating to diplomatic manpower and property overseas [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Rating and Valuation,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th March 1976, entitled the Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) Order 1976 [by Act].

Town and Country Planning,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th October 1975, entitled the Borough of Watford (Knutsford Playing Fields) Appropriation 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:
Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines,—Statement by the Secretary of State for Energy pursuant to section 42(3) of the Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines Act 1975, concerning a guarantee given by the Secretary of State on a loan advanced by Barclays Merchant Bank Limited and N. M. Rothschild & Sons Limited to Tricentrol Thistle Development Limited [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th March 1976, entitled the Butter Prices (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 410) [by Act].

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 16th March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B and the Development Land Tax Bill to Standing Committee J.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Thomas Williams an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords].

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Wednesday, 17th March, 1976.

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 D).

Australian Estates Companies 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 Australian Estates Companies Bill 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.—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 Legitimacy Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred. That they had gone through the Bill, and had made no Amendment thereunto, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 278].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 278].

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 Fatal Accidents Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred. That they had gone through the Bill, and had made no Amendment thereunto, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 279].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 279].

Armed Forces Bill.—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 17th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 248-ii].

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 (Fourteenth Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 15th and 17th March to be printed [No. 8-xiv].

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 Sub-Committee A on 17th March (at a meeting held concurrently with Sub-Committee D of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities).

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 241-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 17th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-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 17th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-xiv].

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 them on 29th October 1975, in the last Session of Parliament, and on 14th and 28th January and 11th February, together with an Appendix: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 282].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 282].

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 17th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 23-xv].

Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee F, That they had gone through the Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords] and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 7th May; and to be printed [Bill 97].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 281].

Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords].—Sir Thomas Williams reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) 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 Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) 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. 280].

Regional Affairs.—Mr. John Wells reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, That they had considered the matter of the Yorkshire and Humberside Economic Planning Council Regional Strategy Review, referred to them on 9th March, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 277].

Passports Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Passports Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 26th March.

Standing Orders.—Ordered, That the Standing Orders Committee have leave to make a Special Report.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders 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:

On 8th March 1976 the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills made a Special Report to the House under Standing Order 79 stating that they felt doubts as to the due construction of Standing Orders 64 and 75 in relation to the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill and to a Memorial complaining of non-compliance with the Standing Orders on the part of the Promoters of that Bill.

The Committee have considered the Examiners' Report in accordance with Standing Order 104(2); but in view of the complexity and unusual nature of the problems raised by the Examiners, the Committee have thought it right to embody their conclusions in a Special Report rather than to employ one of the forms of Report prescribed in that Standing Order.

The Memorial deposited by European Ferries Limited and Felixstowe Port Users Association on 12th February 1976 is described on its face as a Memorial complaining of non-compliance with the Standing Orders of both Houses of Parliament; and in part it complains that the promoters of the Bill have not complied with Standing Order 64. The Committee, however, consider that this was not the main purpose of the Memorial. Compliance with Standing Order 64 is a matter which is examined after Second Reading of the Bill. This Memorial was deposited in advance of the Bill being read a second time; and its main purpose was to contend that Standing Order 64 was applicable to the Bill and to a Memorial complaining of non-compliance with the Standing Orders on the part of the Promoters of that Bill.

The Committee have considered the Examiners' Report in accordance with Standing Order 104(2); but in view of the complexity and unusual nature of the problems raised by the Examiners, the Committee have thought it right to embody their conclusions in a Special Report rather than to employ one of the forms of Report prescribed in that Standing Order.

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There is no explicit provision in the Standing Orders for a Memorial relating to the applicability of Standing Orders to a Bill. In particular the provisions of Standing Order 75 do not appear to cover such a Memorial. The Committee therefore consider that the Memorialists did not have an absolute entitlement to be heard on the allegations in their Memorial; but that it was perfectly proper for the Examiners to exercise their discretion in favour of hearing them. It also follows that no question of locus standi can arise in this case.

The final problem raised by the Examiners in their Special Report was whether the proviso to Standing Order 64 applies to the Bill and thereby exempts its promoters from the requirements of the Standing Order. In particular they expressed a doubt as to whether or not the vesting of the ordinary stock of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company in the British Transport Docks Board, provided for in the Bill, constituted "acquisition by, or transfer to, the promoters . . . of the whole or part of the undertaking or assets of [the Company]". In the Committee's opinion, the acquisition of the shares of a Company is now a regular and commonly understood method of gaining effective control of an undertaking and its assets. The purpose of Standing Order 64 is to meet the particular case of a Bill promoted by a company controlling other companies and to provide in such a case that meetings should be held to obtain
the consent of the shareholders of all the companies concerned; its purpose is not to afford a general protection for shareholders in all cases where a Bill is promoted which affects their interests. The Committee have therefore concluded that Standing Order 64 is not applicable to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Business of the House (Supply).—Ordered, That this day, as soon as the House has entered upon the Business of Supply, Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith the Questions which under the provisions of paragraph (11) of Standing Order No. 18 (Business of Supply) he is directed to put at Ten o’clock.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Legal Aid (Extension of Proceedings) Regulations 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Gas Hereditaments (Rateable Values) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Coal Industry (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 the licensing of privately owned coalmines—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley);

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. Ian Gow, Mr. Nicholas Ridley: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. Edwin Wainwright: 205.

So the Question was negatived.

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 which he was directed to put at Ten o’clock by paragraph (11) of Standing Order No. 18 (Business of Supply).

Defence Estimate, 1976-77 (Navy)

Vote A: Numbers

1. The Question being put, That during the year ending on 31st March 1977 a number not exceeding 78,000 Officers, Ratings and Royal Marines be maintained for Naval Service:—It was agreed to.

Defence Estimate, 1976-77 (Army)

Vote A: Numbers

2. The Question being put, That during the year ending on 31st March 1977 a number not exceeding 189,500 all ranks be maintained for Army Service, a number not exceeding 65,000 for the Regular Reserve, a number not exceeding 86,500 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, 1976-77 (Air)

Vote A: Numbers

3. The Question being put, That during the year ending on 31st March 1977 a number not exceeding 93,800 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, 1975-76

4. The Question being put, That a further Supplementary sum not exceeding £951,518,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1976, for expenditure on Civil Defence Services, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 173, 174, 238 and 239;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. John Ellis : 188.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. David Penhaligon : 20.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That a further Supplementary sum not exceeding £951,518,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1976, for expenditure on Civil and Defence Services as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 173, 174, 238 and 239.

Civil and Defence Estimates, Excesses, 1974-75

5. The Question being put, That a sum not exceeding £12,737,351.80 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 1975, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 254:—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, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. Denzil Davies, do prepare and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill,—Mr. Robert Sheldon 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 93].

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. Peter Snape);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 265.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Thomas Cox : 285.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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 Housing (Amendment) Scotland Bill and the Education (School-leaving Dates) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 11, to leave out the words "five hundred" and insert the words "four hundred and fifty"—(Mr. Teddy Taylor),—instead thereof.

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

The Bill was 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 (School-leaving Dates) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Education (School-leaving Dates) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 9, to leave out subsection (4).—(Dr. Keith Hampson.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.45 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 17th March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:
Civil Estimates, 1976-77,—Estimates for Civil Departments for the year ending 31st March 1977 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 276].
Defence Estimates, 1976-77,—Estimates for Defence Services for the year ending 31st March 1977 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 266].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Income Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th March 1976, entitled the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 4) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 381) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th March 1976, entitled the Local Education Authorities Recoupment (Further Education) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 376) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Defence (Ulster Defence Regiment),—Copy of an Order, providing for an Amendment (No. 13) to the Regulations for the Ulster Defence Regiment 1969 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Coal Industry,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Coal Industry (Redundancy Payments Schemes) (Extension) Order 1976,
(2) the Coking Coal Grants (Extension) Order 1976,
(3) the National Coal Board (Pit Closures Grants) (Extension) Order 1976,
(4) the National Coal Board (Stocking Grants) (Extension) Order 1976, and
(5) the Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1976
[by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on conspiracy and criminal law reform [by Act]; to be printed [No. 176].

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 Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Antony Buck, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. George Grant, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Marcus Kimbell, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Julius Silverman, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Hamish Watt, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

Standing Committee J,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty-one Members to serve on Standing Committee J in respect of the Development Land Tax Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Edmund Doll, Mr. Jack Dunnett, Mr. Joan Evans, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. John Lee, Mr. David Marquand, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. John Roper, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Ian Stewart, and Mr. John Wakeham.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972 (Commencement No. 4) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gowley, Mrs. Judith Hart, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Bruce Millan, Mr. Hector Munro, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Teddy Taylor, and Mr. Alexander Wilson.
Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Commonwealth Development Corporation (Extension of Limits on Borrowing and Advances) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. John D. Grant, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. Colin Jackson, Mr. Evan Luard, Mr. J. P. W. Mallalieu, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Stanley Newens, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Christopher Tugendhat, and Mr. Patrick Wall.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Legal Aid (Extension of Proceedings) Regulations 1976, viz.: Mr. Antony Buck, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Ted Fletcher, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. Percy Grieve, Mr. Joseph Harper, Sir Michael Havers, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Geraint Morgan, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Tom Urwin, Mr. Daiyyd Wigley, Mrs. Audrey Wise, and Mr. David Young.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) Order 1976 and the Gas Hereditaments (Rateable Values) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Tim Callaghan, Mr. William Craig, Mr. David Crouch, Sir William Elliott, Mr. Raymond Fletcher, Mr. David Ginsburg, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. John Mendelson, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. David Walder, and Mr. William Whitlock.

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 Greater London.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 17th March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972 (Commencement No. 4) Order 1976 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Commonwealth Development Corporation (Extension of Limits on Borrowing and Advances) Order 1976 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Legal Aid (Extension of Proceedings) Regulations 1976 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) Order 1976 and the Gas Hereditaments (Rateable Values) Order 1976 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Donald Kaberry an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Police Bill; Miss Janet Fookes an additional Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Dock Work Regulation Bill; Mr. John Spence an additional Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords]; Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of Standing Committee J in respect of the Development Land Tax Bill; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of Greater London; and Miss Janet Fookes an additional Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

[No. 72.]

Thursday, 18th March, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill;

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

British Transport Docks Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next at Seven o’clock.

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 Thursday next.

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

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

Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill [Lords], Miss Janet Fookes reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill [Lords], 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. 283].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision with respect to school commencement and leaving dates and the supply of milk in schools; to provide for the remuneration of members of Independent Schools Tribunals; to make provision with respect to the construction of educational endowment schemes; to make minor amendments to the Education (Scotland) Act 1962 and the Education (Scotland) Act 1969; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the United Kingdom to accede to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP); and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Education (School-leaving Dates) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 99].

International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords],—The International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 98].

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 21, at end insert—

"(2) In paragraph 6(5) of Schedule 1 to the principal Act there shall be inserted after the word "objects" the following words:

"on grounds of sincerely held personal conscientious conviction not motivated by hope of financial gain or material advantage or ..."

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. David Stoddart, Mr. Peter Snape : 298.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 253.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2, in page 1, line 21, at end insert New Clause A (Charter on freedom of the press).

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. James Prior.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Fred Silvester : 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Peter Snape : 292.

So the Question was negatived.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment (No. 2)—(Mr. Secretary Foot);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. John Ellis: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. John Corrie: 253.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3 was 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. Albert Booth, Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Secretary Foot, and Mr. James Prior.

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

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Foot 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 Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) 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 1, line 21, for the following Reason:

Because the Clause, as amended, would lead to too much uncertainty in union membership agreements.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill, and Amendments.

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;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 19th March, 1976:

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.

Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) 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).

Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to dissolve the Maplin Development Authority, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the extinguishment by virtue of its transfer to the Secretary of State, of any liability of the said Authority to the Secretary of State;

(b) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State by virtue of the said Act;

(c) the payment of any sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes to Four o’clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.33 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Thursday 18th March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
- Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 18th March 1976, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Votes for Pensions, &c. (Overseas Services) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
- Treaty Series (No. 20, 1976),—Copy of a Convention, signed at New York between 10th July and 31st December 1958, on the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
- University Grants Committee,—Copy of the Annual Survey of the University Grants Committee for 1974-75 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
- Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th March 1976, entitled the Rent Book (Forms of Notice) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 378) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

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. Norman Buchan (nominated in respect of the Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Leslie Spriggs.

Standing Committee J,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee J Mr. Tom Pendry and Mr. John Wakeham (nominated in respect of the Development Land Tax Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. James A. Dunn and Mr. Michael Spicer.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 18th March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill and of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972 (Commencement No. 4) Order 1976; Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Commonwealth Development Corporation (Extension of Limits on Borrowing and Advances) Order 1976; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Legal Aid (Extension of Proceedings) Regulations 1976; and Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) Order 1976 and the Gas Hereditaments (Rateable Values) Order 1976.
Friday, 19th March, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Regional Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of the Yorkshire and Humberside Economic Planning Council Regional Strategy Review be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Regional Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of the South-East Region be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Religious Education in Schools.—Resolved, That this House recognises the need to maintain and improve the opportunities for religious education and an act of worship in schools. —(Mr. Michael Alison.)

Sex Discrimination Act (Age of Retirement) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sex Discrimination (Age of Retirement) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 18th June.

Solicitors (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solicitors (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 25 agreed to.
Clause No. 26 (Citation and construction).
An Amendment (No. 1) made.
Clause, as amended, 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 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 an Amendment.

Freedom of Speech (Restoration) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Freedom of Speech (Restoration) Bill;

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

Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill;

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

Scottish Banknotes Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scottish Banknotes Bill;

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

Homes Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th February, That the Homes Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Abortion,—Ordered, That Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Dr. M. S. Miller, Sir George Sinclair and Mr. David Steel be discharged from the Select Committee on Abortion and that Mr. Nicholas Winterton 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. 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-six minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

Adjourned at 4.34 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 19th March 1976

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th March 1976, entitled the Provision of Milk and Meals (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 402) [by Act].

Monday, 22nd March, 1976.

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,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Abortion, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 22nd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 250-iiil.

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 22nd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 33-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 General Purposes Sub-Committee on 22nd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 286-il.

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 Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords have agreed to the Water Charges 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 Solicitors (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Water Charges Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Water Charges Bill to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 100].

Defence (Territorial and Auxiliary Forces),—The Order made on 13th January, That the Statement showing the financial position of the Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Associations on 31st March 1975, do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 366) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Supply [13th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Impact of Personal Taxation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, believing that the impact of personal taxation is both arbitrary and too heavy, and that the machinery by which the House can influence this impact is wholly inadequate, calls for relief of this burden, for a Royal Commission on Taxation, and for procedural reforms to enable the House to maintain a continuing review of the combined effects on the ordinary taxpayer of Government income and expenditure—(Mr. John Pardoe);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word “House” to the end of the Question and add the words “believes in the need for a fair and progressive tax system, and endorses the Government’s measures in that direction”—(Mr. Robert Sheldon),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 279.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. John Pardoe: 253.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;
Resolved, That this House believes in the need for a fair and progressive tax system, and endorses the Government’s measures in that direction.

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 consideration of Lords Amendments to the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. All Bates.)

Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

(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.

Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

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 three minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.57 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Monday 22nd March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
- Redundant Churches Fund.—Copy of the Report of the Redundant Churches Fund for 1975; with the Revenue Account for the year ended 31st December 1975 and Balance Sheet as at that date [by Measure].

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 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Foot:
- Industrial Training.—Copy of an Order, dated 10th March 1976, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Food, Drink and Tobacco) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 395) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
- Social Security.—Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee on the Social Security (Invalid Care Allowance) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 409) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 271].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
- Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Industries Development (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

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 Roberts (nominated in respect of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Cecil Parkinson; and that they had discharged Mr. James A. Dunn (nominated in respect of the Insolvency Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Joseph Harper.

MEMORANDA

Monday 22nd March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) Order 1976 and the Gas Hereditaments (Rateable Values) Order 1976, in the place of Miss Janet Fookes.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 67 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland) Mr. Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Australian Estates Companies Bill,—The Australian Estates Companies Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Standard Life Assurance Company Bill,—The Standard Life Assurance Company Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 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. 54-xviii].

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 (Eleventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-xiv].

Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords],—Mr. Michael English reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 103].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 287].

Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Damages (Scotland) 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. 289].

Licensing (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Ross, supported by Mr. Secretary Jenkins and Mr. Harry Ewing, presented a Bill to make provision as respects the licensing law of Scotland; 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 101].

Obscene Publications (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Obscene Publications Acts 1959 and 1964; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Mark Carlisle, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. David Lane, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Neil Marten, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, and Mr. David Walder, do prepare and bring it in.

Obscene Publications (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Tim Renton accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Obscene Publications Acts 1959 and 1964; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 21st May and to be printed [Bill 102].

New Towns (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the New Towns (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 declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which fails to provide any right for New Town tenants to purchase their homes’—(Mr. Timothy Raison),—instead thereof.

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Anthony Berry: 233.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. John Ellis: 262.

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 (Committee of Bills).

Business of the House—Ordered, That the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Water Charges Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

New Towns (Amendment) [Money], Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to New Towns (Amendment) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the transfer to district councils of dwellings and associated property of new town corporations, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(1) grants made by the Secretary of State to district councils for the purpose of relieving any undue financial burden imposed on them by schemes providing for such transfer;
(2) the remuneration of members of, and such sums as are necessary to defray the expenses of, the New Towns Staff Commission established by that Act;
(3) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act.—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong.)

Government Trading Funds, Resolved, That the Property Services Agency Supplies Trading Fund Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 20th February, be approved.—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong.)

Water Charges Bill, The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Water Charges Bill; and the same were agreed to.

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, 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 minutes to Twelve o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.48 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 23rd March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 23rd March 1976, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for Industrial Innovation: Aerospace [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
Tin (Miscellaneous No. 7, 1976),—Copy of the Fifth International Tin Agreement, agreed at New York between 1st July 1975 and 30th April 1976 (The United Kingdom has not ratified the Agreement) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 22, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Riyadh on 23rd November 1975, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on cultural and technical co-operation [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Mr. Secretary Varley:

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

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Weights and Measures.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Weights and Measures (Pre-packed Milk in Vending Machines) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Northern Ireland.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 17th March 1976, entitled the Social Security and Family Allowances (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 427) [by Act].

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 23rd March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

[No. 76.]

Wednesday, 24th March, 1976.

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).

Armed Forces Bill.—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 24th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 248-iv].

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 (Fifteenth Report).

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [Nos. 8-xv, 64-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 Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 24th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 64-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 24th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 104-xv].

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 24th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 290].
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 24th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 23-xvi].

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

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972 (Commencement No. 4) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 16th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 293].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Commonwealth Development Corporation (Extension of Limits on Borrowing and Advances) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 16th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 291].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Michael English reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 2nd March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 298].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Legal Aid (Extension of Proceedings) Regulations 1976, referred to a Committee on 17th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 292].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) Order 1976 and the Gas Hereditaments (Rateable Values) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 17th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 294].

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

Broadcasting (Joint Committee),—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 consider the implementation of the Resolutions of both Houses in favour of the establishment of a permanent system of sound broadcasting of their proceedings, and to make recommendations; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Shops (Holiday Resorts—Sunday Trading) Bill [Lords],—The Shops (Holiday Resorts—Sunday Trading) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 30th April and to be printed [Bill 105].

Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies) (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Richard Waterlow, supported by Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Stephen Ross, and Mr. David Steel, presented a Bill to amend the Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies) Act 1969; to establish a committee to consider action to be taken on all applications for anti-dumping measures under this Act, and for connected purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next and to be printed [Bill 104].

Nationalised Industries (Election of Members),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the election of the members of the boards of nationalised industries—(Mr. Bob Cryer);

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. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Russell Kerr: 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Patrick Cormack: 144.

So the Question was negatived.

Supply [14th 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. James A. Dunn);

And it being Seven o’clock, and there being Private Business set down by the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 7 (Time for taking private business), further proceeding stood postponed.

British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill.—That Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill;

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

Mr. Walter Johnson 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. Bob Cryer, Mr. Walter Johnson : 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Peter Viggers : 236.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed.

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;

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

British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it is expedient to authorise all such increased payments into and out of the Consolidated Fund and the National Loans Fund as may result, under sections 19 to 21 of the Transport Act 1962 (borrowing by the British Transport Docks Board and other Boards; loans by the Secretary of State and Treasury guarantee of Boards’ other borrowing) from an Act of the present Session extending the powers and duties of the British Transport Docks Board with respect to the Port of Felixstowe and vesting in the Board the share capital of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company—(Dr. John Gilbert);

And it being three quarters of an hour 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. Walter Johnson, Mr. Bob Cryer : 223.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. William Shelton : 179.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise all such increased payments into and out of the Consolidated Fund and the National Loans Fund as may result, under sections 19 to 21 of the Transport Act 1962 (borrowing by the British Transport Docks Board and other Boards; loans by the Secretary of State and the Treasury guarantee of Boards’ other borrowing) from an Act of the present Session extending the powers and duties of the British Transport Docks Board with respect to the Port of Felixstowe and vesting in the Board the share capital of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company.

Financial Assistance to Industry (BP Chemicals International 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, as amended by section 22 of, and Part I of Schedule 4 to, the Industry Act 1975, in respect of the construction of an acetic acid plant at Hull by BP Chemicals International Limited sums exceeding £5,000,000 but not exceeding £10,140,000—(Mr. Neil Carmichael);

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

Thursday, 25th March, 1976:

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 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, as amended by section 22 of, and Part I of Schedule 4 to, the Industry Act 1975, in respect of the construction of an acetic acid plant at Hull by BP Chemicals International Limited sums exceeding £5,000,000 but not exceeding £10,140,000.

Licensing (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Licensing (Scotland) Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee. (Mr. Joseph Harper.)

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 fourteen minutes past One o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 24th March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes—
(1) dated 3rd February 1976,
(2) dated 6th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 27th February 1976, and
(3) dated 1st March 1976
relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 295 to 297].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Mr. Edward Short:
Pacific Islands,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 17th March 1976, entitled the Solomon Islands (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 422) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission relating to remedies in administrative law [by Command].

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. Bruce Douglas-Mann (nominated in respect of the Insolvency Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Alec Woodall.

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 Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. H. Boardman, Mr. James Boyden, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Eric Moorman, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Albert Roberts, Sir Anthony Royle, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, and Mr. John Wakeham.

Standing Committee F,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Theatres Bill, viz.: Mr. Tom Arnold, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. David Crouch, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. Andrew Faddeis, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Hugh Jenkins, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Walter Padley, Mrs. Renée Short, Mr. Michael Stewart, and Mr. G. R. Strauss.
Standing Committee F.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) Bill, viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Churchill, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Mr. John Hounam, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. David Lane, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. J. P. W. Mullalieu, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. John Mendelson, Mr. Anthony Steen, and Mr. Robert Taylor.

Standing Committee H.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee H in respect of the New Towns (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Stanley Newens, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Timothy Raison, Mr. John Silkin, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, and Mr. Andrew Welsh.

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 Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Sir Frederic Bennett, Mr. William Clark, Mr. John Cockcroft, Mr. F. P. Crowder, Mr. Anthony Fell, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Neil Marten, and Mr. John Moore.

Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had added Mr. Gregor Mackenzie to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of the Yorkshire and Humberside Economic Planning Council Regional Strategy Review.

Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had added Mr. Gregor Mackenzie to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of the South East Region.

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 Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 366), viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Michael Jepling, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. John Parker, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Sydney Tiperney, Mr. Tom Toney, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 24th March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the New Towns (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee H, and the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 366) to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Michael English Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill in the place of Mr. John Spence, and Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Second Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill in the place of Mr. Alan Fitch.

[No. 77.]


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

PRAYERS.

Nottingham City Council Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Nottingham City Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill;

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

British Transport Docks Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks 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 Thursday next.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boydén 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. 299].

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 25th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-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 agreed to the Post Office (Banking Services) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

Scottish Bank Notes Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Scottish Bank Notes Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 2nd April.

Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies) (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies) (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 2nd April.

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

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 Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919:

2. Road Traffic (Drivers’ Ages and Hours of Work) Act 1976.


Adjournment.—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn; The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—Resolved, That the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Extension of Proceedings) Regulations 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th March, be approved.—(Mr. Harry Ewing.)
Coal Industry,—Resolved, That the Coal Industry (Redundancy Payments Schemes) (Extension) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 17th March, be approved.——(Mr. Alex Eadie.)

Coal Industry,—Resolved, That the Coking Coal Grants (Extension) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 17th March, be approved.——(Mr. Alex Eadie.)

Coal Industry,—Resolved, That the National Coal Board (Pit Closures Grants) (Extension) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 17th March, be approved.——(Mr. Alex Eadie.)

Coal Industry,—Resolved, That the National Coal Board (Stocking Grants) (Extension) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 17th March, be approved.——(Mr. Alex Eadie.)

Coal Industry,—Resolved, That the Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 17th March, be approved.——(Mr. Alex Eadie.)

Statute Law Revision (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords],—The Statute Law Revision (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. 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 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Rating and Valuation,—Resolved, That the Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) Order 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th March, be approved.—(Mr. Gordon Oakes.)

Broadcasting (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That the Lords Message yesterday communicating a Resolution relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee of both Houses to consider the implementation of the Resolutions of both Houses in favour of the establishment of a permanent system of sound broadcasting of their proceedings, be now considered.——(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Lords Message considered accordingly.

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

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

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, &c.), That the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972 (Commencement No. 4) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 26th February, be approved.——(Mr. James A. Dunn):—It was agreed to.

Overseas Territories,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Commonwealth Development Corporation (Extension of Limits on Borrowing and Advances) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 3rd March, be approved.——(Mr. James A. Dunn):—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 (Extension of Proceedings) Regulations 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th March, be approved.——(Mr. James A. Dunn):—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, &c.), That the Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) Order 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th March, be approved—(Mr. James A. Dunn):—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, &c.), That the Gas Hereditaments (Rateable Values) Order 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th March, be approved—(Mr. James A. Dunn):—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, &c.), That the Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 25th February, 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 twenty-three minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 25th March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of Government Observations on the First Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1974-75 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

European Communities (No. 7, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 24th October 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on trade in textile products [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 21, 1976),—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 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Prisons (Scotland),—Copy of the Report on Prisons in Scotland for 1974 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Local Employment,—Accounts of the financial results, for the year ended 31st March 1975, of certain activities of the Department of Industry and the activities of the Industrial Estates Corporations in the execution of the Local Employment Act 1972; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 300].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Edward Short:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute, made by the University of Cambridge on 22nd January 1976, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:


Mr. Attorney General:

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission relating to charging orders [by Command].
Employment and Training. — Accounts prepared pursuant to section 1(5) of and paragraphs 14 and 21 of Schedule 1 to the Employment and Training Act 1973, of—

(1) the Manpower Services Commission for the period 1st January 1974 to 31st March 1975,

(2) the Employment Service Agency for the period 1st October 1974 to 31st March 1975, and

(3) the Training Services Agency for the period 1st April 1974 to 31st March 1975 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 301].

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 1975 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 302].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, — Copy of the Third Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1975-76 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 259].

Petroleum (Production). — 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 1975 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 303].

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. R. Graham Page and Mr. George Rodgers (nominated in respect of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peter Bottomley and Mr. Ernest Perry.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 25th March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of the Yorkshire and Humberside Economic Planning Council Regional Strategy Review.

[No. 78.]

Friday, 26th March, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c., — Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures (Pre-packed Milk in Vending Machines) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., — (Mr. Edward Short.)

Erosion of Personal Liberty, — A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the continuing erosion of personal liberty and freedom of choice— (Mr. Ian Gow) : — Debate arising ;

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

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

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

Freedom of Speech (Restoration) Bill, — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Freedom of Speech (Restoration) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.
Homes Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th February, That the Homes Bill be now read a second time; 

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till 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 26th March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th March 1976, entitled the Hydrocarbon Oil (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 443) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th March 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 6) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 477) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:


Prevention of Terrorism,—Copies of Orders, dated 25th March 1976, entitled—

(1) the Prevention of Terrorism (Supplemental Temporary Provisions) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 465), and

(2) the Prevention of Terrorism (Supplemental Temporary Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 466)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Food and Drinks,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th March 1976, entitled the Soft Drinks (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 442) [by Act].

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 17th March 1976, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Alteration of Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Courts) 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 441) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 25th March 1976, entitled—

(1) the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers’ Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 473), and

(2) the Motor Vehicles (Minimum Age for Driving) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 472)

[by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th March 1976, entitled the Herring (Atlanto-Scandian) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 440) [by Act].

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

**PRAYERS.**

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

Abortion,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Abortion, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 29th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 250-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 29th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 33-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 General Purposes Sub-Committee on 29th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 286 -ii].

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

International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee. (Mr. David Stoddart.)

Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of the Effect of Devolution in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for their consideration. (Mr. Edward Short.)

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.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour. (Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Information for caravanners about rating of caravan sites mentioned in section 1)—(Mr. Wyn Roberts)—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. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Michael Latham: 2.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 32.

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.

Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That during the proceedings on the matter of the Effect of Devolution in Wales, the Welsh Grand Committee have leave to sit twice on the first day on which they shall meet ; and that notwithstanding the provision of Standing Order No. 64 (Meetings of Standing Committees) the second such sitting shall not commence before Four o'clock nor 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. J. D. Dormand) ; And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning:

*Tuesday, 30th March, 1976:*

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 29th March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

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 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Industrial Training.—Copy of an Order, dated 17th March 1976, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Air Transport and Travel) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 436) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Counter-Inflation.—Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1976, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Prices and Charges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 496) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Methodist Church Bill [Lords].—Report of the Attorney General on the Methodist Church Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

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

Mental Health.—Copy of Rules, dated 18th March 1976, entitled the Mental Health Review Tribunal (Amendment) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 447) [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. Eric Moonman (nominated in respect of the Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Fred Evans; and that they had discharged Mr. Gwilym Roberts (nominated in respect of the Atomic Energy Authority (Special Constables) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ernest Fernyhough.

MEMORANDA

Monday 29th March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Weights and Measures (Pre-packed Milk in Vending Machines) Order 1976 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Effect of Devolution in Wales; and Mr. Richard Crawshaw an additional Chairman of Standing Committee J in respect of the Development Land Tax Bill.

[No. 80.]

Tuesday, 30th March, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Nottingham City Council Bill.—The Nottingham City Council 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).
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 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. 54-xiv].

Expenditure,—Mr. *James Boyd* 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 9th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 305-i].

Expenditure,—Mr. *James Boyd* 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 30th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 236-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 (Twelfth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-xv].

Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—Mr. *Peter Doig* reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] in relation to the principle of the Bill, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read a second time to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 307].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Milk (Eradication of Brucellosis) (Variation) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 387) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. *Peter Snape*).

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. *Leon Brittan*, Mr. *Eldon Griffiths*, Mr. *Antony Buck*, Mr. *Tim Renton*, Mr. *Michael Marshall*, Mr. *Nick Badgen*, Mr. *Tony Durant*, Mr. *Iain Sproat*, Mr. *Nicholas Fairbairn*, Mr. *Tim Rathbone*, and Dr. *Rhodes Boyson*, 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 30th April and to be printed [Bill 106].

Supply [15th 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. *Peter Snape*):—It was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill [Lords] and the Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. *David Stoddart*).

Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 11, to leave out from the word "employment" to the word "or" in line 13.—(Mr. *George Thompson*.)

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

An Amendment (No. 2) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) The Procurator Fiscal shall supply a list of names and addresses of witnesses whom the Crown propose to call in an inquiry under this Act to any person who so requests and who may be entitled by virtue of this Act to appear at the enquiry.”.—(Mr. *Malcolm Rifkind*).
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 5) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 7, to leave out from "(b)" to the word "may" in line 8.—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 7) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 12, after the word "or" to insert the word "fatal".—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Damages (Scotland) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 10, at the end, to insert the words "or any person not falling within paragraph (a) above who was accepted and maintained by the deceased as his spouse".—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.)

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

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The Lord Advocate, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they 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, without Amendment.

Overseas Development,—Ordered, That notwithstanding the Order of the House of 22nd November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Overseas Development, Mr. Michael Marshall be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Richard Luce be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.45 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 30th March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th March 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Spain) (Reductions) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 510) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Gaming,—Copy of the Report of the Gaming Board for Great Britain for 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 237].

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:

Treaty Series (No. 23, 1976),—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 [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Ross:
Hospital Endowments,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Hospital Trust for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 268].
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 1975 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:
Census,—Copies of the New County Reports of the Census 1971, relating to—
(1) Cornwall and Isles of Scilly, and
(2) Gwynedd,
as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Water,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 29th March 1976, entitled the Anglian Water Authority (Collection of Charges) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 515), and
(2) dated 30th March 1976, entitled the Water Authorities (Collection and Refunding of Charges) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 514) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Consumer Protection,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1976, entitled the Vitreous Enamel-ware (Safety) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 454) [by Act].
Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th March 1976, entitled the Bread Prices Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 511) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd March 1976, entitled the Diseases of Animals (Fees for the Testing of Disinfectants) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 453) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on liability for damage or injury to trespassers and related questions of occupiers' liability [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 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 308].
Hospital Endowments,—Account of the Hospital Endowments Fund for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 309].

[No. 81.]

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

PRAYERS.

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. Richard Body reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords in Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Lotteries and Amusements Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill, and had made no Amendment thereunto, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 311].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 311].
Armed Forces Bill.—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Select Committee on the
Armed Forces Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence
taken before them on 31st March.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 248-xvi].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. Julius Silverman reported from the Select Com-
mittee 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. 8-xvi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xvi].

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, together with the Minutes of the Evidence
taken on 5th February and part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken on 12th February
before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee, and 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. 312].

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 31st March.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 64-xii].

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 31st March.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 310].

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 31st March.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 24-viii].

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

Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Varley, supported by Mr. Secretary Foot,
Mr. Secretary Shore, Mr. Secretary Ross, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Edmund Dell,
and Mr. Gerald Kaufman, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the limit
on the sums borrowed by, or paid by the Secretary of State to, the British Steel Corpora-
tion and the publicly-owned companies, with respect to the powers of the Corporation
to lend and borrow and the powers of those companies to borrow and with respect to
the Corporation's accounts ; 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
107].

Electricity Supply,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the powers of
Electricity Boards to disconnect supply from certain categories of households ; and for
purposes connected therewith : And the same was read the first time ; and ordered
George Rodgers, Mr. Eric S. Hefter, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Stan
Thorne, Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mrs. Audrey Wise, Mr. John Ovenden,
and Mr. Bob Cryer, do prepare and bring it in.

Electricity Supply Bill,—Mr. Eddie Loyden accordingly presented a Bill to limit the powers
of Electricity Boards to disconnect supply from certain categories of households ; and
for purposes connected therewith : And the same was read the first time ; and ordered
to be read a second time upon Friday 18th June and to be printed [Bill 108].

Defence.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, recog-
nising the need to provide adequately for the nation's security, welcomes the Statement on
the Defence Estimates 1976 (Command Paper No. 6432) ; and, being aware of the
economic factors which have lead to cuts in all sectors of public spending, notes with
approval that the defence cuts envisaged will fall on support services rather than on
front-line forces, thereby maintaining the British contribution to NATO, the security
and territorial integrity of the United Kingdom and peace in Northern Ireland—
(Mr. Secretary Mason),

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word " House "
to the end of the Question, and add the words " recognising that the previous year's
defence cuts reduced the defences of the United Kingdom to ' absolute bedrock ' and
being aware of the continued growth of Soviet military strength and of the increasingly
unfavourable military balance between NATO and the Warsaw Pact, condemns the
Government's proposals to reduce the United Kingdom's defences for the third time
in a year."—(Mr. Ian Gilmour),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:—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 Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill
[Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour and the Motion relating
to the Fiduciary Note Issue (Extension of Period) Order 1976 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. David Stoddart)

Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to
consider the Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing
Committee.

A Clause (Information for caravanners about rating of caravan sites mentioned in
section 1)—(Mr. Wyn Roberts)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—
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 House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart : 135.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. David Mudd : 25.

So the Question was agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. David Mudd : 25.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. Peter Snape : 126.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 7, to leave out the words
"400 square yards" and insert the words "800 square yards or metric equivalent"—
(Mr. Michael Morris),—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 16, at the end, to
insert the words—
"Where by virtue of this subsection a hereditament is for purposes of section 48 of the
General Rate Act 1967 a mixed hereditament as at the 1st April in any year, it shall be
treated as being a mixed hereditament throughout the rating year beginning with that
date, notwithstanding that it appears to the rating authority or is determined to have
ceased to be one".—(Mr. Gordon Oakes)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

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

Thursday, 1st April, 1976:

Question put and agreed to.

Another Amendment (No. 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 9, at the end, to
insert the words—
"(10) For the purposes of this section a caravan pitch shall be taken as excluding a
caravan thereon which is any structure as is mentioned in section 45 of the General Rate
Act 1967".—(Mr. Michael Morris)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 7 to 10, 13, 14, 16 and 17) 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. James A. Dunn, Mr. J. D. Dormand : 100.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. David Mudd : 10.
So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
Currency and Bank Notes.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Fiduciary Note Issue (Extension of Period) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 232), dated 17th February 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th February, be withdrawn.—(Mr. Nigel Lawson):—Debate arising:

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Debate stood adjourned.

Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

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. Robert Sheldon):—It was agreed to.

Education (Scotland) [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Education (Scotland) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to school commencement and leaving dates and the supply of milk in schools, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums so payable in respect of rate support grant under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966 which is attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Island of Skye for reduction of charges on the Kyle Ferry was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes to Four o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.46 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 31st March 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Government Trading Funds,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 31st March 1976, on financial objectives for the Property Services Agency Supplies Trading Fund [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th March 1976, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 456) [by Act].

Transport,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th March 1976, entitled the Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport Area (Designation) (Variation) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 457) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th March 1976, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Shipbuilding) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 448) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census,—Copies of the New County Reports of the Census 1971, relating to—
(1) Humberside.
(2) South Yorkshire, and
(3) West Yorkshire,
as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th March 1976, entitled the Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 507) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th March 1976, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 460) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:
Welsh Church Funds,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 9th January 1976, for applying certain Welsh ecclesiastical property vested in the County Council of Mid Glamorgan pursuant to section 211 of the Local Government Act 1972 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
County Courts,—Copy of Rules, dated 16th March 1976, entitled the County Court (Costs) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 97) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Reginald Prentice:
Pensions,—Statement of pensions and gratuities granted under the Governors' Pensions Act 1957 during 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 Borough of Newport (Shaftesbury Park) Appropriation Order 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. Neville Sandelson (nominated in respect of the Race Relations Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Tom Torney.

Standing Committee H,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee H Mr. Andrew Walsh, nominated in respect of the New Towns (Amendment) Bill).

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 International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Robert Edwards, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Les Huckfield, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. Julian Ridgeway, Mr. John Straddling Thomas, and Mr. Dayfdd Thomas.

Scottish Grand Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had added Ten Members to serve on the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Licensing (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Ronald Bell, Sir Frederic Bennett, Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mr. Christopher Brodiebank-Fowler, Mr. F. A. Burden, Mr. John H. Cordle, Mr. F. P. Crowder, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, and Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies.

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had added Mr. Peter Rees to the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Effect of Devolution in Wales.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures (Pre-packed Milk in Vending Machines) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Harold Boardman, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. Anthony Fell, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Kenneth Lomas, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Robert Maclellan, Mr. J. P. W. Mallalieu, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Peter Snape, and Mr. Tom Torney.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 31st March 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Licensing (Scotland) Bill; Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Second
Reading Committee in respect of the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords]; Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 360); and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures (Pre-packed Milk in Vending Machines) Order 1976.

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Thursday, 1st April, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next at Seven o'clock.

British Transport Docks Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks 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 Thursday next.

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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 16th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 305-ii].

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 1st April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-viii].

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

Police Bill,—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Police Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 109].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 313].

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

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 (except in so far as their effect is preserved) are no longer of practical utility, and to make other provision in connection with the repeal of those enactments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Corporation to transfer certain assets of the fund of that Corporation to the British Railways Board, the British Transport Docks Board, the London Transport Executive and the National Freight Corporation in respect of certain contributing, non-contributing and superannuated members of that fund; to provide for the establishment of new funds by the bodies to which such assets are transferred and for the transfer of the persons having an interest in the transferred assets to membership of the appropriate new fund; to provide for the dissolution of the said Corporation and of the Council of the said fund; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Bill [Lords].

Broadcasting (Joint Committee).—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Select Committee of Five Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons as a Joint Committee to consider the implementation of the Resolutions of both Houses in favour of the establishment of a permanent system of sound broadcasting of their proceedings and to make recommendations.
The Lords have ordered, That Two be the quorum of the Committee; that the Committee have power to agree with the Committee of the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman; that the Evidence taken before the Joint Committee be printed, but that no copies be delivered out except to members of the Committee and to such other persons as the Committee think fit, until further Order; and that the Joint Committee have leave to report from time to time.

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

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 110].

Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Bill [Lords].—The Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Defence.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment to the Question proposed yesterday, That this House, recognising the need to provide adequately for the nation's security, welcomes the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1976 (Command Paper No. 6432): and, being aware of the economic factors which have led to cuts in all sectors of public spending, notes with approval that the defence cuts envisaged will fall on support services rather than on front-line forces, thereby maintaining the British contribution to NATO, the security and territorial integrity of the United Kingdom and peace in Northern Ireland:

Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "recognising that the previous year's defence cuts reduced the defences of the United Kingdom to 'absolute bedrock' and being aware of the continued growth of Soviet military strength and of the increasingly unfavourable military balance between NATO and the Warsaw Pact, condemns the Government's proposals to reduce the United Kingdom's defences for the third time in a year",—instead thereof:

And the Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Peter Snape: 309.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Peter Snape: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 257.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House, recognising the need to provide adequately for the nation's security, welcomes the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1976 (Command Paper No. 6432): and, being aware of the economic factors which have led to cuts in all sectors of public spending, notes with approval that the defence cuts envisaged will fall on support services rather than on front-line forces, thereby maintaining the British contribution to NATO, the security and territorial integrity of the United Kingdom and peace in Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Industries Development (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 22nd March, be approved.—(Mr. Stanley Orme):

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 Industries Development (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 22nd March, be approved.

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Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Social Security and Family Allowances (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 427), a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd March, be approved.—(Mr. Roland Moyle.)
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes to One
o’clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.39 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 1st April 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Callaghan:
Romania (No. 1, 1976).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Bucharest on 3rd February
1976, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government
of the Socialist Republic of Romania, amending the Convention for the avoidance of
double taxation with respect to taxes on income and capital gains, signed at Bucharest
on 18th September 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Animals (Northern
Ireland) Order 1976 [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. William Benyon (nominated in
respect of the Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in
substitution Mr. Spencer Le Marchant.

Second Reading Committee.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they
had discharged from the Second Reading Committee in respect of the International
Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords] Mr. Joseph Harper; and had appointed
in substitution Mr. Peter Snape.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from
the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Fourth
Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Milk (Eradication
of Brucellosis) (Variation) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 387) viz.: Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr.
Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. F. A. Burden, Mr. Dennis Canavan,
Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Michael Jopling, Dr. J.
Dickson Mabon, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr.
Harry Selby, Mr. David Steel, Mr. James White, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 1st April 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Com-
mitttees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Milk (Eradication of Brucellosis) (Variation) Scheme
1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 387) to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 83.]

Friday, 2nd April, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Regional Affairs.—The Order made on 16th March, That the matter of Greater London be
referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, was read and discharged.

British Industry.—Resolved, That this House urges the Government to give early evidence
of its determination to encourage greater productivity and profitability in industry in the
interests of increased investment and expanded opportunities of employment.—(Mr.
Michael Neubert.)
Local Government in England.—*Resolved*, That this House reaffirms its belief in the importance of local government, but recognises the need for more widespread acceptance of the principles of local democracy.—(Dr. Edmund Marshall.)

Tax Threshold.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is concerned at the financial state of single parent families, widows and the low paid, deplores the Government's procrastination over these under-privileged groups, and demands that the tax threshold should be raised to a point where cumulative benefits are not taxable and where there is, between the maximum cumulative benefits amount and the tax threshold, a space large enough to provide a sufficient incentive to take employment.—(Mr. Tony Durant):—Debate arising;

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

Scottish Bank Notes Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scottish Bank Notes Bill;

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

Homes Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th February, That the Homes Bill be now read a second time;

*Ordered*, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

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.

[Adjourned at 4.31 p.m.]

**APPENDIX**

*Friday 2nd April 1976*

**Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:**

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 8th March 1976, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 315].

Mr Secretary Shore:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd April 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 534) [by Act].

**MEMORANDUM**

*Friday 2nd April 1976*

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to the First Scottish Standing Committee, and the Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A (transferred from Standing Committee B).

[No. 84.]

*Monday, 5th April, 1976.*

**PRAYERS.**

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

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

Abortion,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Abortion, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 5th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 250-v].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boydell 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 April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 33-xiv].
Selection.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Regional Affairs.—Mr. John Wells reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, that they had considered the matter of the Yorkshire and Humber Economic Planning Council Regional Strategy Review, referred to them on 19th March, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 317].

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 increasing the rates levied by the Wimbledon and Putney Common Conservators and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Wimbledon and Putney Commons Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the transfer to Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited of the undertaking of Samuel Montagu (MBFC) Limited and for other purposes incidental thereto and consequential thereon; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited Bill [Lords].

Wimbledon and Putney Commons Bill [Lords].—The Wimbledon and Putney Commons Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited Bill [Lords].—The Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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. A. W. Stallard):—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. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 273.

So the Question was negatived.

Lead Content of Petrol.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the proposals for EEC Directives for limiting the lead content of petrol and for biological and air quality standards for lead as contained in documents R/3113/73 and R/1150/75, and the outcome of the Government review of lead in petrol.—(Mr James A. Dunn):

The Question was amended, at the end, by adding the words “accepts the principle of reducing the maximum lead content of petrol to 0.40 grams per litre as proposed by the EEC; and, whilst recognising that this will have an adverse effect on the United Kingdom balance of payments, nevertheless calls on Her Majesty's Government to take appropriate steps to achieve this aim by staged reductions.”—(Mrs. Joyce Butler.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That this House takes note of the proposals for EEC Directives for limiting the lead content of petrol and for biological and air quality standards for lead as contained in documents R/3113/73 and R/1150/75, and the outcome of the Government review of lead in petrol; accepts the principle of reducing the maximum lead content of petrol to 0.40 grams per litre as proposed by the EEC; and, whilst recognising that this will have an adverse effect on the United Kingdom balance of payments, nevertheless calls on Her Majesty’s Government to take appropriate steps to achieve this aim by staged reductions.

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 Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning:
Tuesday, 6th April, 1976:

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 5th April 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:


Mr. Secretary Ross:

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to the Lothian Region, as constituted on 16th May 1975 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Census,—Copy of the New County Report of the Census 1971, relating to West Midlands, as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st April 1976, entitled the Social Security (Transitional) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 533) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 25th March 1976, entitled—

(1) the Arkwright Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 484),

(2) the Bogside Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 482),

(3) the Bolsover Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 485),

(4) the Markham Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 481),

(5) the Monktonhall Hall Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 479),

(6) the Polkemmet Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 483),

(7) the Shirebrook Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 486),

(8) the Snibston Mine (Diesel Vehicles) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 480), and

(9) the Westthorpe Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 487) [by Act].

Mr. Edward Short:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 17th March 1976, entitled the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 421) [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 Borough of Watford (Knutsford Playing Fields) Appropriation Order 1975 [by Act].
Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Sheriffs,—Copy of a Warrant of the Lord Chancellor, dated 1st April 1976, appointing auditors of the accounts of sheriffs and under-sheriffs transmitted to the Lord Chancellor pursuant to the Sheriffs Act 1887 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—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 Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords], to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee B).

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Joseph Harper and Mr. Alec Woodall (nominated in respect of the Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Forrester and Mr. Peter Snape.

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Jack Ashley (nominated in respect of the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. William Whitlock.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Peter Snape (nominated in respect of the draft Weights and Measures (Pre-packed Milk in Vending Machines) Order 1976); and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Stoddart.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 5th April 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords].

[No. 85.]

Tuesday, 6th April, 1976.

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 the Right Honourable Brian Kevin O'Malley, Member for Rotherham, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the Right Honourable Member.

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.:

Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, 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 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 (Fifteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xx].
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 23rd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 305-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 (Thirteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 55-xvii].

Licensing (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, that they had considered the Licensing (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. 318].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords], with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendments to the Commons Amendments to the Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 112].

Financial Statement and Budget Report 1976-77.—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. (Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ross, supported by Mr. Bruce Millan, and Mr. Robert Sheldon, presented a Bill to increase the statutory limits on the amounts outstanding in respect of borrowings by the Scottish Electricity Boards, and to make provision for compensating the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board for deficits incurred or to be incurred by that Board in supplying electricity to the British Aluminium Company Limited for the operation of that Company’s aluminium reduction plant at Invergordon: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 111].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Brucellosis Compensation (Scotland) Amendment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 258) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Brucellosis (England and Wales) Compensation (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 257) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Edward Short.)

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 (Motion No. 2)
(b) Beer (Motion No. 3)
(c) Wine (Motion No. 4)
(d) Made-wine (Motion No. 5)
(e) Hydrocarbon oil etc. (Motion No. 6)
(f) Tobacco products (Motion No. 8)
(g) Value added tax (reduction of higher rate) (Motion No. 10)
(h) Vehicles excise duty (disabled persons) (Motion No. 13)—(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

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and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but, 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—

(a) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;
(b) for refunding any amount of tax;
(c) for reducing the rate at which tax is for the time being chargeable on any supply or importation otherwise than by reducing that rate in relation to all supplies and importations on which tax is for the time being chargeable at that rate; or
(d) for any relief other than relief applicable to goods of whatever description or services of whatever description—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—Debate arising;

And it being Seven o’clock, and there being Private Business set down by the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 7 (Time for taking private business), further proceedings stood postponed.

British Railways Bill,—The British Railways Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause 18—(Mr. Ivan Lawrence);

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

Ways and Means,—Amendment of the law,—The House resumed the postponed Proceeding on the Question, 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, 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—

(a) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;
(b) for refunding any amount of tax;
(c) for reducing the rate at which tax is for the time being chargeable on any supply or importation otherwise than by reducing that rate in relation to all supplies and importations on which tax is for the time being chargeable at that rate; or
(d) for any relief other than relief applicable to goods of whatever description or services of whatever description.

And the Question being again proposed:—Debate arising;

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Pensions may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o’clock.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)


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

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 I

Tuesday 6th April 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Safety of Life at Sea,—Copy of the Final Act of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, held at London from 21st October to 1st November 1974, with attachments, including the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, adopted by the Conference [by Command].
Mr. Joel Barnett:
Public Expenditure,—Copy of a Government Statement on proposed cash limits on public expenditure [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Financial Statement 1976-77,—Copy of the Financial Statement and Budget Report 1976-77 as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 306].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th April 1976, entitled the Tobacco Products Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 546) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ross:
Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd March 1976, entitled the Grant-Aided Secondary Schools (Scotland) Grant Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 475) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Legal Aid,—Copy of Comments and Recommendations of the Legal Aid Advisory Committee on the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Reports of the Incorporated Law Society of Northern Ireland, 1970-71 to 1973-74 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 240].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Coal Industry,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th March 1976, entitled the Coal Industry (Retained Copyhold Interests) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 478) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Hire Purchase,—Copies of Orders, dated 5th April 1976, entitled—
(1) the Control of Hiring (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 545), and
(2) the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Control) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 544)
[by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1976, entitled the Specified Sugar Products Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 509) [by Act].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Harry Selby (nominated in respect of the Milk (Eradication of Brucellosis) (Variation) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 387)); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Gavin Strang.

MEMORANDA
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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Brucellosis Compensation (Scotland) Amendment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 258) and the Brucellosis (England and Wales) Compensation (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 257) to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink an additional Chairman of Standing Committee J in respect of the Development Land Tax Bill.
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).

Armed Forces Bill,—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 7th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 248-vi].

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. 8-xvii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xviii].

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 7th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 53-xvii].

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 7th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-xiii].

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 April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-xvi].

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 7th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 322].

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 April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 23-xvii].

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

Standing Orders,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee a Resolution: That in the case of the Hampshire County Council (Haslar Bridge) Petition for Bill the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with:—That the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The Resolution was agreed to.

Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee F, That they had gone through the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 21st May; and to be printed [Bill 115].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 324].

Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Second Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 18th June; and to be printed [Bill 114].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 325].
International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs [Lords].—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Second Reading Committee on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs 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 International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs 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. 321].

Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That they had considered the matter of the Effect of Devolution in Wales, referred to them on 29th March, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 326].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 366), referred to a Committee on 22nd March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 323].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Weights and Measures (Prepacked Milk in Vending Machines) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 26th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 320].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (Mr. Edward Short.)

Osteopaths,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the registration of osteopaths; and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Dan Jones, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. William Molloys, Mr. Marcus Lipien, Mr. Alan Fitch, and Mr. Paul B. Rose, do prepare and bring it in.

Osteopaths Bill,—Mrs. Joyce Butler accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the registration of osteopaths; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 7th May and to be printed [Bill 113].

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, 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—

(a) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;
(b) for refunding any amount of tax;
(c) for reducing the rate at which tax is for the time being chargeable on any supply or importation otherwise than by reducing that rate in relation to all supplies and importations on which tax is for the time being chargeable at that rate; or
(d) 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. Donald Coleman.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Medicines,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Medicines (Fees) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 347), dated 4th March 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th March, be annulled—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker):—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Licensing (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (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. Peter Snape):—It was agreed to.
Licensing (Scotland) [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Licensing (Scotland) [Money]:  

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of this Session to make provision as respects the licensing law of Scotland, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under any other enactment.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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

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 7th April 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ross:

Electricity (Scotland).—Memorandum on the Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill [by Command].

Agriculture.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Hill Livestock and Young Cattle (Compensatory Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 [by Act].

Diseases of Animals.—Copy of an Order, dated 30th March 1976, entitled the Importation of Cattle (Number 2) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:


Mrs. Secretary Castle:

Food and Drugs.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th March 1976, entitled the Welfare Food (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 517) [by Act].


Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Fair Trading.—Copy of the Report of the Director General of Fair Trading for 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 288].

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. Dudley Smith (nominated in respect of the New Towns (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Morris.

Standing Committee J.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee J Mr. John Lee (nominated in respect of the Development Land Tax Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robert Parry.

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 Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Corrie, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Harry Goirlay, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Frank McElhone, Mr. Hector Munro, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Alexander Wilson, and Mr. George Younger.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. A. J.
Beith, Mr. John Cockcroft, Mr. John Davies, Sir John Eden, Sir William Elliott, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. Roger Sims, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, and Mr. David Young.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Brucellosis Compensation (Scotland) Amendment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 259) and the Brucellosis (England and Wales) Compensation (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 257) the Members already nominated to that Standing Committee in respect of the Milk (Eradication of Brucellosis) (Variation) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 387).

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1976 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords] and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1976.

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

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Thursday, 8th April, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

British Transport Docks Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks 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 (see Appendix).

Cyprus,—Mr. Arthur Bottomley reported from the Select Committee on Cyprus, 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 Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report to be upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 331].

Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence to be printed [No. 331].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 331].

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 April.

Minutes of Evidence to be printed [No. 47-ix].

Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 117].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 327].
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—Mr. Michael English reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 118].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 329].

Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 121].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 330].

Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from Standing Committee H, That they had gone through the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 119].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 328].

Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Bill,—Mr. Edward Short, supported by the
Prime Minister, Mr. Secretary Jenkins, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mrs. Secretary Castle, and Mr. Charles Morris, presented a Bill to amend the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1972; to make further provision with respect to the salaries and pensions payable to or in respect of the Comptroller and Auditor General, the Parliamentary Commissioners for Administration and the Health Service Commissioners; 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 116].

Ways and Means,—Amendment of the law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 6th 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, 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—

(a) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;
(b) for refunding any amount of tax;
(c) for reducing the rate at which tax is for the time being chargeable on any supply or importation otherwise than by reducing that rate in relation to all supplies and importations on which tax is for the time being chargeable at that rate; or
(d) 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. Joseph Harper.)

Debate to be resumed upon Monday next.

International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs 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).

International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs [Money, Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to enable the United Kingdom to accede to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be Used for such Carriage (ATP); and for purposes connected therewith, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(a) any expenses of the Secretary of State under that Act,
(b) such remuneration and such salaries or allowances to certifying officers and examiners as the Secretary of State may, with the consent of the Minister for the Civil Service, determine.
(c) any sums required by the Secretary of State for making loans under section 5 of that Act, and

(2) the payment of any sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(Dr. John Gilbert.)
Weights and Measures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Weights and Measures (Pre-packed Milk in Vending Machines) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 23rd March, be approved—(Mr. James A. Dunn):—It was agreed to.

Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand 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-nine minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX

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Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

European Communities (No. 8, 1976).—Copy of Agreements, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 16th October 1975, relating to Article 9 of Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel, and concerning the importation into the Community of tomato concentrates and of fruit salads originating in Israel [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Ross:

National Health Service (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th March 1976, entitled the National Health Service (Supply of Goods at Clinics etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 540) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Insurance.—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st March 1976, entitled the Insurance Companies (Intermediaries) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 521) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:


Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries.—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd January 1976, entitled the Aberdeen Harbour Revision Order 1976, 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 said Act) [by Act].

Housing.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th March 1976, entitled the Improvement Grant (Rateable Value Limits) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 520) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Licensing (Scotland) Bill to the First Scottish Standing Committee.
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The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Hampshire County Council (Haslar Bridge).—A Bill to empower the Hampshire County Council to construct a footbridge over Haslar Lake at Gosport; to authorise the removal of the existing Haslar Bridge and to provide for the cesser of all statutory or other obligations relative thereto; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

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

Condition of England.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House, concerned about the continued decline in the economic, social and philosophical health of England, calls for inspired leadership to reverse this trend; and believes that an early general election is an essential first step in the establishment of a firm base for such leadership—(Mr. John Stonehouse);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stonehouse, Mr. Peter Bottomley: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Alf Bates: 40.

So the Question was negatived.

Local Government Finance.—Resolved, That this House acknowledges the growing public concern at the level of spending by local government and the simultaneous deterioration in the value for ratepayers' money; calls upon Her Majesty's Government to resist further legislation which imposes extra financial burdens on local government; and urges early implementation of cash limits and new methods of financing local government following the Layfield Committee's report.—(Mr. Tony Durant.)

Closure of Greenwell Drydocks, Sunderland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House, while appreciating the commissioning of the Report on Greenwell Drydocks and acknowledging the findings of that Report, regrets the action of the Secretary of State for Industry in endorsing the decision of the management of North-East Coast Shiprepairers Limited to close the Greenwell Yard and put out of work about 400 employees, thereby confirming the statement which the Minister of State made as early as 12th January that it was for the NECS management to exercise its commercial judgment and that 'the Department of Industry had made it clear that it is not intervening'; while recognising that, if NECS management have decided on a policy of retrenchment, it may appear sensible to them to close Greenwells because the Greenwell Yard is divorced from the NECS Tyne Yards and because it so happens that the closing of Greenwells involves NECS in no capital loss (as the capital assets were never transferred to that company), further regrets that, in closing a nationalised yard, the Secretary of State should act upon the commercial judgment of the NECS management and not give due consideration to the following factors, namely: (1) while Greenwells remained a separate company it carried on its ship-repairing business successfully and profitably, (2) the yard has been adversely affected by merger, (3) notwithstanding the need for public accountability in nationalised industry, there has been no adequate explanation, in terms of managerial responsibility, of the exceptional losses in 1974-75, following upon the successful results in the previous year, and, in particular, of the major loss on the Single Buoy Mooring contract, (4) in spite of becoming a nationalised yard, there has been little evidence of any effective industrial democracy and there was no consultation with the employees prior to NECS management's decision to close the yard and no effort to discuss flexible working and other arrangements to improve the profitability of the yard, (5) the NECS management denied the trade unions the benefits of the Employment Protection Act and, whereas good employers acted within the provisions of the Act in anticipation of its coming into force, NECS management acted in flagrant evasion and avoidance of the Act, (6) the payment of about £400,000 in compensation by way of redundancy pay and ex gratia payments in lieu of notice was wasteful public expenditure which would have been better spent on providing the capital investment which the NECS management had failed to provide and would have afforded the opportunity to take advantage of the valuable concessions offered by the labour force and recorded in the Report, (7) in addition to the loss of £400,000 paid in compensation which in itself exceeds the total trading loss incurred by Greenwells in the last 10 years, the closure of the yard will result in substantial recurrent losses to the borough of Sunderland, which is the port authority, and to Sunderland Shipbuilders and Austin and Pickersgill, (8) the borough of Sunderland, apart from contingent problems referred to in the Report, will suffer an annual loss of £81,000, (9) the assets of Greenwells are owned by the nationalised Sunderland Shipbuilders, who will suffer an annual loss of over £100,000, (10) Austin and Pickersgill

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will be obliged to dry dock on the Tyne and estimate that this will involve them in an additional annual cost of £60,000 rising to £85,000, although the NECS management claim that the costs of the closure borne by that company should be substantially offset by the additional work for the Tyne Yards which would otherwise have been offered to Greenwells, this only refers to the compensation costs and this not only disregards Greenwell Drydocks but also takes no account of the recurrent annual loss to the borough of Sunderland and to the Wear shipbuilders amounting to about £250,000 a year and further takes no account of the consequential loss to Sunderland port-users and sub-contractors, no account has been taken of the social and other costs caused by making unemployed 400 employees in a town which has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country and the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill now provides that, in giving directions to British shipbuilders, the Secretary of State shall have full regard, inter alia, to the need to take account of considerations relating to regional areas and in particular employment considerations within those areas; and, noting that the borough of Sunderland has expressed its willingness to become involved in any commercially viable rescue operation, that the trade unions have declared their willingness to make working concessions, and that a company has expressed an interest in purchasing or renting the Greenwell Yard, calls upon the Secretary of State to take immediate and effective action to pursue such a rescue operation—(Mr. Frederick Willey);

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. Thomas Cox);

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

Homes Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th February, That the Homes Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday 30th April.

Sound Broadcasting.—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of 1st April as relates to the appointment of a Committee to consider the implementation of the Resolutions of both Houses in favour of the establishment of a permanent system of sound broadcasting of their proceedings and to make recommendations, be now considered.

So much of the Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Five Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider the implementation of the Resolutions of both Houses in favour of the establishment of a permanent system of sound broadcasting of their proceedings and to make recommendations, be now considered.

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

Ordered, That Two be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Thomas Cox)

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 two minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.2 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 9th April 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Dell:


Mr. Secretary Shore:

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st March 1976, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 528) [by Act].
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee G.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee G Mr. Michael Foot (nominated in respect of the Dock Work Regulation Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Harold Walker.

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 1976 to 30th September 1977; and for other purposes, was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Abortion.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Abortion, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 12th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 250-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 12th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-xvii].

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. 334].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 334].

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 12th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 286-iii].

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

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 27th January and following days to be printed [No. 63-ii].

Rent (Agriculture) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Shore, supported by Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Frederick Peart, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Gavin Strang, presented a Bill to afford security of tenure for agricultural workers housed by their employers, and their successors; to make further provision as to the rents and other conditions of tenure of such persons, including amendments of the Rent Act 1968; to impose duties on housing authorities as respects agricultural workers and their successors; 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 122].

Health Services Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ennals, supported by Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Joel Barnett, and Dr. David Owen, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the use or acquisition by private patients and others of facilities and supplies available under the National Health Service Acts 1946 to 1973 or the National Health Service (Scotland) Acts 1947 to 1973; to control hospital building outside the National Health Service and provide for the amendment of enactments under which registration is a prerequisite for carrying on a nursing home or private hospital; and for those purposes to establish a Health Services Board: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 120].
Ways and Means.—Amendment of the law.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 6th 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, 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—

(a) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;
(b) for refunding any amount of tax;
(c) for reducing the rate at which tax is for the time being chargeable on any supply
or importation otherwise than by reducing that rate in relation to all supplies
and importations on which tax is for the time being chargeable at that rate; or
(d) 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 the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David Stoddart: 295.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 274.

So the Question was agreed to.

2. Spirits

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing
Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That as from 7th April 1976 the rates of
duty specified in section 9 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1975 shall be increased from
£22:0900 and £22:1650 per proof gallon to £24:6300 and £24:7050 per proof gallon
respectively.

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. J. D. Dormand: 295.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Andrew Welsh: 19.

So the Question was agreed to.

3. Beer

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing
Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That as from 7th April 1976 the rates of
duty specified in section 10(1) of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1975 shall be increased—

(a) from £13:6800 for every £36 gallons to £15:8400 for every 36 gallons;
(b) from £0:4560 for each additional degree of original gravity exceeding 1,030
degrees to £0:5280 for each such additional degree.

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.

4. Wine

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing
Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That as from 7th April 1976 the rates of
duty under section 14 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1975 shall be as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Description of wine (in strengths measured by reference to the following percentages of alcohol by volume at a temperature of 20°C)</th>
<th>Rates of duty (per gallon)</th>
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<td>Wine of an alcoholic strength—</td>
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<tr>
<td>not exceeding 15%</td>
<td>£2.9550</td>
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<td>exceeding 15% but not exceeding 18%</td>
<td>£3.4100</td>
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<td>exceeding 18% but not exceeding 22%</td>
<td>£4.0150</td>
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<td>exceeding 22%</td>
<td>£4.0150 + £0.4300 for every 1% or part of 1% in excess of 22%; each of the above rates of duty being, in the case of sparkling wine, increased by £0.6500 per gallon.</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.

5. 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 7th April 1976 the rates of duty under section 15 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1975 shall be as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Description of made-wine</th>
<th>Rates of duty (per gallon)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Made-wine of an alcoholic strength—</td>
<td>£</td>
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<tr>
<td>not exceeding 10%</td>
<td>1.9200</td>
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<td>exceeding 10 but not exceeding 15%</td>
<td>2.8750</td>
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<td>exceeding 15 but not exceeding 18%</td>
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<td>exceeding 18%</td>
<td>3.1600 plus £0.4300 for every 1% or part of 1% in excess of 18%; each of the above rates of duty being, in the case of sparkling made-wine, increased by £0.3000 per gallon.</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.

6. Hydrocarbon oil etc.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That as from 6 o’clock in the evening of 9th April 1976 the rate of duty specified in section 11 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1975 shall be increased from £0.2250 a gallon to £0.3000 a 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);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. D. Dormand, Mr. Thomas Cox: 284.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Andrew Welsh: 22.

So the Question was agreed to.

7. Cider

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That as from 6th September 1976 there shall be charged on cider imported into or made in the United Kingdom a duty of excise at the rate of £0.22 a gallon.

In this resolution ‘cider’ means cider (or perry) of a strength less than 8.7 per cent. of alcohol by volume (at a temperature of 20°C) obtained from the fermentation of apple or pear juice without the addition at any time of any alcoholic liquor or of any liquor or substance which communicates colour or flavour other than such as the Commissioners of Customs and Excise may allow as appearing to them to be necessary to make cider (or perry)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):— It was agreed to.

8. Tobacco products

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That as from 10th May 1976 there shall be charged on tobacco products imported into or manufactured in the United Kingdom a duty of excise at the rates shown in the following Table—

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<th>Table of Rates of Duty on Tobacco Products</th>
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<td>1. Cigarettes</td>
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<td>2. Cigars</td>
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<td>3. Hand-rolling tobacco</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Other smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco</td>
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</table>

and that provision may be made for varying those rates.

In the Table above “hand-rolling tobacco" means tobacco—
(a) which is sold or advertised by the importer or manufacturer as suitable for making into cigarettes; or
(b) of which more than 25 per cent. by weight of the tobacco particles have a width of less than 0·6 mm.;

and in this resolution 'tobacco products' means any of the products mentioned in that Table which are manufactured wholly or partly from tobacco or any substance used as a substitute for tobacco but does not include products commonly known as herbal cigarettes or herbal smoking mixture—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

9. 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 1977—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

10. Value added tax (reduction of higher rate)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That as from 12th April 1976 the higher rate of value added tax referred to in section 17(1) of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1975 shall be reduced from 25 per cent. to 12½ per cent.

But this Resolution shall not authorise the making of amendments that would make value added tax chargeable at more than one rate higher 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—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

11. Value added tax (minor amendments)

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—

(a) for excluding from tax that may be deducted under section 3(1) of the Finance Act 1972 or refunded under section 15 or 15A of that Act any tax that has been repaid or would be repayable if it had been paid;

(b) for enabling regulations under section 3(4) of that Act to dispense with the adjustment of provisional attributions of input tax;

(c) for amending paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 to that Act;

(d) with respect to the value of imported goods and of the supply of goods in a warehouse where an order is in force under section 9 of the Finance Act 1961—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

12. Vehicles excise duty (special requests for registration marks)

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 imposition, by regulations under the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 and the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, of charges in connection with any special request for the assignment to a vehicle of a particular registration mark—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

13. Vehicles excise duty (disabled persons)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That a vehicle shall not be exempt from vehicles excise duty by virtue of section 7 of the Finance Act 1971 or section 7(2A) of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 for any period after 6th April 1976 for which the person in whose name the vehicle is registered is entitled to a mobility allowance:

Provided that where a person—

(a) has before that date obtained, in pursuance of regulations made under the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 or the said Act of 1972, a document in the form of a licence in respect of a vehicle exempt as aforesaid; or

(b) has since the beginning of 1976 and before that date applied for the certificate required by the regulations for obtaining such a document,

the vehicle shall not cease to be exempt by virtue of the foregoing provisions before the expiration of the period of validity of the document obtained by him before that date or, as the case may be, of the first such document obtained by him after that date by virtue of the certificate.

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.

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 1976-77 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 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.

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<td>The remainder</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.

15. Relief for interest (limit for 1976-77)

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 1976-77—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

16. Income tax (alteration of personal reliefs)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—

(1) In section 8(1A) and (1B) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 for "£1,425", "£950" and "£3,000" there shall be substituted "£1,555", "£1,010" and "£3,250" respectively.

(2) In section 10(3) of that Act (children)—

(a) in paragraph (a) (child over 16) for "£305" there shall be substituted "£365";

(b) in paragraph (b) (child over 11 but not over 16) for "£275" there shall be substituted "£335";

(c) in paragraph (c) (child not over 11) for "£240" there shall be substituted "£300";

but this Resolution shall not require any change to be made in the amounts deductible or repayable under section 204 of the said Act of 1970 (pay as you earn) before 5th June 1976.

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.

17. Income tax (husband and wife)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—

(1) In section 37(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act (aggregation of wife's income with husband's) for the words "so far as it is income for a year of assessment or part of a year of assessment during which she is a married woman living with her husband" there shall be substituted the words "so far as it is income for—

(a) a year of assessment; or

(b) any part of a year of assessment, being a part beginning with 6th April, during which she is a married woman living with her husband."
(2) In section 38(1) of that Act (option for separate assessment) after the words "any year of assessment" there shall be inserted the words "for which his income would include any of hers" and the proviso shall be omitted.

(3) In section 14 of that Act—

(a) in subsection (2) for the words "Subject to subsection (3) below" there shall be substituted the words "Subject to subsections (3) and (4) below"; and

(b) after subsection (3) there shall be inserted—

"(4) A person to whom this section applies by virtue of subsection (1)(a) above shall not be entitled to relief under this section for a year of assessment during any part of which that person is married and living with his or her spouse unless the child in connection with which the relief is claimed is resident with that person during a part of the year in which that person is not married and living with his or her spouse."

(4) In section 19(7) of that Act (life insurance premium paid by wife to count as if paid by husband) after the word "Where" there shall be inserted the words "in any year of assessment for which her husband's income includes or, if there were any, would include any of hers".

(5) After section 21(1) of that Act (life insurance premium relief not to exceed one-sixth of a person's total income) there shall be inserted—

"(1A) In relation to a year of assessment in which a woman is married and living with her husband but for which his income does not or, if there were any, would not include any of hers, subsection (1) above shall apply to each of them as if the maximum there specified were increased by an amount equal to the difference between—

(a) one-sixth of the other's total income; and

(b) the premiums or other sums in respect of which relief is given to the other."

(6) Where during any part of a year of assessment a husband and wife are living together but his income for that year does not or, if there were any, would not include any of hers, then, if either of them—

(a) would, if he or she had sufficient income for that year, be entitled to have any amount deducted from or set off against it under a provision to which this paragraph applies; and

(b) makes a claim in that behalf,

that amount or, as the case may be, so much of it as cannot be deducted from or set off against his or her own income for that year shall instead be deducted from and set off against the income for that year of the other spouse.

(7) Paragraph (6) above applies—

(a) in the case of the husband, to any provision of Chapter II of Part I of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (personal reliefs) and section 75 of the Finance Act 1972 (relief for payment of interest); and

(b) in the case of the wife, to—

(i) any provision of that Chapter except sections 8(1)(b) and (1A)(b), 12, 13 and 14; and

(ii) the said section 75 so far as applicable to interest paid in the part of the year of assessment mentioned in paragraph (6) above.

(8) For the purposes of section 168 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 and section 71 of the Capital Allowances Act 1968 (set-off of losses and capital allowances against general income) section 37(1)(b) of the said Act of 1970 shall have effect as if the words "being a part beginning with 6th April" were omitted.

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.

18. Taxation of benefits from employment (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 respect of benefits of any description derived from a person's employment or his being a director of a body corporate—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

19. Taxation of cash vouchers (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 postponing the coming into operation of section 37 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1975—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.
20. Corporation tax (charge and 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 corporation tax shall be charged for the financial year 1975 at the rate of 52 per cent—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

21. Advance corporation tax (rate for financial year 1976)
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 1976 shall be thirty-five sixty-fifths—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

22. 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 1975 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 1975 be three-twentieths—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

23. 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 corporation tax included in the profits of an authorised unit trust or investment trust shall as from 1st April 1975 be sixty-nine one-hundred-and-fourths—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

24. Capital allowances (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 may be imposed by provisions about capital allowances, including provisions having retrospective effect—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

25. Close companies (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 corporation tax and income tax may be imposed by provisions relating to sections 286 and 287 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

26. Appreciation in value of trading stock (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 recovery in certain circumstances of relief under new provisions in respect of increases in the value of trading stock and work in progress or under the provisions of section 18 of the Finance Act 1975 or Schedule 10 to the Finance (No. 2) Act 1975—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

27. Double taxation (Ireland)
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to income and corporation tax may be imposed in connection with the implementation in 1976 of new arrangements with the Republic of Ireland for the avoidance of double taxation—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

28. Foreign interest and dividends (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 to prevent receipts by non-residents of interest or dividends from outside the United Kingdom being excluded from trading income or profits so as to give rise to losses—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

29. Foreign underlying tax on company profits (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 to restrict relief for foreign tax on profits underlying dividends—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.
30. Capital gains
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 corporation tax may be imposed by provisions—
(a) increasing to £1,000 the £500 mentioned in section 57(1) and (2) of the Finance Act 1971;
(b) amending section 39 of the Finance Act 1974;
(c) with respect to gilt-edged securities issued as compensation for the compulsory acquisition of shares or securities;
(d) making amendments of the law relating to the taxation of capital gains, being amendments consequential on, or connected with, amendments of the law relating to income tax or capital transfer tax—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

31. Capital transfer 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 transfer tax may be imposed by further provisions with respect to that tax—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

32. Estate duty
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to estate duty may be imposed by provisions with respect to section 40 of the Finance Act 1930 and section 2 of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1931—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

33. Stamp duty (exemption for transfers of loan capital)
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning on 17th May 1976 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

1. Stamp duty shall not be chargeable on any transfer of loan capital unless—
(a) at the time when it is transferred it carries a right (exercisable then or later) of conversion into shares or other securities or to the acquisition of shares or other securities, including loan capital of the same description; or
(b) at that time or earlier it carries or has carried—
(i) a right to interest the amount of which exceeds a reasonable commercial return on the nominal amount of the capital or which falls or has fallen to be determined to any extent by reference to the results of, or of any part of, a business or to the value of any property; or
(ii) a right on repayment to an amount which exceeds the nominal amount of the capital and is not reasonably comparable with what is generally repayable (in respect of a similar nominal amount of capital) under the terms of issue of loan capital listed in the Official List of The Stock Exchange.

(2) In this Resolution “loan capital” means any debenture stock, corporation stock or funded debt (by whatever name known) or any capital raised by—
(a) any body corporate or other body of persons formed or established in the United Kingdom; or
(b) the government of any country or territory within the commonwealth outside the United Kingdom

which is borrowed, or has the character of borrowed money, whether it is in the form of stock or any other form and whether the loan thereof is secured by a mortgage, marketable security or other instrument or is unsecured; and this Resolution shall be construed as if contained in the Stamp Act 1891.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

34. Stamp duty (jobbers)
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 charging additional stamp duty on certain transfers to jobbers or their nominees—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.
35. 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 about relief under section 19 or 20 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970;

(b) provisions about income tax in respect of benefits of any description derived from a person's employment or his being a director of a body corporate—(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 the Order relating to Procedure made this day; And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Booth, Mr. Harold Lever, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. Denzil Davies, do prepare and bring it in.

Finance Bill,—Mr. Robert Sheldon 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 123].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the consideration of Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments to the Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Protein Deposit and Private Storage Aid Proposals,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/451/76 and R/452/76 relating to Protein Deposit and Private Storage Aid Proposals—(Mr. Frederick Peart);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out the words “takes note” and insert the word “disapproves”—(Mr. Francis Pym),—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 Tuesday 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.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House disapproves of Commission Documents Nos. R/451/76 and R/452/76 relating to Protein Deposit and Private Storage Aid Proposals.

Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to several of the Amendments made by this House to the Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill [Lords]; and the same were agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.43 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 12th April 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd April 1976, entitled the Police (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 538) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Rees:

Road and Rail Transport,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th March 1976, entitled the Level Crossing (Kilmakee No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 108) [by Act].

Mr. Reginald Prentice:

Crown Agents,—Copy of Government proposals for the future work of the Crown Agents [by Command].

Mr. George Strauss:

Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund,—Copy of the Report by the Government Actuary on the general financial position of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund as at 1st April 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 335].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—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 Insolvency Bill [Lords] to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee B).

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Robert Parry, and Mr. Alec Woodall (nominated in respect of the Insolvency Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Donald Coleman, and Mr. Richard Kelley.

Standing Committee G,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee G Mr. Michael Foot (nominated in respect of the Dock Work Regulation Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Secretary Booth.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Joseph Harper (nominated in respect of the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1976); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Donald Coleman.

MEMORANDA

Monday 12th April 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Insolvency Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee C (transferred from Standing Committee B).

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Race Relations Bill; Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Atomic Energy Authority (Special Constables) Bill; Mr. Michael English Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Insolvency Bill [Lords]; and Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the New Towns (Amendment) Bill.

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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 Bills, originating in the Lords and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited Bill [Lords].

Wimbledon and Putney Commons Bill [Lords].

Bills to be read a second time.
Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Bill [Lords].—The Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

British Transport Docks Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 27th 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 27th April.

Royal County of Berkshire (Public Entertainment) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Jenkins presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Secretary of State under the Local Government Act 1972 relating to the Royal County of Berkshire: And the same was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; to be printed [Bill 124].

Fircroft College.—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 Report of a Committee of Inquiry into the problems at Fircroft College.

—(Mr. Secretary Mulley.)

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, 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 of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 13th April and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xxi].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xxii].

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 13th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 342-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 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. 55-xvii].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Spence reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 7th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 337].

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, and in connection with, the attainment by Seychelles of fully responsible status as a Republic within the Commonwealth; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Seychelles Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to re-enact with amendments and to extend certain local enactments in force within the county of South Glamorgan; to confer further powers on the County Council of South Glamorgan, the Council of the City of Cardiff, the Council of the Borough of Vale of Glamorgan and on the community councils in the county of South Glamorgan; to make further provision in regard to the environment, local government, improvement and finances of the county and those local authorities; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords].

Seychelles Bill [Lords].—The Seychelles Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 126].
County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords].—The County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Education (Married Persons of Compulsory School Age) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 30th April, the Education (Married Persons of Compulsory School Age) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Industry (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Varley, supported by Mr. Secretary Benn, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Secretary Booth, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, and Mr. Gerald Kaufman, presented a Bill to increase the limit imposed on the Secretary of State's financial assistance to industry under section 8 of the Industry Act 1972: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 125].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, the Business of Supply may be proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings upon the Motions in the name of the Prime Minister relating to Sittings of the House and Adjournment (Easter).—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Sittings of the House,—Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow 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. Michael Foot.)

Adjournment (Easter).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Monday 26th April—(Mr. Michael Foot);

Mr. Deputy Speaker called the attention of the House to the continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. John Stonehouse, Member for Walsall North, and directed the Right Honourable Member to discontinue his speech, but he declined to comply with that direction.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Disorderly conduct), ordered Mr. Stonehouse to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day's sitting:—And he withdrew accordingly.

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:


Adjournment (Easter).—The Question being again proposed, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Monday 26th April;

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

Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Monday 26th April.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 369) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Supply [17th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Expenditure.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of and welcomes the Eleventh Report from the Expenditure Committee in the last Session of Parliament (House of Commons Paper No. 534)—(Mr. Peter Snape);

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

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

Resolved, That this House takes note of and welcomes the Eleventh Report from the Expenditure Committee in the last Session of Parliament (House of Commons Paper No. 534).

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Members' Salaries,—Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the salary payable to a
person in respect of service as a Member of this House at any time after 12th June 1975
when he is receiving a salary under Schedule 2 to the Ministerial and other Salaries Act
1975 or a pension under section 26 of the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1972
should be at the rate of £3,700 a year.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

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 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-five
minutes to Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.35 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 13th April 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 9th March 1976,
(2) 10th March 1976, and
(3) 16th March 1976,
relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 339 to 341].

Import Duties.—Copies of Orders, dated 12th April 1976, entitled—
(1) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 7) Order
1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 588), and
(2) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 8) Order
1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 589)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Pensions.—Copy of an Order, dated 4th April 1976, entitled the Social Security

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

European Communities (No. 10, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of
Letters exchanged at Brussels on 5th December 1975, relating to Article 3 of Protocol
No. 8 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the
Portuguese Republic [by Command].

India (No. 1, 1976),—Copy of Letters, exchanged at New Delhi on 6th January 1976
between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of
India, concerning the establishment of an Indo-British Economic Committee [by Com-
mand].

Road Transport (Miscellaneous No. 11, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at
Geneva between 1st September 1970 and 31st May 1971, on the international carriage
of perishable foodstuffs and on the special equipment to be used for such carriage
(ATP) (the United Kingdom has not acceded to the Agreement) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Post Office.—Statement of re-appointment of a member and four part-time members
of the Post Office [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th April 1976, entitled the Daw

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Prepayment for Goods.—Copy of the Report of the Consumer Protection Advisory
Committee on practices relating to prepayment in mail order transactions and in shops
[by Act]; to be printed [No. 285].
Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 5th April 1976, entitled the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 547) [by Act].

Agriculture.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1976 [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. Jim Lester (nominated in respect of the Atomic Energy (Special Constables) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Carol Mather.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. John Stradling Thomas (nominated in respect of the Insolvency Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bernard Weatherill.

Standing Committee H,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee H Mr. Tom Pendry (nominated in respect of the New Towns (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. A. W. Stallard.

Standing Committee J,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee J Mr. Secretary Dell (nominated in respect of the Development Land Tax Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Cartwright.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 13th April 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) Bill; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Milk (Eradication of Brucellosis) (Variation) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 387), the Brucellosis Compensation (Scotland) Amendment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 258) and the Brucellosis (England and Wales) Compensation (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 257); and Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of the South East Region.

[No. 91.]

Wednesday, 14th April, 1976.

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).

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 14th

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 24-ix].

Health and Safety at Work (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Health and Safety at Work, etc. Act 1974; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Max Madden, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, and Mr. Stan Thorne, 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, etc. Act 1974; and for connected purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th May and to be printed [Bill 127].
Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 31st March, be approved—(Mr. J. D. Dormand):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. J. D. Dormand.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes to Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday 26th April, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[Adjourned at 4.53 p.m.

APPENDIX

Wednesday 14th April 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Civil List Pensions,—List of Pensions granted during the year ended 31st March 1976 and payable under the provisions of section 4(1) of the Civil List Act 1972 [by Act].

Income Tax,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of America) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Fircroft College,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty yesterday of the Report of a Committee of Inquiry into the problems of Fircroft College; to be printed [No. 319].

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Transport,—Copy of the Report of the Transport Tribunal for 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:

Town and Country Planning,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th June 1974, entitled the Blaenau Gwent District (Rassau North Industrial Estate) Compulsory Purchase Order 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. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Michael Foot:

Northern Ireland,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th April 1976, entitled the Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 581) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd April 1976, entitled the Cocoa and Chocolate Products Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 541) [by Act].

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th March 1976, entitled the Harbour of Rye Revision Order 1976, with a Certificate by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

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

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 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 343].
Severn Bridge Tolls.—Copy of the Operating Account of the Severn Bridge Tolls for the year ended 31st March 1975 and Balance Sheet as at that date ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 344].

Sugar Board.—Copy of the Accounts of the Sugar Board for 1974 and Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1974 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 345].

Tithes.—Copy of the Accounts, prepared pursuant to section 27 of the Tithes 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 1975 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 346].

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 14th April 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Civil Aviation (Navigation Service Charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 369) to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 92.]

Monday, 26th April, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Evidence of Identification in Criminal Cases.—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 Report to the Secretary of State for the Home Department of the Departmental Committee on Evidence of Identification in Criminal Cases.—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill.)

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (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 14th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 322-ii].

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Hill Livestock and Young Cattle (Compensatory Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill,—The Iron and Steel (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).

Iron and Steel (Amendment) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Iron and Steel (Amendment) [Money] ;

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise all such increased payments—

(a) out of the National Loans Fund, the Consolidated Fund and money provided by Parliament, and

(b) into the National Loans Fund and the Consolidated Fund,

as may result from any Act of the present Session increasing from £2,000 million to £3,000 million, or such greater sum not exceeding £4,000 million as the Secretary of State may by order specify, the sum specified in section 19 of the Iron and Steel Act 1975 as the aggregate of the amount which the British Steel Corporation and the publicly-owned companies may borrow and the amount which the Secretary of State may under section 18 of the latter Act pay to the Corporation.—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman.)

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. J. D. Dormand.)

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. D. Dormand 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.

Prevention of Terrorism.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Prevention of Terrorism (Supplemental Temporary Provisions) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 465), dated 25th March 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th March, be annulled—(Mr. Michael Alison):—It was negatived.

Prevention of Terrorism.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Prevention of Terrorism (Supplemental Temporary Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 466), dated 25th March 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th March, be annulled—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell):—It was negatived.

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-one minutes to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.39 p.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:

Food (Miscellaneous No. 8, 1976).—Copy of the International Cocoa Agreement, 1975, signed at New York between 10th November 1975 and 31st August 1976 (the Agreement has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).

Treaty Series (No. 25, 1976).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at La Paz on 3rd November 1975, concerning a grant by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Republic of Bolivia (United Kingdom/Bolivia Grant No. 1, 1975).

Treaty Series (No. 27, 1976).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Rome on 15th September 1962, relating to an Amendment to Article 48 (a) of the Convention on International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago on 7th December 1944.

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:

15th April 1976

Animals.—Copy of an Order, dated 13th April 1976, entitled the Animals (Imports from Canada) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 597) [by Act].

22nd April 1976

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Copy of an Order, dated 11th April 1976, entitled the Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 592) [by Act].

Civil Aviation.—Copies of Orders, dated 12th April 1975, entitled—

(1) the Policing of Airports (Birmingham) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 590), and
(2) the Policing of Airports (Birmingham) (First Supplementary) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 591)

Licences and Licensing,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th April 1976, entitled the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Variation of Fees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 593) [by Act].

23rd April 1976

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 14th April 1976, entitled the Demitting Authorities (Closing of Accounts and Payment of Grants) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 610) [by Act].


Water,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th April 1976, entitled the Thames Water Authority (Waddon Wells) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 608) [by Act].

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd April 1976, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 630) [by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th April 1976, entitled the Air Navigation (Fifth Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 583) [by Act].


Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 26th April 1976:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Income Tax,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The Democratic Republic of the Sudan) Order 1976,
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Fiji) Order 1976,
(3) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Romania) Order 1976, and
(4) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Spain) Order 1976

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Evidence of Identification in Criminal Cases,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day of the Report of the Departmental Committee on Evidence of Identification in Criminal Cases; to be printed [No. 338].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th April 1976, entitled the Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 623) [by Act].

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to the Grampian Region, as constituted on 16th May 1975 [by Act].

Licences and Licensing,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th April 1976, entitled the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 616) [by Act].

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages,—Copy of the Report of the Registrar General for Scotland for 1974—

Part I, Mortality Statistics, and
Part II, Population and Vital Statistics

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th April 1976, entitled the Occupational Pensions Schemes (Friendly Societies) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 598) [by Act].

Pensions,—Report of the Occupational Pensions Board pursuant to section 68(1) of the Social Security Act 1973, together with a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services, on the Occupational Pension Schemes (Friendly Societies) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 598) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 347].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Iron and Steel,—Statements of determination of the pensions payable to two former members of the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:


Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th April 1976, entitled the British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 602) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Foyle and Londonderry College Bill [Lords].—Report of the Attorney General on the Foyle and Londonderry College Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

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

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Copy of Rules, dated 29th March 1976, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (No. 1) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 123) [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. John Fraser and Mr. Alexander Lyon (nominated in respect of the Race Relations Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Grant and Mr. Brynmor John.

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Neil Carmichael (nominated in respect of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Les Huckfield.

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. J. D. Dormand (nominated in respect of the Education Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Frank R. White.

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr. Michael Meacher (nominated in respect of the Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Eric Deakins.

Standing Committee H.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee H Mr. Ernest Armstrong (nominated in respect of the New Towns (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Guy Barnett.

Standing Committee J.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee J Mr. James A. Dunn (nominated in respect of the Development Land Tax Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ted Graham.

[No. 93.]

Tuesday, 27th April, 1976.

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.:

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.
Private Bills [Lords] (Petition for additional Provision) (Standing Orders not 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 additional Provision in the following Bill, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].

Report referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

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.:

Royal County of Berkshire (Public Entertainment) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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.

Hampshire County Council (Haslar Bridge) Bill,—The Hampshire County Council (Haslar Bridge) Bill was read a second time and committed.

Samuel Montagu and Co. Limited Bill [Lords],—The Samuel Montagu and Co. Limited Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Wimbledon and Putney Commons Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Thursday.

British Transport Docks Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks Bill;

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

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 Thursday.

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 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. 54-xxii].

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 27th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-xvii].

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 the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 352].

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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B in the last Session of Parliament, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 353].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Appendices, to be printed [No. 353].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 353].
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. 55-xviii].

Violence in the Family.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, That they had directed her to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 27th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 350-i].

Atomic Energy Authority (Special Constables) Bill.—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Atomic Energy Authority (Special Constables) Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 129].

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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law relating to companies and, in connection therewith, to amend the law relating to the registration of business names; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords]].

Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 130].

National Health Service (School Health Service).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with respect to the school health services and the status of its workers; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. A. J. Belth, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Bryan Gould, Miss Joan Lestor, Mr. William Mollay, Mr. Wm Ross, Mr. Raphael Tuck, and Sir George Young, do prepare and bring it in.

National Health Service (School Health Service) Bill.—Mr. Anthony Steen accordingly presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the school health service and the status of its workers; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 128].

Health Services Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health Services 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: 289.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 269.

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).

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to the use or acquisition by private patients and others of facilities and supplies available under the National Health Services Acts 1946 to 1973 or the National Health Service (Scotland) Acts 1947 to 1973 and to control hospital building outside the National Health Service, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   (a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State for the purposes of that Act; and
   (b) any increase attributable to the provisions of that Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act; and

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums falling to be so paid by virtue of that Act—[Mr. John Ellis];
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 286.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 264.

So the Question was agreed to.

Armed Forces Bill,—Ordered, That Mr. Brynmor John be discharged from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill and that Mr. James Wellbeloved be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Tuesday 27th April 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Broadcasting,—Draft of a Supplemental Royal Charter for the continuance of the British Broadcasting Corporation, for which the Secretary of State for the Home Department proposes to apply [by Command].

Broadcasting,—Copy of a Supplemental Licence and Agreement, dated 7th April 1976, between the Secretary of State for the Home Department and the British Broadcasting Corporation [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Agriculture,—Copy of the Report on Agriculture in Scotland for 1975 [by Command].

Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (Private Jurisdiction, etc.) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Accounts of the National Wool Textile Export Corporation for the period 1st October 1974 to 31st December 1975, with Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:
Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th April 1976, entitled the Dockyard Port of Scapa Flow (Revocation) Order 1976 (S.I., 1975, No. 578) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Sugar,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Sugar Board for 1975 [by Act].

[No. 94.]

Wednesday, 28th April, 1976.

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).

Suffolk Coastal District Council 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 Suffolk Coastal District Council Bill 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.
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 Police Pensions Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, that they had gone through the Bill and had made an Amendment thereunto, 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. 357].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 357].

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).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xviii].

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 28th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-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 Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 28th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-xix].

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

Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) Bill.—Miss Janet Fookes reported from Standing Committee F, that they had gone through the Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 14th May; and to be printed [Bill 132].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 356].

Regional Affairs.—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, that they had considered the matter of the South-East Region, referred to them on 19th March, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 366].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Michael English reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Milk (Eradication of Brucellosis) (Variation) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 387), referred to a Committee on 30th March; and the Brucellosis Compensation (Scotland) Amendment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 258), and the Brucellosis (England and Wales) Compensation (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 257), referred to a Committee on 6th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 354].

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

Sound Broadcasting (Joint Committee).—The Lords propose that the Joint Committee appointed to consider the implementation of the Resolutions of both Houses in favour of the establishment of a permanent system of sound broadcasting of their proceedings, and to make recommendations, do meet in Committee Room 13 on Tuesday next at Four o'Clock.

Sound Broadcasting (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That the Lords Message this day be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

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

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.
House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Earl of Listowel, the Lord Aberdare, and Admiral Sir Frank Twiss, K.C.B., D.S.C., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod and Sergeant at Arms attending the House of Lords, to attend on the Committee on the Accommodation and Administration Sub-Committee of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services).—(Mr. Edward Short.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 547) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Consumer Protection (Motor Vehicles).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law on consumer protection with respect to the advertisement for sale of motor vehicles; and for connected purposes: And that Sir George Young, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Giles Shaw, and Mr. Tony Durant, do prepare and bring it in.

Consumer Protection (Motor Vehicles) Bill.—Sir George Young accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law on consumer protection with respect to the advertisement for sale of motor vehicles; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th May and to be printed (Bill 131).

Supply [18th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the newly elected district councils in England and Wales resulting from the forthcoming local elections will best serve the interests of ratepayers and the country at large by committing themselves to—

(a) maximum value for money in local services and a rigorous management of their budgets;

(b) making the best use of existing housing stock, including the sale of council houses to tenants; and

(c) strict limitation of municipal trading and direct labour.—(Mr. Timothy Raison);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 4, to leave out from the word “large” to the end of the Question, and add the words “if they and the Government are committed to—

(i) the maintenance and development of the new and closer partnership between central and local Government which has already contributed significantly to the fight against inflation; and

(ii) sensible economy in the use of resources which affords priority to vitally needed services including a substantial programme of house building and improvement for owner occupation, renting and other forms of tenure”—(Mr. Secretary Shore), instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Peter Snape: 289.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 250.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House believes that the newly elected district councils in England and Wales resulting from the forthcoming local elections will best serve the interests of ratepayers and the country at large if they and the Government are committed to—

(i) the maintenance and development of the new and closer partnership between central and local Government which has already contributed significantly to the fight against inflation; and

(ii) sensible economy in the use of resources which affords priority to vitally needed services including a substantial programme of house building and improvement for owner occupation, renting and other forms of tenure.

Expenditure.—Ordered, That notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Expenditure Committee Mr. Alf Bates be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Michael Ward 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. Tom Pendry.)

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

[Adjourned 10.41 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 28th April 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Coal Industry.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th February 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 358].

Electricity.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 12th February 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 359].

Gas.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

(1) on 12th February 1976,
(2) on 18th February 1976,
(3) on 20th February 1976, and
(4) on 20th February 1976

on loans proposed to be raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 360 to 363].

Iron and Steel.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 16th February 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 364 and 365].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Census.—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to the Central Region, as constituted on 16th May 1975 [by Act].

Police.—Copies of Regulations, dated 14th April 1976, entitled—

(1) the Police (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 620), and
(2) the Police Cadets (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 621) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Pensions.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 12th April 1976, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 585) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd April 1976, entitled the Counter-vailing Duty (Provisional Charge to Duty) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 638) [by Act].

Patents.—Copy of the Report of the Comptroller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks for 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 333].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production.—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1970, relating to summary tables [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Rees:

Legal Aid and Advice.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th April 1976, entitled the Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 125) [by Statutory Instrument].

Magistrates’ Courts.—Copy of Rules, dated 2nd April 1976, entitled the Magistrates’ Courts (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 120) [by Statutory Instrument].
Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Price Commission.—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st December 1975 to 29th February 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 314].

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. Evan Laard (nominated in respect of the Race Relations Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Edward Lyons.

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 Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Sir Frederic Bennett, Mr. Richard Body, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Anthony Fell, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Douglas Hardie, and Sir Brandon Rhys Williams.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 369), viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. F. A. Burden, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Douglas Hoyle, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Kenneth Warren, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

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 Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 547) and the draft Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1976, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Fred Evans, Mr. George Grant, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Dr. Colin Philp, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Jim Spicer, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mr. Sydney Turton, and Mr. Tom Turney.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Hill Livestock and Young Cattle (Compensatory Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 1976, viz.: Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. John Garrett, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Kenneth Lomas, Mr. J. P. W. Mallalieu, Mr. Hector Monroe, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. Malcolm Riphkind, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Hamish Watt, and Mr. George Younger.

Health Services Bill.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Nineteen Members to service on a Standing Committee in respect of the Health Services Bill, viz.: Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mrs. Barbara Castle, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Paul Dean, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. John Dunlop, Mr. Secretary Ennals, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Mr. Russell Lennie, Mr. Peter MacFarquhar, Mr. Hal Miller, Dr. David Owen, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Tom Pendry, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Stan Thorne, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, and Sir George Young.

International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords].—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on a Standing Committee in respect of the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Robert Edwards, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, and Mr. David Young.

Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on a Standing Committee in respect of the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. John Cockcroft, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Les Hirschfield, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Mike Thomas, and Mr. James Tinn.

Licensing (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty-one Members to serve on a Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Licensing (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Vol. 232 T 3
Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. J. M. Craigen, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Tom McMillan, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. Malcolm Riffkind, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. James White, Mr. Alexander Wilson, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 28th April 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 547) and the draft Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1976 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Hill Livestock and Young Cattle (Compensatory Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill; Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services (Charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 369); and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 547) and the draft Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1976; and discharged Mr. R. Bonner Pink as an additional Chairman of Standing Committee J in respect of the Development Land Tax Bill.

Thursday, 29th April, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

British Transport Docks Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks 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 Thursday next.

Wimbledon and Putney Commons Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Bill [Lords];

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).

British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill.—Mr. Julius Silverman reported from the Committee on the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) 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.

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 April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-xx].

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 27th and 28th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 24-x and 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:

House of Commons (Services).—The Lords give leave to the Earl of Listowel and the Lord Aberdare, their Lordships consenting thereto, to attend to be examined as witnesses and to Admiral Sir Frank Twiss, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, to attend to be examined as a witness before the Accommodation and Administration Sub-Committee of the Select Committee appointed by the Commons on House of Commons (Services).

Expenditure.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Crowther-Hunt 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.)

Sir David William Shuckburgh Lidderdale, K.C.B., Clerk of the House of Commons,—Mr. Speaker read the following letter from Sir David William Shuckburgh Lidderdale, K.C.B., Clerk of the House:

"Dear Mr. Speaker,

I write in accordance with custom to let you know that I wish, at the end of June, to resign the patent of Clerk of the House of Commons which I have been honoured to hold since 1st January 1974, and to conclude more than forty-one years in the service of the House, in peace and war.

During this time I have served in twelve Parliaments and under seven Speakers. I have also been so fortunate as to visit a number of the Parliaments of the Commonwealth and to meet a large number of their Members and Clerks at Westminster.

Throughout my service I have deeply appreciated the courtesy, kindness and consideration which I have always received from the Chair and from Members of all parties. For this I am deeply grateful.

I would also like to express my warmest thanks for all the help I have received from those colleagues in all Departments with whom I have shared the unique privilege of working for the House of Commons."

David Cuthbert Lyall Holland, Esquire, C.B., Librarian of the House of Commons,—Mr. Speaker read the following letter from David Cuthbert Lyall Holland, Esquire, C.B., the Librarian:

"Dear Mr. Speaker,

I write to inform you of my wish, at the end of June, to retire from the office of Librarian of the House of Commons which I have had the honour to hold since 3rd September 1967.

I have had the great privilege of working in the Library for the last thirty years, and of watching its services grow as the use made of them by Members has grown. This growth could not have taken place without the support of Members in general and of your Library Committee in particular, coupled with the tolerance and understanding of colleagues both inside and outside the Department of the Library.

For that, and for much else, I am and will remain deeply grateful."

Industry (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industry (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. James Hamilton: 259.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. John Corrie: 244.

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. David Stoddart.)

Committee to-morrow.

Industry (Amendment) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Industry (Amendment) [Money];

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise all such increased payments—

(a) out of money provided by Parliament, and

(b) into the Consolidated Fund,
as may result from any Act of the present Session increasing from £150 million to £600 million and from £100 million to £250 million the sums specified in section 8(7) of the Industry Act 1972 as, respectively, the limit on the Secretary of State's financial assistance to industry likely to benefit the economy and the maximum amount of each of the four possible increases of that limit. --(Mr. David Stoddart)

Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Bill. --The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries 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, by basing pension rights on notional rather than actual pay, provides privileged arrangements for Members, Ministers and other office holders which are denied to the rest of the community " --(Mr. Paul Dean), instead thereof.

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Roger Moate : 24.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Cox : 84.

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 (Commitment of Bills).

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.--(Mr. Joseph Harper)

Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries [Money]. -- Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1972 and to make further provision with respect to the pensions and salaries payable to or in respect of the Comptroller and Auditor General, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and the Health Service Commissioners, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under any other Act;

(2) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums which under any other Act are required to be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund;

(3) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums which under any other Act are required to be paid into the Consolidated Fund. --(Mr. Joseph Harper)

Ways and Means. -- Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries. -- Resolved, That any Act of the present Session to amend the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1972 may make provision, with effect from 13th June 1975, for reducing the amount of relief from income tax under Chapter III of Part IX of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 in respect of qualifying premiums paid by a Member of the House of Commons who is also the holder of an office in respect of which he has elected not to be a participant under section 2 of the said Act of 1972. --(Mr. Joseph Harper)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.  
[Adjourned at 10.39 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 29th April 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

European Communities (No. 9, 1976), Copy of an Agreement in the form of Letter exchanged at Brussels on 19th December 1975, extending the Trade Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Argentine Republic [by Command].
Fiji (No. 1, 1976),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Suva on 21st November 1975 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Fiji, 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].

Food (Miscellaneous No. 14, 1976),—Copy of Protocols, signed at Washington between 17th March and 7th April 1976, for the third extension of the Wheat Trade Convention and Food Aid Convention, constituting the International Wheat Agreement 1971 (the United Kingdom has not acceded to the Protocols) [by Command].

Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organisation (Miscellaneous No. 10, 1976),—Copy of Amendments to the Convention on the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organisation, signed at Geneva on 6th March 1948, adopted by the Assembly of the Organisation at London on 14th November 1975 (the United Kingdom has not accepted the Amendments) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th April 1976, entitled the State Awards (European University Institute) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 613) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:


Mr. Secretary Shore:

Milford Haven Conservancy Board,—Statement of Accounts of the Milford Haven Conservancy Board for 1975 [by Act].

Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders),—Report by the Secretary of State for the Environment of his proceedings during the year ended 31st January 1976 under the General Pier and Harbour Acts 1861 to 1915 [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th April 1976, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 625) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:

Tourism,—Statement of determination of the salary on appointment to a member of the Wales Tourist 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 Aberdeen Harbour Revision Order 1976 [by Act].

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

Matrimonial Causes,—Copies of Rules, dated 12th April 1976, entitled—

(1) the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 607), and

(2) the Matrimonial Causes (Costs) (Amendment) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 606) [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 Roberts (nominated in respect of the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Carol Mather.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Clinton Davis (nominated in respect of the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 369)) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Meacher.

International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords],—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee. That they had discharged from a Standing Committee on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords] Mr. Norman Fowler; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Geraint Morgan.
Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from a Standing Committee on the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson; and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Walder.

Licensing (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from a Scottish Standing Committee on the Licensing (Scotland) Bill Mr. Hugh McCartney and Mr. Gordon Wilson; and had appointed in substitution Dr. Jeremy Bray and Mr. Hamish Watt.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 29th April 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Theatres Bill.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Victor Goodhew an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Education Bill in place of Mr. R. Bonner Pink.

[No. 96.]

Friday, 30th April, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from London and other places for amendment of the Education Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Luton and other places for revised tax arrangements for widows was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Aylesbury and other places for amendment of the Education Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 11, to leave out from the word "child" to the end of line 12, and insert the words "is alive at the date on which the writ or summons (as the case may be) is issued"—(Mr. Ian Gow),—instead thereof.

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Cigarette Sales (Gift Coupons) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cigarette Sales (Gift Coupons) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Detonators Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Detonators 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.
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 18th June.

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.

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.

Homes Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th February, That the Homes Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

National Health Service (School Health Service) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Service (School Health Service) 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.

[Adjourned at 4.25 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 30th April 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st April 1976, entitled the Social Security (Medical Evidence) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 615) [by Act].

Social Security,—Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee, together with a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services, on the Social Security (Medical Evidence) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 615) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 349].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Explosives (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives for Northern Ireland for the period 1971 to 1974 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 304].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd April 1976, entitled the Milk (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 639) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Friday 30th April 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords] and the Health Services Bill to Standing Committee B, and the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee D.
Monday, 3rd May, 1976.

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).

Abortion.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Abortion, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 3rd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 250-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 General Sub-Committee on 3rd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 368-i].

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

Expenditure.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Ryder of Eaton Hastings to attend to be examined as a witness before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. James Boyden.)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motion 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 it has 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 that Motion.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (Privative Jurisdiction, &c) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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 Finance Bill which attempts to meet the cost of spendthrift Government by increasing the real tax burden upon rich and poor alike, and is profoundly discouraging to skill and enterprise."—(Sir Geoffrey Howe), instead thereof.

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 288.

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 in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until Twelve o'clock, or for two hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

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

Tuesday, 4th May, 1976:

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, That this House do now adjourn:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Ellis: 286.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.58 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 3rd May 1976

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Attorney General:

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords],—Report of the Attorney General on the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

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

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th April 1976, entitled the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 628) [by Act].

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. Hugh Jenkins (nominated in respect of the Theatres Bill); and had appointed in substitution Miss Margaret Jackson.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh Delargy reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Michael Meacher (nominated in respect of the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 309)); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Clinton Davis.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 3rd May 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Thomas Williams an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Race Relations Bill and Mr. A. P. Costain an additional Chairman of Standing Committee J in respect of the Development Land Tax Bill.

[No. 98.]

Tuesday, 4th May, 1976.

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 Captain Hugh James Delargy, Member for Thurrock, 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.
Private Bill Petitions (Standing Orders not 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, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Bucks Land and Building Company [Lords].

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Thursday.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—Ordered, That the Greater London Council (Money) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Royal County of Berkshire (Public Entertainment) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill,—The Royal County of Berkshire (Public Entertainment) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and was committed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, 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 of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 4th May and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighteenth Report).

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table, and to be printed [No. 54-xxiv].

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 4th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-xxi].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 (Sixteenth Report).

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-xxix].

Violence in the Family.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, That they had directed her to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 4th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 350-i].

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

Expenditure Committee.—The Lords give leave to the Lord Ryder of Eaton Hastings to attend to be examined as a witness before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee of the Expenditure Committee, if his Lordship think fit; they give leave to the Lord Crowther-Hunt 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.

Transport.—The Order made on 18th December, That the statement of redetermination of the salary payable to the Director General of the National Ports Council do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Social Security (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend section 22(5) of the Social Security Act 1975: And that Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Nell Kimock, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Cyril Smith, and Sir George Young, do prepare and bring it in.

Social Security (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Roger Stott accordingly presented a Bill to amend section 22(5) of the Social Security Act 1975: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th June and to be printed [Bill 133].
Rent (Agriculture) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent (Agriculture) 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. James Hamilton: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 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 (Commitment of Bills).

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motion relating to Appointments by the Committee of Selection may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Twelve o'clock or for two hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, and the Atomic Energy Authority (Special Constables) Bill and the Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Rent (Agriculture) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Rent (Agriculture) [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to afford security of tenure for agricultural workers housed by their employers, and their successors, and to make further provision as to the rents and other conditions of tenure of such persons, including amendments of the Rent Act 1968, it is expedient to authorise:

A. Payments out of moneys provided by Parliament as follows:

1. Expenditure of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in respect of agricultural dwelling-house advisory committees.
2. Any administrative expenses of a Minister or Government department.
3. Any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under any other Act.

B. Any payment into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 258.

So the Question was agreed to.

Atomic Energy Authority (Special Constables) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Atomic Energy Authority (Special Constables) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Complaints procedure)—(Mr. A. J. Beith)—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. Stephen Ross, Mr. Cyril Smith: 17.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David Stoddart: 150.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 18, at the end, to add the words—

"(3) The carrying and use of firearms by an Authority constable shall be subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State".—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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

Wednesday, 5th May, 1976:

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. A. J. Beith: 13.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 118.
Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 33, at the beginning, to insert the words "Subject to subsection 2."—(Mr. Eldon Griffiths.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

**Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—** The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Obligation to make agreements under section 25 of the Land Drainage Act 1961)—(Dr. Edmund Marshall)—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.

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. Peter Snape.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.1 a.m.]

**APPENDIX I**

*Tuesday 4th May 1976*

**Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:**

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Airports Authority,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th March 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Airports Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 369].

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 17th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 26th March 1976, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 370].

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 2nd March 1976 on a loan to be made to the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 371].

Civil Aviation,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th March 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 372 and 373].

Coal Industry,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th March 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 374].

Colonial Loans,—Statement of the total sums issued out of and repayments made into the Consolidated Fund up to 31st March 1976 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. 348].

Community Land,—Statement of guarantee given by the Treasury on 8th March 1976 on loans raised by the Land Authority for Wales [by Act]; to be printed [No. 376].

Electricity,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

(1) on 24th March 1976, and
(2) on 29th March 1976

on loans raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 377 and 378].

Electricity,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

(1) on 27th February 1976, 
(2) on 12th March 1976, and
(3) on 12th March 1976

on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 379 to 381].

Gas,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 11th March 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 382].

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th March 1976—

(1) on loans raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board, and
(2) on loans proposed to be raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 383 and 384].
Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd May 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 9) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 674) [by Act].

Iron and Steel.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th March 1976 on loans raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 385].

Iron and Steel.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 1st March 1976,
(2) on 16th March 1976,
(3) on 24th March 1976, and
(4) on 8th April 1976
on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 386 to 389].

National Health Service.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 26th March 1976 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation,
(2) on 30th March 1976 on loans raised by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 390 and 391].

New Towns.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 23rd March 1976,
(2) on 23rd March 1976,
(3) on 24th March 1976,
(4) on 30th March 1976,
(5) on 30th March 1976,
(6) on 30th March 1976,
(7) on 30th March 1976, and
(8) on 30th March 1976
on loans raised by certain development corporations [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 392 to 399].

New Towns.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 23rd March 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the Commission for the New Towns, and
(2) on 24th March 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by a development corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 400 and 401].

New Towns (Scotland).—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 24th March 1976, and
(2) on 30th March 1976
on loans raised by certain development corporations [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 402 and 403].

New Towns (Scotland).—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 24th March 1976,
(2) on 24th March 1976, and
(3) on 30th March 1976
on loans proposed to be raised by certain development corporations [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 404 to 406].

Post Office.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th February 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 407].

Transport.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 16th March 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Freight Corporation,
(2) on 30th March 1976 on loans raised by the British Transport Docks Board, and
(3) on 30th March 1976 on loans raised by the National Bus Company [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 408 to 410].

Water.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 11th March 1976 on loans raised by the National Water Council,
(2) on 11th March 1976 on loans raised by the National Water Council,
(3) on 30th March 1976 on loans raised by the Northumbrian Water Authority,
(4) on 30th March 1976 on loans raised by the Severn-Trent Water Authority,
(5) on 30th March 1976 on loans raised by the Southern Water Authority, and
(6) on 30th March 1976 on loans raised by the Yorkshire Water Authority [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 411 to 416].

Mr. Secretary Crosland :

Treaty Series (No. 162, 1975).—Copy of the Fourth Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 1975 [by Command].

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Treaty Series (No. 26, 1976).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Mbabane on 4th August 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland concerning public officers' pensions [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 28, 1976).—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 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Local Government.—Copy of an Order, dated 26th April 1976, entitled the County Council of Cambridgeshire Properties Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 655) [by Act].

Transport.—Statements of determination of the salaries payable on appointment to—
(1) the Chairman, a member and a part-time member of the British Railways Board, and
(2) a part-time member of the National Bus Company
[by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Covent Garden Market Authority.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Covent Garden Market Authority for the year ended 30th September 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 Harbour of Rye Revision Order 1976 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr. Guy Barnett (nominated in respect of the Theatres Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hugh Jenkins.

[No. 99.]

Wednesday, 5th May, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill.—Ordered, That the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill be considered to-morrow.

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

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 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.

Tees Tunnel Bill.—Mr. John Gorst reported from the Committee on the Tees Tunnel Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill 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.
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 Adoption 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. 420].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 420].

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).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-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 Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 5th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-xvi].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-xxii].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Theatres Bill (changed to Theatres Trust Bill).—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee F, That they had gone through the Theatres Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to establish a Theatres Trust for the better protection of theatres; to amend the law of town and country planning in respect of theatres; and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 14th May; and to be printed [Bill 135].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 421].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 569), referred to a Committee on 13th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 418].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 547) and the draft Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1976, referred to a Committee on 28th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 419].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Australian Estates Companies Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Standard Life Assurance Company Bill, without Amendment.

Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill.—Ordered, That the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill be read a second time upon Friday 18th June.

Medical Practitioners (Restriction of Right to Prescribe).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrict the right of medical practitioners to prescribe drugs unless certain conditions have been met; and for connected purposes—(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. Christopher Price, Mr. Michael Ward: 105.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Jill Knight, Sir George Young: 104.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. John Horam, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Ted Garrett, and Mr. Bryan Gould, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Medical Practitioners (Restriction of Right to Prescribe) Bill.—Mr. Mike Thomas accordingly presented a Bill to restrict the right of medical practitioners to prescribe drugs unless certain conditions have been met; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th June and to be printed (Bill 134).

Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Application by not fully eligible person to be treated as eligible)—(Mr. Gavin Strang)—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. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Peter Snape: 135.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather: 86.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Glebe land)—(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 (Saving for Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975)—(Sir David Renton)—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. Carol Mather, Mr. Anthony Berry: 81.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank R. White: 127.

Another Clause (Enfranchisement of county council tenants)—(Mr. Jerry Wiggin)—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. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

"Qualified Veterinary Surgeons".—(Mr. Nicholas Winterton.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 10 to 13) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 20, to leave out the word "may" and insert the word "shall".—(Sir Bernard Braine), instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 15, 16 and 18) made to the Bill.

And it being Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—The House proceeded further to consider the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 18, at the end, to insert the words "who worked in a farming partnership on the holding, with the deceased."—(Mr. Michael Jopling.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 69.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. A. W. Stallard : 106.

Other Amendments (Nos. 23 to 27) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered to-morrow.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.1 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 5th May 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st April 1976, entitled the Rating of Transport and Electricity Authorities (Distribution among Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 648) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd April 1976, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Hotel and Catering) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 640) [by Act].

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

Insolvency Services,—Copy of the Companies Liquidation Accounts and the Insolvency Services Investment Account for the year ended 31st March 1975 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 417].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Scottish Standing Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the First Scottish Standing Committee Dr. Jeremy Bray (nominated in respect of the Licensing (Scotland) Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Adam Hunter.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 5th May 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (Privative Jurisdiction, etc.) Order 1976 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Hill Livestock and Young Cattle (Compensatory Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 1976.
British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for considering the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday next.

British Transport Docks Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks 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 Thursday next.

Wimbledon and Putney Commons Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Bill [Lords];

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

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords];

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

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.

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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 7th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 305-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 5th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 24-xii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 136].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 422].

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 in relation to bail in or in connection with criminal proceedings in England and Wales, to make it an offence to agree to indemnify sureties in criminal proceedings, to make provision for legal aid limited to questions of bail in certain cases and for legal aid for persons remanded in custody for inquiries or reports, to extend the powers of coroners to grant bail and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Bail Bill [Lords]]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision concerning the constitution, purposes, doctrinal standards and property of the Methodist Church in Great Britain, to vest in the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes as custodian trustees all property held upon the trusts of the Model Deed of the Methodist Church; to repeal the Methodist Church Union Act 1929 and re-enact with modifications some of the provisions thereof; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Methodist Church Bill [Lords]].
Bail Bill [Lords].—The Bail Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 137].

Methodist Church Bill [Lords].—The Methodist Church Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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. J. D. Dormand);

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

Finance Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Standing Committee to which the Finance Bill stands committed be discharged from considering the following provisions, namely—

(a) Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64;

(b) any new clause first appearing on the Order Paper not later than Monday 10th May and relating to capital gains tax,

and that those provisions be committed to a Committee of the whole House;

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. Joel Barnett):—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 in the name of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the Finance Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until a quarter of an hour before Eleven o'clock or for three-quarters of an hour after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, and the Motion relating to Standing Order No. 22 (Irrelevance or repetition), 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. Walter Harrison.)

Finance Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Standing Committee to which the Finance Bill stands committed be discharged from considering the following provisions, namely—

(a) Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64;

(b) any new clause first appearing on the Order Paper not later than Monday 10th May and relating to capital gains tax,

and that those provisions be committed to a Committee of the whole House;

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:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

Standing Order No. 22 (Irrelevance or repetition).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in the opinion of this House the use of Standing Order No. 22 (Irrelevance or repetition) on 13th April 1976 ought not to be cited or drawn into precedent on any future occasion—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell);

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

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, etc.), That the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 547), a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th April, be approved—(Mr. J. D. Dormand):—It was agreed to.

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, etc.), That the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th April, be approved—(Mr. J. D. Dormand):—It was agreed to.

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, 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 Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.34 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Thursday 6th May 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Coroners.—Copy of an Order, dated 30th April 1976, entitled the North Yorkshire (Coroners’ Districts) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 689) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Treaty Series (No. 29, 1976).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Suva on 31st October 1975, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Fiji concerning public officers’ pensions [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Census.—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to Economic Activity County Tables, Part IV (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd May 1976, providing for Amendments to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Census.—Copies of the Report of the Census 1971, relating to Economic Activity County leaflets for—
   (1) East Sussex,
   (2) Isle of Wight,
   (3) Somerset,
   (4) Surrey,
   (5) West Sussex, and
   (6) Worcestershire
[by Act].

Social Security.—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th April 1976, entitled the Family Allowances (School-leaving Dates) (Consequential) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 651) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Transport.—Statement of redetermination of the salary payable to the Director General of the National Ports Council [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Education.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th April 1976, entitled the Amendment of School Leaving Date Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 142) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Geraint Howells (nominated in respect of the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Penhaligon.
MEMORANDA

Thursday 6th May 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Bill to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill; and Sir Thomas Williams an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill.

[No. 101.]

Friday, 7th May, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Explosives (Age of Purchase, &c.) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Explosives (Age of Purchase, &c.) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Requisitioning of Empty Properties Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Requisitioning of Empty Properties 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.

Osteopaths Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Osteopaths Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th June.

Detonators Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 30th April, That the Detonators Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Homes Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th February, That the Homes Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Procedure (Sessional Committee).—Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider any matters which may be referred to them by the House relating to the Procedure of the House.

And the Committee was nominated of Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. John Biffen, 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. Colin 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.)

Nomination of Standing Committees,—Resolved, That this House recommends that in this Parliament the Committee of Selection should interpret paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 62 (Nomination of Standing Committees) so that only an overall majority in the composition of the House should guarantee a majority in each Standing Committee and that this should apply to all Bills in relation to which the Committee stage has not been entered upon.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.20 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 7th May 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th May 1976, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 690) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th May 1976, entitled the Anti-Dumping Duty (Temporary Suspension) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 697) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:


Mr. Michael Foot:

General Medical Council,—Copy of the Accounts of the General Medical Council for 1975 [by Act].

[No. 102.]

Monday, 10th May, 1976.

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).

Abortion,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Abortion, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 10th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 250-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 Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 10th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-xv].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 368-ii].

Farmworkers’ Collective Bargaining Bill,—Miss Joan Maynard, supported by Mrs. Audrey Wise, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Ron Thomas, and Mr. Neil Carmichael, presented a Bill to amend the Employment Protection Act to the extent that is necessary to provide for the conversion of the Agricultural Wages Board to a statutory Joint Industrial Council and for the development of voluntary machinery for regulating terms and conditions of employment for farmworkers, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 138].
Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Use of spare capacity of computers and printing equipment of local authorities)—(Mr. Guy Barnett)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Powers of district auditor and the court)—(Mr. Ian Percival)—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 Highways Act 1959)—(Mr. Ronald Bell)—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 (Direct works)—(Mr. Keith Speed)—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 Part II)—(Mr. Jim Marshall)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Prescription of signs, &c., to be used on certain buildings)—(Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and the Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Rating relief in respect of facilities for disabled persons)—(Mr. Keith Speed)—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.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 17) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 45, after the word 'purpose', to insert the words ' (including acquisition on behalf of a parish or community council) '.(Mr. Nicholas Winterton.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 20 to 28 and 30) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 31) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

' (bb) study centres, exhibitions, trails and other facilities for giving information about natural features, flora, fauna, agriculture, forestry, industry, archaeology, history and traditions of the locality '.—(Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 36) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, line 32, at the end, to insert the words ' and that the power of provision includes in the case of land power to grant leases upon such terms as the local authority thinks fit '.—(Mr. Nicholas Winterton.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 40 to 44) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 45) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 24, at the end, to insert the words—

' (7A) This section shall not apply to any premises in respect of which there is in force a licence under the Cinematograph Acts 1909 and 1952 and the Gaming Act 1968 '.—(Mr. Keith Speed.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 46 to 48, 50, 52 to 60, 63 to 86, 88 to 136, 138 and 140 to 182) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 50) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that such full-time course is in a subject related to agriculture".—(Mr. Francis Pym.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. John Corrie : 121.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. James Hamilton : 161.

Another Amendment (No. 29) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 49) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 34, to leave out the words "each of the two last occasions" and insert the words "on the last occasion (except where the applicant was any person specified in paragraphs (a) or (b) of subsection (1) above, in which case the last two occasions shall apply)—"(Mr. Michael Jopling), instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 31 and 33) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 35) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 38, at the end, to insert the words "and there had elapsed a period of thirty years since the first occasion when there died a tenant".—(Dr. Colin Phipps.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. Bob Cryer : 56.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Alf Bates : 226.

And it being after Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—The House proceeded further to consider the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 37) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 38) proposed to the Bill, in page 23, line 3, at the end, to insert the words—

"(i) if the holding is incapable, when farmed under reasonably skilled management, of providing full-time employment for more than one man".—(Mr. Jerry Wiggin.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 39) proposed to the Bill, in page 23, line 32, at the end, to insert the words—

"or

(c) it is determined by the Tribunal that no greater hardship would be suffered by any applicant determined by the Tribunal to be a suitable person to become the tenant of the holding if the notice to quit were to have effect, than would be suffered by the landlord or any close relative or treated child of the landlord, if a directive were made under section 19(5) or (6) of this Act; and for the purposes of this subsection a 'close relative or treated child of the landlord' means any person described in paragraphs (a) to (f) of section 17(1) of this Act when the word 'landlord' is substituted for the word 'deceased' wherever it occurs".—(Mr. Francis Pym.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 41 and 42) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 7, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Caerwyn Rodrick.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 45) made to the Bill.
A Motion being made, That the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Frederick Pear, 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. Frederick Pear, 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,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.7 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 10th May 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

British Council,—Statement on Indemnities for borrowed objects (British Council) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Education (Scotland),—Copy of the Report on Education in Scotland for 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration,—Copy of the Sixth Report of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration, 1976 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Iron and Steel,—Copy of the Accounts of the publicly-owned companies of the British Steel Corporation for the year ended 29th March 1975 [by Act].

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


Solicitors,—Copy of the Report of the Lay Observer under section 45 of the Solicitors Act 1974 for the year ended 16th February 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 332].

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 1975; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 424].

MEMORANDA

Monday 10th May 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64, and any new Clause first appearing on the Order Paper not later than Monday 10th May and relating to capital gains tax) to Standing Committee E.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Alan Fitch (heretofore Chairman of Standing Committee J in respect of the Development Land Tax Bill) Chairman of Standing Committee E, in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64, and any new Clause first appearing on the Order Paper not later than Monday 10th May and relating to capital gains tax).
Tuesday, 11th May, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

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 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 (Nineteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xxvi].

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 11th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 426].

Violence in the Family.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, That they had directed her to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 11th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 350–iii].

Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Electricity (Financial Provisions) (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. 425].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (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 Land Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to change the name of the Australian Agricultural Company and to make provision for the transfer to the State of New South Wales in the Commonwealth of Australia of the principal office of that company and the registered offices of A. A. & P. Joint Holdings Limited, Union Pastoral Investments Limited and the Peel River Land and Mineral Company Limited; for the cesser of application to those companies 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 [Australian Agricultural Company and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords]].

Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 140].

Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 141].

Australian Agricultural Company and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords].—The Australian Agricultural Company and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 21st May.
Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Commission Document No. R/3139/75 relating to Articles made from Precious Metals be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot);

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. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.).

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Commission Document No. R/571/76 relating to the Dragon project be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot);

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. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.).

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 602) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Parliamentary Commissioner for the Nationalised Industries,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to appoint a Parliamentary Commissioner for the nationalised industries; and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Michael Shersby, Sir George Young, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Robert Adley, and Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, do prepare and bring it in.

Parliamentary Commissioner for the Nationalised Industries Bill,—Mr. Tony Durant accordingly presented a Bill to appoint a Parliamentary Commissioner for the nationalised industries; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th June and to be printed [Bill 139].

Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64, and new Clauses relating to capital gains tax),—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64, and new Clauses relating to capital gains tax).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 14 (Reduction of higher rate).

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 10, line 26, to leave out “12½” and insert “10”. (Mr. David Howell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Michael Roberts: 185.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Alf Bates: 202.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Charge of income tax for 1976-77).

Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 13, line 24, after the word “cent.”, to insert the words “except in respect of the first £500 of an individual’s total income, which shall be charged at 25 per cent.”—(Mr. John Pardoe.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 13, line 26, to leave out “£4,500” and insert “£5,000”.—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Carol Mather: 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 196.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 13, line 29, to leave out from the word “exceeds” to the end of line 36, and insert the words “£2,000 at the additional rate of 15 per cent.”—(Sir John Hall.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.
Wednesday, 12th May, 1976:

Question put.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Fred Silvester: 161.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. David Stoddart: 192.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 24 (Corporation tax: other rates and fractions).
Amendment (No. 39) proposed, in page 14, line 24, to leave out the words "42 per cent." and insert the words "shall be three-quarters of the standard rate of corporation tax as Parliament may from time to time determine".—(Mr. David Mitchell.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Clause agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

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 this day 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 half-past One o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.30 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 11th May 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 10th May 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Malta) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 719) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Mr. Secretary Booth:
Industrial Tribunals.—Copies of Regulations, dated 27th April 1976, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Tribunals Awards (Enforcement in case of Death) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 663),
(2) the Industrial Tribunals (Labour Relations) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 661), and
(3) the Industrial Tribunals (Labour Relations) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 662)
[by Act].

Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Copy of an Order, dated 27th April 1976, entitled the Employment Protection (Medical Suspension) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 659) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Medicines,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th April 1976, entitled the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 667) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Protection of Wrecks,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th May 1976, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 720) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th March 1976, entitled the Bristol Port and Harbour Revision Order 1976, 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:
Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, and
(2) the Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Act].

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

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 11th May 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64, and any new Clause first appearing on the Order Paper not later than Monday 10th May and relating to capital gains tax).

[No. 104.]

Wednesday, 12th May, 1976.

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).

Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund 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 Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund 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.

Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society 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 Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society 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.
Armed Forces Bill.—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 429].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 429].

Armed Forces Bill.—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House; and be printed [Bill 142].

Committee to-morrow.

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. 8-xx].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xx].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-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 Energy Resources Sub-Committee on 12th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 24-xiii].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Standing Orders.—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee, several Resolutions:

1. That in the case of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords], Petition for additional provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to insert their additional provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

2. That in the case of the Bucks Land and Building Company Bill, Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The Resolutions were agreed to.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Hill Livestock and Young Cattle (Compensatory Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 1976, referred to a Committee on 26th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 431].

Criminal Profits (Expropriation).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to expropriate any proceeds of a crime and any monies derived from the commission of crime—(Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn);

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. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Malcolm Rikkind: 104.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Bryan Davies: 77.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Michael Mates, Dr. Rhodes Boyson, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton, do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Criminal Profits (Expropriation) Bill.—Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn accordingly presented a Bill to expropriate any proceeds of a crime and any monies derived from the commission of crime: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th June and to be printed [Bill 143].

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. John Ellis);

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motion relating to Transport may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock and the Motions relating to Direct Elections to the European Assembly may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Eleven o'clock or for one hour after they have been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Transport.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House takes note of the National Freight Corporation (Commencing Capital Debt) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 329)—(Mr. Norman Fowler);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. James Hamilton: 86.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Nicholas Ridley: 15.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the National Freight Corporation (Commencing Capital Debt) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 329).

Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electricity (Financial Provisions) (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. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of this Session to increase the statutory limits on the amounts outstanding in respect of borrowings by the Scottish Electricity Boards, and to make provision for compensating the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board for deficits incurred or to be incurred by that Board in supplying electricity to the British Aluminium Company Limited for the operation of that Company's aluminium reduction plant at Invergordon, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) such increases in the sums which by or under section 47(7) of the Electricity Act 1947 are to be or may be charged on or issued out of or paid into the Consolidated Fund, or the National Loans Fund, as may result from provisions of this said Act of this Session increasing to £1,950 million the aggregate limit imposed by that section on the amounts outstanding in respect of borrowings by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board and the South of Scotland Electricity Board;

(2) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of expenses of the Secretary of State incurred under the said Act in compensating the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board for deficits incurred or to be incurred by that Board in supplying electricity to the British Aluminium Company Limited for the operation of that Company's aluminium reduction plant at Invergordon and for the payment into the Consolidated Fund of sums recovered under the said Act in connection with that purpose by the Secretary of State.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

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 1 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1939 and one-tenth of the contribution determined by the Treasury for the current year under section 1 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1957, be appropriated for the purposes of section 4 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1948.—(Mr. Albert Roberts.)

Direct Elections to the European Assembly.—Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider proposals for Direct Elections to the European Assembly and arrangements requiring action by Parliament and by the European Community following the Government's commitment to proceed to such elections.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Ordered, That Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Bryan Gould, and Mr. Roy Hattersley, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Eric S. Heifer be a member of the Committee—(Mr. Douglas Jay);

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

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And the Question being put;

The House divided:

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Max Madden: 25.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. David Stoddart: 76.

So the Question was negatived.

Ordered, That Mr. John Horam, Mr. Douglas Hurd, Mr. Sydney Irving, and Mr. Neil Kinnock, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Neil Marten be a member of the Committee—(Mr. Douglas Jay);

The House divided:

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Frank Hooley: 27.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 67.

So the Question was negatived.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fifteen minutes after One o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.15 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 12th May 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Woomera,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 12th May 1976, concerning the ownership of moveable assets in South Australia [by Command].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th May 1976, entitled the Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No. 1) Order 1975 (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 684) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Census,—Copies of the New County Reports of the Census 1971, relating to—

(1) Cheshire,
(2) Staffordshire, and
(3) Surrey,
as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Transport,—Copies of the Reports and Accounts for 1975 of—

(1) the British Railways Board, and
(2) the British Transport Docks Board
[by Act].

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


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Leslie Spriggs (nominated in respect of the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords]).
Standing Committee B.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Bill, viz.: Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Paul Dean, Mr. Anthony Fell, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Douglas Jay, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Robert McGrindle, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Charles R. Morris, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Albert Roberts, and Mr. Nicholas Scott.

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Bryan Davies (nominated in respect of the Health Services Bill).

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Roy Hughes (nominated in respect of the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill).

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Thirty-four Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 48, 52 and 64 and new Clauses relating to capital gains tax), viz.: Mr. Joel Barnett, Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Dennis Canavan, R. B. Cant, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Glyn Edge, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Ian Gow, Sir John Hall, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Peter Horder, Mr. David Howell, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Harry Lamborn, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. John MacGregor, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. John Nott, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. John Parloe, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Jeffrey Thomas, Mr. David Watkins, Mr. Ken Weetch, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, and Mr. George Younger.

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Licensing (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, viz.: Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, and Sir George Young.

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill, viz.: Mr. James Boydén, Mr. Richard Cawshaw, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Michael Mates, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. Stanley Onslow, Mr. John Roper, Mr. Paul B. Rose, Mr. Raphael Tuck, Mr. David Walder, Mr. Alan Lee Williams, and Mr. George Younger.

Rent (Agriculture) Bill.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on a Standing Committee in respect of the Rent (Agriculture) Bill, viz.: Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. David James, Mr. Michael Jopling, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Mr. Hugh Rossi, and Mr. Gavin Strang.

Second Reading Committee.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. John Loveridge, J. P. W. Mallalieu, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Renton, Sir Brandon Rees Williams, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

First Scottish Standing Committee.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the First Scottish Standing Committee Mr. Adam Hunter and Mr. David Steel (nominated in respect of the Licensing (Scotland) Bill).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (Privative Jurisdiction, &c.) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. James Dempsey, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mrs. Judith Hart, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Tom McMillan, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. Harry Selby, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

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Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 602), viz.: Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. F. A. Burden, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Hamish Watt, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

MEMORANDA
Wednesday 12th May 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 602) to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Health Services Bill to Standing Committee D (transferred from Standing Committee B).

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Health Services Bill, Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Licensing (Scotland) Bill, and Mr. Peter Doig an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill.

[No. 105.]

Thursday, 13th May, 1976.

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.:

Methodist Church Bill [Lords].
Bill to be read a second time.

British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for considering the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next at Seven o’clock.

British Transport Docks Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks 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.

Wimbledon and Putney Commons Bill [Lords],—The Wimbledon and Putney Commons Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of South Glamorgan 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 the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (Money) Bill;

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

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).
British Railways Bill.—Mr. Fred Evans reported from the Committee on the British Railways Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill 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.

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. 427].

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. 428].

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, together with Memoranda reported to them by the Environment Sub-Committee: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 433].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 322-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 13th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-x].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix ID).

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 145].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 435].

Education Bill.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Education Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 146].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 436].

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 Licensing (Amendment) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide public lending right for authors, and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Public Lending Right Bill [Lords].

Public Lending Right Bill [Lords].—The Public Lending Right Bill [Lords] was read the first time (pursuant to Standing Order No. 58A (Privilege (Bills brought from the Lords)) ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 144].

Farmworkers' Collective Bargaining Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Farmworkers' Collective Bargaining Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 18th June.
Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64, and new Clauses relating to capital gains tax)—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64, and new Clauses relating to capital gains tax).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 26 (Alteration of personal reliefs).

Amendment (No. 46) proposed, in page 15, line 8, to leave out “£1,555, £1,010” and insert “£1,600, £1,060.”—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 148.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Donald Coleman: 153.

Another Amendment (No. 49) proposed, in page 15, line 11, to leave out “£365” and insert “£395.”—(Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Douglas Crawford: 22.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 147.

Another Amendment (No. 56) proposed, in page 15, line 15, at the end, to add the words—

“(3) In paragraph (b) of section 8(1A) of the Taxes Act, after ‘upwards’, there shall be added ‘or by a person who proves that she was at any time in the year of assessment a widow’.”—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 61) proposed, in page 15, line 15, at the end, to add the words—

“(3) In section 10 of that Act (Children), for any reference to £115 there shall be substituted a reference to £300.”—(Mr. Nigel Lawson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 90) proposed, in page 15, line 15, at the end, to add the words—

“(3) In section 10(5) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 after the words ‘or other similar education endowment’ shall be added ‘or of a mobility allowance awarded under section 37A of the Social Security Act 1975’.

(4) After section 16(5) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 shall be added the following subsection:

‘(6) In calculating the income of any such person as is mentioned in subsection (1) above, no account shall be taken of a mobility allowance awarded under section 37A of the Social Security Act 1975’.”—(Mr. John Hannam.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 27 (Retirement annuities).

Amendment (No. 64) proposed, in page 15, line 23, to leave out “£2,250” and insert “£3,000.”—(Mr. David Mitchell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. William Benyon, Mr. Fred Silvester: 119.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Frank R. White: 127.

Another Amendment (No. 87) proposed, in page 15, line 23, to leave out “£2,250” and insert “15 per cent.”—(Mr. John Nott.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Carol Mather: 114.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Thomas Cox: 124.

Clause agreed to.
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.

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Bill Livestock and Young Cattle (Compensatory Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 7th April, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That notwithstanding the Order of the House of 15th November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), Mr. Edward Short be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Michael Foot 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. Donald Coleman.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.46 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 13th May 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

European Communities (No. 11, 1976).—Copy of an Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 16th January 1976, relating to Article 9 of Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel and concerning the importation into the Community of fruit salads originating in Israel [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 34, 1976).—Copy of a Convention, adopted at Ramsar, Iran, on 2nd February 1971 and opened for signature at Paris on 12th July 1972, on wetlands of international importance, especially as waterfowl habitat [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 29th April 1976, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 693) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training.—Copies of Orders, dated 4th May 1976, entitled—

(1) the Industrial Training Levy (Clothing and Allied Products) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 685), and

(2) the Industrial Training Levy (Engineering) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 686) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Social Security.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1976 [by Act].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mrs. Millie Miller (nominated in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 27, 48, 52 and 64, and new Clauses relating to capital gains tax)); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Terry Walker.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords] Mr. J. P. W. Mallalieu; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ben Ford.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 13th May 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Rent (Agriculture) Bill to Standing Committee K.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. A. P. Costain (hereafter an additional Chairman of Standing Committee J in respect of the Development Land Tax Bill) Chairman of Standing Committee K in respect of the Rent (Agriculture) Bill; Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill; Sir Thomas Williams Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords]; Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (Privative Jurisdiction, &c.) Order 1976; and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 602).

[No. 106.]

Friday, 14th May, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Dangerous Wild Animals Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Dangerous Wild Animals Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Power to seize and to dispose of animals without compensation)—(Mr. Peter Thomas)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 24) 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.

Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Power to make corresponding provision in relation to ships)—(Mr. Andrew Bowden)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1, 4 and 2) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Theatres Trust Bill (changed from Theatres Bill).—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Theatres Trust Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 4) made to the Bill.
Title amended, as follows: A Bill to establish a Theatres Trust for the better protection of theatres; and for purposes connected therewith.

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.

Swimming Pools (Safety Regulations) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Swimming Pools (Safety Regulations) 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.

Debate to be resumed upon Friday next.

Corporal Punishment Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Corporal Punishment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th July.

Criminal Appeal (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Appeal (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 18th June.

Road Accident Compensation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 12th March, That the Road Accident Compensation Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday 16th July.

Consumer Protection (Motor Vehicles) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consumer Protection (Motor Vehicles) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th July.

Detonators Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 30th April, That the Detonators Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Homes Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th February, That the Homes Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

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

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 14th May 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Police (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Report of the Working Party for Northern Ireland on the handling of complaints against the police [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Food Subsidies,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Food Subsidies (Increase of Financial Limit) Order 1976 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Friday 14th May 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill to the First Scottish Standing Committee.

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,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Abortion, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 17th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 250-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 17th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 33-xvii].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 368-iii].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to legitimacy ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Legitimacy Bill [Lords].

Legitimacy Bill [Lords],—The Legitimacy Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 147].

Science and Technology,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Shepherd to attend to be examined as a witness before the Science Sub-Committee appointed by the Select Committee on Science and Technology.—(Mr. Arthur Palmer.)

Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64, and new Clauses relating to capital gains tax),—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64, and new Clauses relating to capital gains tax).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 48 (Investigatory powers).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Donald Coleman : 198.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. John Corrie : 185.

Clause No. 52 (General provision charging benefits).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill :—Debate arising ;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Ted Graham reported, That the Committee made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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 half-past Eleven o'clock or for one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, and the Motion relating to the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)
Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64, and new Clauses relating to capital gains tax).—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64, and new Clauses relating to capital gains tax).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 52 (General provision charging benefits).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate resumed.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. John Ellis: 195.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Carol Mather: 166.

Clause No. 64 agreed to.

A Clause (Relief from tax on chargeable gains in respect of business property)—Mr. John Cope—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Elimination of double taxation)—(Mr. David Mitchell)—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 Corrie, Mr. Carol Mather: 162.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. Thomas Cox: 169.

Bill (Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64) to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. David Stoddart reported, That the Committee had gone through Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64 of the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64 of the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. David Stoddart); And it being one and a half hours after the Motion had been entered upon, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Direct Elections to the European Assembly.—Ordered, That Mr. George Reid, Sir Anthony Royle, and Mr. David Steel, be members of the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly.

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 2.26 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 17th May 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

National Health Service (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th May 1976, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 733) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Census.—Copy of the New County Report of the Census 1971 relating to Warwickshire, as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].
Pensions.—Copy of the Report of the Occupational Pensions Board to the Secretary of State for Social Services pursuant to section 66 of the Social Security Act 1973, for 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 375].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Animals.—Copy of an Order, dated 7th May 1976, entitled the Importation of Carcases and Animal Products (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 708) [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 Petitions have been presented against the Blaenau Gwent (Rassau North Industrial Estate) Compulsory Purchase Order 1974 by—

1. Mr. William John Williams;
2. Mr. W. G. Rowland and others;
3. Mr. H. Bennett and others;
4. Mr. Ednyfed Austin Prys and others; and
5. Mr. E. J. Thomas and others;

That they have taken the said Petitions into consideration and have certified them as proper to be received, and as Petitions of General Objection [by Act].

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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.:

Australian Agricultural Company and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords].
Bill to be read a second time.

Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Bill [Lords].—The Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Tees Tunnel Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Tees Tunnel Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Bill to be read the third time.

Methodist Church Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Methodist Church Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Thursday.

British Transport Docks Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks 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.

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of South Glamorgan 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 the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (Money) Bill:

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

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 of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 18th May and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twentieth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xxvii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xxviii].

Direct Elections to the European Assembly,—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly, 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. 445].

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 Sub-Committee B on 18th May (at a meeting held concurrently with Sub-Committee A of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities).

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 272-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 A on 18th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 426-ii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 (Seventeenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-xx].

Violence in the Family,—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, That they had directed her to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 18th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 350-iv].

New Towns (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee H, That they had gone through the New Towns (Amendment) 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. 446].

Comprehensive Higher Education,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to end distinctions between the various types of educational institutions that cater for people over 18 years of age, and to provide for a genuinely comprehensive system of higher education under democratic control—(Mr. Bruce Grocott):

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Ivor Clemitson: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mr. Roger Sims: 182.

So the Question was negatived.
Supply [21st allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Sale of Council and New Houses to Tenants.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls on Her Majesty's Government to give positive encouragement to local authorities to sell council houses to their tenants and to withdraw their ban on sale of New Town houses.—(Mr. Timothy Raison);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "recognising the desirability of encouraging the widest possible choice of tenure including owner occupation, equity sharing, co-operatives and renting, considers that the question of whether public sector houses should be sold to their occupiers should be decided locally by locality in the light of serious and unbiased consideration of the housing needs of the area concerned and welcomes Her Majesty's Government's continuing examination of this matter both in relation to local authorities and to new towns”.—(Mr. John Silkin),—instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. A. W. Stallard : 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 257.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House, recognising the desirability of encouraging the widest possible choice of tenure including owner occupation, equity sharing, co-operatives and renting, considers that the question of whether public sector houses should be sold to their occupiers should be decided locally by locality in the light of serious and unbiased consideration of the housing needs of the area concerned and welcomes Her Majesty's Government's continuing examination of this matter both in relation to local authorities and to new towns.

British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for considering the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Mr. Norman Fowler moved, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned, and Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28 (Dilatory motion in abuse of rules of House), put the Question thereupon forthwith.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop : 140.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. John Prescott : 216.

So the Question was negatived.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill, as amended, be now considered : Debate arising;

Mr. Walter Johnson 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. Bob Cryer, Mr. Walter Johnson : 265.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 255.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill, as amended, be now considered;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Bob Cryer : 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 254.

So the Question was agreed to.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

Counter-Inflation.—Resolved, That the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 630), a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd April, be approved.—(Mr. John Fraser.)
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.33 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 18th May 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Seychelles,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 18th May 1976, relative to the gift of a ship to the Government of Seychelles [by Command].

New Towns,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

(1) on 30th March 1976 on loans raised by Corby Development Corporation,

(2) on 30th March 1976 on loans raised by Stevenage Development Corporation, and

(3) on 31st March 1976 on loans raised by Washington Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 437 to 439].

Post Office,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 2nd April 1976 on loans raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 440].

Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 31st March 1976 on loans raised by the British Waterways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 441].

Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 31st March 1976 on loans raised by the Anglian Water Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 442].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Indonesia (No. 1, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 27th April 1976 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, for the promotion and protection of investment (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Norway (No. 1, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 10th May 1976 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway, relating to the exploitation of the Frigg field reservoir and the transmission of gas therefrom to the United Kingdom (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].


Treaty Series (No. 36, 1976),—Copy of a Basic Agreement signed at Tlatelolco on 25th February 1975, on scientific and technical co-operation between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United Mexican States (with exchange of Notes) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Medicines,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Medicines (Specified Articles and Substances) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Local Government Finance,—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry on local government finance [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the Petitions [30th April]—
(1) from London and other places, and
(2) from Aylesbury and other places
for amendment of the Education Bill [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Administration of Justice,—Copy of the Accounts of Funds in Court in England and Wales for the year ended 28th February 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 443].

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 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 444].

Tribunals and Inquiries,—Copy of Rules, dated 7th May 1976, entitled the Highways (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 721) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee H,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Bill to serve on Standing Committee H in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee B).

Standing Committee H,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee H Mr. Anthony Fell (nominated in respect of the Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Stradling Thomas.

First Scottish Standing Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had added Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison to the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Licensing (Scotland) Bill.

MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Bill to Standing Committee H (transferred from Standing Committee B).

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Bill.

[No. 109.]

Wednesday, 19th May, 1976.

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 considered to-morrow.

Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Bill to be read the third time.

Suffolk Coastal District Council Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Suffolk Coastal District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Bill to be read the third time.

British Railways Bill,—Ordered, That the British Railways Bill be considered upon Monday next at Seven o’clock.
Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

River Medway (Flood Relief) Bill,—Mr. John Stokes reported from the Committee on the River Medway (Flood Relief) Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill 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.

Samuel Montagu and Co. 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 Samuel Montagu and Co. Limited Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and that they had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

Royal County of Berkshire (Public Entertainment) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had considered the Order contained in the Royal County of Berkshire (Public Entertainment) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill; that they were of opinion that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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 Supplementary Benefits 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. 449].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 449].

Sound Broadcasting,—Mr. Ben Ford reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Sound Broadcasting, 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. 453].

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. 8-xxi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xxi].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-xvii].

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 19th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 322-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 19th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 24-xiv].

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. 136-ii].
Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill.—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from Standing Committee F, That they had gone through the Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to make provision for the registration for electoral purposes of members of the armed forces and the wives and husbands of such members.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday; and to be printed [Bill 151].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 452].

Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—Sir Thomas Williams reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Companies (No. 2) 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 Companies (No. 2) 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. 450].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (Privative Jurisdiction, &c.) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 3rd May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 460].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Wells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 602), referred to a Committee on 11th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 451].

Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 18th June.

Housing (Shorthold Tenancies).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, 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—(Sir Brandon Rhys Williams);

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, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Norman Tebbit: 202.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Ivor Clemitson: 161.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, and Mr. Christopher Tugendhat, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

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 18th June and to be printed [Bill 150].

Supply [22nd allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Nationalisation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls on Her Majesty's Government to dispel the damaging uncertainty about the future of banking, insurance and pharmaceutical manufacturing, by stating categorically that they have no intention of nationalising companies in these industries—(Mr. Michael Heseltine);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "believes that it is in the best interests of British Industry and the Nation that the Government should continue to develop its industrial strategy in accordance with the principles and objectives of the Industry
Act; and welcomes the constructive contribution already made to this work by the National Enterprise Board and the discussions on the Industrial Strategy at the NEDC.” —(Mr. Harold Lever), instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Tom Pendry: 284.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 274.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House believes that it is in the best interests of British Industry and the Nation that the Government should continue to develop its industrial strategy in accordance with the principles and objectives of the Industry Act; and welcomes the constructive contribution already made to this work by the National Enterprise Board and the discussions on the Industrial Strategy at the NEDC.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until One o’clock or for three hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

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

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

Thursday, 20th May, 1976:

And it being three hours after the Motion had been entered upon, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit still seventeen minutes to Two o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.43 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 19th May 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Gas,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th April 1976 on loans raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 447].

Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th March 1976 on loans raised by the Thames Water Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 448].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to the Tayside Region, as constituted on 16th May 1975 [by Act].

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Scottish Transport Group for 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th May 1976, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 726) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee F,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) Bill, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. James Kilfedder, Mr. Marcus Lipton, Mr. Robert...
McCrindle, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Raphael Tuck, Mrs. Audrey Wise, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

First Scottish Standing Committee.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. John Corrie, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. James Hamilton, Mrs. Judith Hart, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, Mr. Malcolm Riffkind, Mr. William Small, Mr. Iain Sproat, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

Thursday, 20th May, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday next.

Methodist Church Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Methodist Church Bill [Lords];

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

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.

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

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-xi].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill,—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill, and made Amendments theretounto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 152].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 454].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to restrict the importation and exportation of certain animals, plants and items and trade in them; to confer on the Secretary of State power to restrict by order the ports at which live animals may be imported; to restrict the movement after importation of certain live animals; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Endangered Species (Import and Export) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer powers on the Solihull Borough Council in relation to public safety at the National Exhibition Centre in the borough of Solihull; to continue and extend the powers of the Birmingham City Council in respect of the centre; to authorise the transfer of property held in connection with the Birmingham Municipal Bank; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham Municipal Bank Bill [Lords].

Endangered Species (Import and Export) Bill [Lords].—The Endangered Species (Import and Export) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 153].
National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham Municipal Bank Bill [Lords].—The National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham Municipal Bank Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Industrial Training (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Industrial Training (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Police Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Police Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Disciplinary charges in criminal cases)—(Mr. Arthur Davidson)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment ((b)) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 7, at the end, to add the words—

"(3) A disciplinary charge shall not be preferred against a member of a police force (or, if already preferred, shall be withdrawn) if the charge is in substance the same as a possible criminal charge on which the Director of Public Prosecutions has decided, on evidential grounds, not to prosecute ".—(Mr. Michael Alison.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Michael Roberts: 102.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Ted Graham: 140.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Complaints that may involve criminal proceedings)—(Mr. Arthur Davidson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Complaints against the police of a person accused or convicted of a criminal offence)—(Mr. Phillip Whitehead)—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. Frank Hooley, Mr. Andrew Bennett: 28.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 68.

Another Clause (Definitions)—(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 (Use of Police Federation funds)—(Mr. Eldon Griffiths)—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.

And it being Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

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

Police Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Police Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) Salaries of the Board to be determined by the Secretary of State under paragraph 4 of the Schedule shall in no case exceed £2,400 per annum in respect of part-time members, £4,000 per annum in respect of full time members and in the case of the Chairman of the Board no more than £7,500 per annum ".—(Mr. Michael Alison.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division.

Friday, 21st May, 1976:

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 47.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Ted Graham: 64.
Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Secretary Jenkins.)

Bills, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered this day.

Social Security.—Resolved, That the Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 26th April, be approved.—(Mr. Eric Deakins.)

Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies (No. 2) 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 (No. 2) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Companies (No. 2) [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to companies and, in connection therewith, to amend the law relating to the registration of business names, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State by virtue of that Act.—(Mr. Clinton Davis.)

Ways and Means.—Companies (No. 2).—Resolved, That any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to companies may—

(1) require the payment of fees to the registrar of companies in respect of matters specified by regulations made under that Act;

(2) authorise the registrar of companies to charge fees for any services provided by him otherwise than in pursuance of an obligation imposed on him by law;

(3) provide for the payment into the Consolidated Fund of fees payable to the registrar of companies in pursuance of that Act.—(Mr. Clinton Davis.)

Sheriff Courts (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 Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (Privative Jurisdiction, &c.) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 27th April, be approved—(Mr. Alf Bates):—It was agreed to.

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the British Wool (Guaranteed Prices) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 602), a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th April, be approved—(Mr. Alf Bates):—It was agreed to.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes to Two o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.44 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 20th May 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 30th March, and 2nd, 6th and 9th April 1976, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 455].

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th May 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 10) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 780) [by Act].

Trustee Savings Banks.—Copy of the Report of the Inspection Committee of Trustee Savings Banks for the year ended 20th November 1975 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Crosland:

European Communities (No. 12, 1976).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 16th January 1976, between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel, suspending the implementation of the tariff reduction for imports into the community of tomato concentrates falling within sub-heading 20.02 ex C of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Israel [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Booth:


Employment Agencies, etc.—Copies of Regulations, dated 5th May, entitled—
(1) the Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 715),
(2) the Employment Agencies Act 1973 (Charging Fees to Workers) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 714),
(3) the Employment Agencies Act 1973 (Exemption) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 710),
(4) the Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Applications for Licences) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 712), and
(5) the Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses Licence Fee Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 713) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise.—Copies of Orders, dated 13th May 1976, entitled—
(1) the Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Order 1973 (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 737), and
(2) the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 736) [by Act].

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 18th May 1976, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 763) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Transport.—Statement of determination of the salary and pension payable to the Chairman of the British Transport Docks Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Act].


Mr. Reginald Prentice:

Pensions.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 17th May 1976, entitled the Malawi Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pension (United Kingdom) (Amendment) Scheme 1976 [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 1975 and Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 456].

House of Commons Members' Fund.—Accounts of the House of Commons Members' Fund for the year ended 30th September 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 457].

Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund.—Accounts of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 458].

Plant Health.—Copy of an Order, dated 13th May 1976, entitled the Dutch Elm Disease (Restriction on Movement of Elms) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 734) [by Act].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Cecil Parkinson (nominated in respect of the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Stradling Thomas.

Standing Committee H,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee H Mr. John Stradling Thomas (nominated in respect of the Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bernard Weatherill.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 20th May 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Licensing (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.

[No. 111.]

Friday, 21st May, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill,—Ordered, That the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill be read the third time upon Monday next at Seven o'clock.

Laker Airways Limited,—A Petition of John Howard Barham Roney, of 42-45 New Broad Street, London EC2M 1LY, Solicitor, on behalf of Laker Airways Limited of Normandy House, St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands, the Plaintiff in the action in the Queens Bench Division High Court of Justice, No. 1976, L. No. 883 against the Defendant Department of Trade, which said action is listed for hearing in London on Monday the 24th day of May 1976, was presented and read ; setting forth, first, that the Petitioner's claim in the action is for: 1. A Declaration that the Guidance and Directives given to the Civil Aviation Authority by the Secretary of State for Trade in the terms of or pursuant to the White Paper, "Future Civil Aviation Policy" (1976 Cmdn. 6400) are ultra vires the powers granted to the Secretary of State for Trade and further are contrary to the provisions of section 3(1) of the Civil Aviation Act 1971; 2. A Declaration that the Class A Licence No. A 14011 granted to the Plaintiffs by the Civil Aviation Authority in respect of the air service commonly known as "Skytrain" commencing on 1st January 1973 and expiring on 31st December 1982 (subsequently redesignated No. 1B/24214) is valid and not revoked and remains in full force and effect; and 3. A Declaration that there are no grounds for withdrawing or amending the Designation of the Plaintiffs for operations on United Kingdom Route 2 of the Annex to the Agreement relating to air services between the United Kingdom and the United States of America signed at Bermuda on 11th February 1946, as amended by Exchange of Notes on 27th May 1966, the said Designation having been made by Note dated 26th February 1973, on behalf of the Defendants ; and, second, that reference is desired to be made at the hearing of the action to the following Reports of Debates of the House: 1975 Volume 896 No. 168 Columns 1502 to 1512 inclusive 29th July: The Secretary of State for Trade and President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Peter Shore), Mr. Warren, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Tebbit, Mr. Dolley, Sir G. Sinclair, Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Cryer and Mr. Monrow; Volume 896 No. 170 Part II Columns 2307 to 2343 inclusive 31st July: Mr. Kenneth Warren, The Under-Secretary of State for Trade (Mr. Clinton Davis), Mr. Norman Tebbit, and Mr. Michael Neubert; 1976 Volume 906 No. 57 Columns 635 to 696 inclusive 26th February: The Secretary of State for Trade and President of the Board of Trade (Mr. Peter Shore), Mr. Speaker, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Mr. Terence Higgins, Mr. Neil Marten, Mr. Kenneth Warren, The Under-Secretary of State for Trade (Mr. Clinton Davis), Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. John Stonehouse, Mr. R. A. McCrindle, Mr. Les Huckfield, Mr. Terry Walker, and Dr. Reginald Bennett; and praying that the 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.
Ordered, That leave be given to the proper Officers of this House to attend the trial of the said action to produce the said Reports of Debates; and that leave be given for reference to be made to the said Debates.—(Mr. John Cope.)

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

Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Anonymity of defendants in rape etc. cases)—(Mr. Brynmor John)—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.

Mr. David Stoddart and Mr. John Ellis were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, and Mr. John Lee was appointed Teller for the Noes, but no Member being willing to act as a second Teller for the Noes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Clause added to the Bill.

An Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 7, after the word "intercourse", to insert the words "using physical force or by duress".—(Mr. John Lee.)

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

An Amendment (No. 11) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 1, to leave out Clause 2.—(Mr. John Lee.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Mr. John Lee: 15.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Robin Corbett: 42.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 25, to leave out the words "such a striking":—(Mr. John Lee.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, to leave out line 40.—(Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 41, after the word "substituted", to insert the words—

"(i) in the case of a trial by court-martial for which a judge advocate is appointed, a reference to the judge advocate, and

(ii) in any other case".—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division.

Miss Jo Richardson and Mr. Robin Corbett were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, and Mr. John Lee was appointed Teller for the Noes, but no Member being willing to act as a second Teller for the Noes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Another Amendment (No. 27) made to the Bill.

And it being Four o'clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered upon Friday 18th June.

Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Representation of the People (Armed Forces) 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.

Solicitors Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 11th June.
Transport (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transport (Amendment) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 18th June.

Obscene Publications (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Obscene Publications (Amendment) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 18th June.

Homes Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 20th February, That the Homes Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday 11th June.

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

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 21st May 1976

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Public Health,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th May 1976, entitled the Control of Pollution (Licensing of Waste Disposal) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 732) [by Act].

[No. 112.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-xvii].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 368-iv].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of further Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 24th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 461-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 Energy Resources Sub-Committee on 24th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 24-xv].

Immigration and Emigration,—Resolved, That this House notes with concern the changing demographic character of Great Britain, particularly the outflow of young people emigrating overseas and the continuing inflow of immigrants from the new Commonwealth; and calls on the Government, in the interests of improving race relations, to make a clear and accurate statement of its immigration policy.—(Mr. Jonathan Aitken.)
British Railways Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) 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. Walter Johnson, Mr. Bob Cryer: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Michael Roberts: 247.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, the Seychelles Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Seychelles Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Seychelles Bill [Lords];

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

Mr. Roy Hattersley acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the Queen to acquaint the House that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, has consented to place Her prerogative and interest, so far as they are affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

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. 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 9 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 581), a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th April, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

Tuesday, 25th May, 1976:

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 11th May, be approved.—(Mr. Ray Carter.)

New Towns.—Resolved, That the New Towns (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th May, be approved.—(Mr. Guy Barnett.)

European Parliament (Membership).—Ordered, That Mr. Guy Barnett be discharged from membership of the European Parliament and that Mr. William Molloy be designated a member of the European Parliament.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.57 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 24th May 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Estate Duty.—Statement showing the transfers of property accepted in lieu of Estate Duty during the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Census.—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to the Highland Region, and the Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles Islands Areas, as constituted on 16th May 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
National Enterprise Board.—Statement of consent by the Secretary of State for Industry, given on 21st May 1976, to the transfer to the National Enterprise Board of shares held by him in International Computers (Holdings) Ltd., pursuant to section 5(5) of the Industry Act 1975 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Fair Trading.—Copy of a Report by the Consumer Protection Advisory Committee on disguised business sales [by Act]; to be printed [No. 355].

Tuesday, 25th May, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Private Bill [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.:

National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham Municipal Bank Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Samuel Montagu and Co. Limited Bill [Lords].—The Samuel Montagu and Co. Limited Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society Bill.—The Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Suffolk Coastal District Council Bill.—A Motion being made, That the Suffolk Coastal District Council Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Secretary 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: It was agreed to.

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

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

Mr. Secretary 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:—It was agreed to.

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

British Transport Docks Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Transport Docks Bill;

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

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 Thursday.

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords];

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

Royal County of Berkshire (Public Entertainment) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill,—The Royal County of Berkshire (Public Entertainment) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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 of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 25th May and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-first Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xxix].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xxx].

Direct Elections to the European Assembly,—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 25th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 462-i].

House of Commons (Services),—Dr. Reginald Bennett 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. 468].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighteenth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-xxi].

Dock Work Regulation Bill,—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from Standing Committee G, That they had gone through the Dock Work Regulation Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 157].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 464].

Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Bill,—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from Standing Committee H, That they had gone through the Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries 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. 467].
Development Land Tax Bill.—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee J, That they had gone through the Development Land Tax Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 158].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 465].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision with respect to the nation's resources and use of energy; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Energy Bill [Lords]].

Energy Bill [Lords].—The Energy Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 160].

Public Lending Right Bill [Lords].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Public Lending Right Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee—(Mr. John Ellis);

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. 66 (Second Reading Committees).

Adjournment (Spring).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House at its rising on Friday do adjourn till Monday 7th June—(Mr. John Ellis):—

Debate arising;

Mr. Dafydd Wigley 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.

Mr. Gordon Wilson 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.

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 Friday do adjourn till Monday 7th June.

Control of Government Borrowing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to ensure effective parliamentary control of Government borrowing—(Mr. Ian Gow);

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. Ian Gow, Mr. Nicholas Ridley: 172.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Denis Canavan, Mr. Stan Thorne: 191.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Iain Alexander Dewar Mann, Esquire, praying that the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill be treated as a hybrid Bill, 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. Alf Bates);

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. Alf Bates.)

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

Tuesday 25th May 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:
Nationalised Industries.—Copy of Government Observations on the Second Report from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, Session 1974-75, on the ownership, management and use of shipping by nationalised industries [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
European Communities (No. 13, 1976).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Vienna on 11th June 1975, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on the simplification of formalities in respect of goods traded between the European Economic Community, on the one hand, and Greece and Turkey, on the other hand, when the said goods are forwarded from Austria [by Command].

Privileges and Immunities (Miscellaneous No. 20, 1976).—Copy of Amendments to the draft Headquarters Agreement between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 12th May 1976, entitled the Herring Industry Board (Exchequer Loans) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Defence.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th May 1976, entitled the Royal Navy Terms of Service (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 729) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute, made by the Governing Body of Saint John's College, Cambridge, on 12th February 1976, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee G.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee D).

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 25th May 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee G (transferred from Standing Committee D).

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Spence Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords].
Wednesday, 26th May, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Australian Agricultural Company and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords].—The Australian Agricultural Company and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Edinburgh Merchant Company Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Millan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Edinburgh Merchant Company: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday 8th June and to be printed [Bill 155].

East Kilbride District Council Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Millan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to East Kilbride Council: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday 8th June and to be printed [Bill 154].

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some 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-second Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xxii].

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 26th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 53-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 26th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-xviii].

Members' Interests.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Members' Interests, 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.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 479].

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 C and the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C in the last Session of Parliament, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 472].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, 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 February, 10th and 24th March, 28th April and 12th May, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 480].
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 26th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-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 Energy Resources Sub-Committee on 26th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 24-xvi].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Violence in the Family.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, That they had made progress in the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed her to make to the House, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 473-v].

Violence in the Family.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, That they had directed her to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 26th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 350-v]

National Health Service (School Health Service) Bill,—Ordered, That the National Health Service (School Health Service) Bill be read a second time upon Friday 18th June.

Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Ennals, supported by Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary John Morris, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Stanley Orme, and Mr. Eric Deakins, presented a Bill to amend paragraph 23 of Schedule 2 to the Supplementary Benefit Act 1966 as respects the earnings of the parent in a one-parent family, and paragraph 24 of that Schedule as respects certain social security and other allowances for children: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 159].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Medicines (Specified Articles and Substances) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (Mr. Michael Foot.)

Tuberculosis Visitors (Health and Chest Clinics)—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for improving the status of tuberculosis visitors working within health and chest clinics; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Frederick Willey, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Peter Bottomley, and Mr. William Molloy, do prepare and bring it in.

Tuberculosis Visitors (Health and Chest Clinics) Bill,—Mr. Anthony Steen accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for improving the status of tuberculosis visitors working within health and chest clinics; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th June and to be printed [Bill 161].

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be considered tomorrow.

Industry (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Industry (Amendment) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, tomorrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Bail Bill (Lords),—The Bail 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).

Bail [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Bail [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision in relation to bail in criminal proceedings in England and Wales, to make it an offence to agree to indemnify sureties in criminal proceedings, to make provision for legal aid limited to questions of bail in certain cases and for legal aid for persons remanded in custody for inquiries or reports, to extend the powers of coroners to grant bail and for
connected purposes, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to any provision of the said Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of moneys so provided.—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

Public Lending Right Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Lending Right Bill [Lords];

And it being Ten o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted the business.

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Government Business may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr. Thomas Cox);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Alf Bates : 115.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Roger Moate : 12.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Government Business may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.

Public Lending Right Bill [Lords].—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Public Lending Right Bill [Lords] be now read a second time:—Debate arising;

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration 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. Peter Snape.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from C. H. Bailey, Esquire, praying to be heard before any Committee on the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill in relation to his interests, affected by the Bill, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from B. M. Mavroieon, Esquire, praying to be heard before any Committee on the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill in relation to his interests, affected by the Bill, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from London and elsewhere for an investigation into methods of obtaining animals employed by medical research establishments, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 25th May 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 11) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 821) [by Act].

Post Office.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 2nd April 1976 on loans raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 475].

Water.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th March 1976 on loans raised by—

(1) the National Water Council,
(2) the South West Water Authority, and
(3) the Wessex Water Authority
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 476 to 478].
Mr. Secretary Milian:

Census.—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to the Borders Region, as constituted on 16th May 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Wages Councils.—Copy of an Order, dated 17th May 1976, entitled the Industrial and Staff Canteen Undertakings Wages Council (Abolition) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 756) [by Act].

Wages Councils.—Copy of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry on the draft Order to abolish the Industrial and Staff Canteen Undertakings Wages Council [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

National Freight Corporation.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Freight Corporation for 1975 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Monopolies and Mergers.—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the existing or proposed merger of Amalgamated Industrials Limited and Herbert Morris Limited [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 434].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Fugitive Criminal.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 19th May 1976, entitled—

1. the Extradition (Hijacking) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 769),
2. the Extradition (Protection of Aircraft) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 770), and
3. the Fugitive Offenders (Designated Commonwealth Countries) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 771) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th May 1976, entitled the Consular Relations (Merchant Shipping and Civil Aviation) (Czechoslovak Socialist Republic) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 768) [by Act].


Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes, made by—

1. the University of Cambridge, on 8th March 1976, amending the Statutes of the University, and
2. the Governing Body of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, on 5th March 1976, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Horticulture.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 17th May 1976, entitled the Horticultural Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 761) [by Act].

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

Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland). Copy of the Report for 1975 of the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints [by Act]; to be printed [No. 209].

Public Health.—Accounts of the Public Health Laboratory Service Board for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 471].

Tribunals and Inquiries.—Copy of Rules, dated 14th May 1976, entitled the Compulsory Purchase by Public Authorities (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 746) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection. That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. W. Benyon and Mr. Joseph Harper (nominated in respect of the Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Carol Mather and Mr. A. W. Stallard.

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Standing Committee C.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. John Loveridge, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Tim Renton, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill, viz.: Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. David Lane, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Dudley Smith, and Mr. Anthony Steen.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Medicines (Specified Articles and Substances) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. John H. Cordle, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Eric Deakins, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Harry Lamborn, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. David Penhalligon, Mrs. Renee Short, and Dr. Gerard Vaughan.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 26th May 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee C; and the draft Medicines (Specified Articles and Substances) Order 1976 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill.

[No. 115.]

Thursday, 27th May, 1976.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Monday 7th June.

Methodist Church Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Methodist Church Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 10th June.

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 Monday 7th June.

British Transport Docks Bill.—The British Transport Docks Bill was read a second time and committed.

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 June.

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 10th June.

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

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-i].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 736) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 421) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Air Navigation (Fifth Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 583) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill (Procedure).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in view of the serious consequences to the industries concerned and for those employed in them of further delay and uncertainty, in relation to the proceedings on the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, any Standing Orders relating to Private Business, and consideration of the application of any such Standing Orders, are dispensed with—(Mr. Secretary Varley);

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 endorses Mr. Speaker’s ruling of 26th May 1976, which confirmed that the rights of private citizens might be affected by the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and considers that the normal procedures to defend such rights as laid down in Standing Orders should be followed”—(Mr. John Peyton), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:

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:


Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill (Procedure).—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment to the proposed Motion be made;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Jim Lester: 303.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 303.

Whereupon, the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker stated that a decision should be affirmed by the majority of the House, and not merely by the casting vote of its presiding officer, and he accordingly declared himself with the Noes.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 304.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 303.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, in view of the serious consequences to the industries concerned and for those employed in them of further delay and uncertainty, in relation to the proceedings on the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, any Standing Orders relating to Private Business, and consideration of the application of any such Standing Orders are dispensed with.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Sir David Brown, praying to be heard before any Committee on the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill in relation to his interests, affected by the Bill, 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);

Grave disorder having arisen in the House, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 26 (Power of Mr. Speaker to adjourn House or suspend sitting), suspended the sitting until six minutes to Eleven o'clock.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And grave disorder having arisen in the House, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 26 (Power of Mr. Speaker to adjourn House or suspend sitting), it being then six minutes to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 27th May 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Legal Aid and Advice.—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th May 1976, entitled the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 790) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Tourism.—Statement of determination of the salary payable on appointment to a member of the Scottish Tourist Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
National Enterprise Board.—Statement by the Secretary of State for Industry, pursuant to section 5(6) of the Industry Act 1975, specifying the amount of the consideration for the transfer of certain shares held by him in International Computers (Holdings) Ltd. to the National Enterprise Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
River Authorities.—Copy of the Report of the Kent River Authority for the year ended 31st March 1974 [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:
Welsh Church Funds.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 8th March 1976, for applying certain Welsh ecclesiastical property vested in the County Council of West Glamorgan pursuant to section 211 of the Local Government Act 1972 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Northern Ireland.—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
1. the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1976, and

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Animals.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th May 1976, entitled the Animals (Landing from Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, and Republic of Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 776) [by Act].

Mr. Reginald Prentice:
Commonwealth Development Corporation.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Commonwealth Development Corporation for 1975 [by Act].
MEMORANDUM

Thursday 27th May 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Medicines (Specified Articles and Substances) Order 1976.

[No. 116.]

Friday, 28th May, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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 27th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 236-v].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix).

English Development Agencies Bill,—Ordered, That Standing Committee F be discharged from considering the English Development Agencies Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

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-five minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday 7th June, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 25th May.

[Adjourned at 4.25 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 28th May 1976

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Terence L. Higgins (nominated in respect of the Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Keith Speed.

Standing Committee J,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) Bill to serve on Standing Committee J in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee F).

MEMORANDA

Friday 28th May 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) Bill to Standing Committee J (transferred from Standing Committee F).

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of Standing Committee J in respect of the Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) Bill.
Monday, 7th June, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Rotherham Writ,—Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Rotherham, in the room of the Right honourable Brian Kevin O’Malley, deceased. (Mr. Michael Cocks.)

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Monday next at Seven o’clock.

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 Monday next at Seven o’clock.

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

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Endangered Species (Import and Export) Bill [Lords],—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee—(Mr. Secretary Shore);

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. 66 (Second Reading Committees).

Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) Bill,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Supplementary Benefits (Amendment) Bill be referred to a Second Reading Committee—(Mr. Secretary Enns);

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. 66 (Second Reading Committees).

Police Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Police Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 6, after the word "police)", to insert the words "or a preliminary report that the complaint was trivial or vexatious and not worth pursuing by investigation".—(Mr. William Whitelaw.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 230.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. David Stoddart : 290.

Another Amendment (No. 8) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 8, after the word "below", to insert the words "send to the complainant in question, and if so requested by the complainant".—(Mr. Michael Alison.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 222.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Tom Pendry : 289.

Other Amendments (Nos. 10 to 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

(iv) in respect of the disciplinary charges so referred, whether the accused officer has been provided with a copy of the original complaint and of any
statements made by witnesses and by the complainant; and whether the complainant has been informed of his right to attend any disciplinary hearing.”

(Mr. Michael Alison.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 16 to 18, 20 to 22 and 24 to 26 made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 27) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 34, to leave out from the word “members” to the word “Board” in line 35 and insert the words “one of whom shall be nominated by the Police Complaints Board and one of whom by the relevant police authority from amongst its members”—(Mr. Roger Sims), instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 28 to 32 and 36 to 40) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 41) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 3, after the word “day”, to insert the words “following the expiry of a period of twelve months from the date of passing of this Act”.—(Mr. Jonathan Aitken.)

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, at this day’s sitting, Government Business may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr. Thomas Cox);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Ted Graham: 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. John Corrie: 220.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, Government Business may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.

Police Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Police Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the proposed Amendment (No. 41) be made to the Bill:—Debate resumed.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. W. Benyon: 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Peter Snape: 300.

Other Amendments (Nos. 43 and 44) 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. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 222.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Annual Report)—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 8th June, 1976:

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Fred Silvester: 217.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 257.

Amendments (Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12 and 14 to 16) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 29, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 37 on page 4 and insert the words—

"33A. A person on attaining his sixteenth birthday shall be entitled to leave school at the end of the term in which his birthday occurs, except in the case of the autumn term when he may leave at mid-term provided his birthday falls in the first half of the term"—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith), instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Michael Roberts: 35.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Ted Graham: 233.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) Notwithstanding the above, the education authority may allow a person to leave school on his sixteenth birthday with the agreement of his head teacher and his parents, where it is shown that he has opportunity immediately to undertake further education, or to enter an approved trade apprenticeship and in any exceptional circumstances"—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith).

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather: 29.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Joseph Harper: 216.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Yarrow and Company Limited, praying that the Company be afforded the same relief as Marathon Shipbuilding Company (U.K.) Limited and be excluded from the list of companies whose securities are to vest in British Shipbuilders, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petition.—A Public Petition from Sir Eric Yarrow, praying that Yarrow (Shipbuilders) Limited may be afforded the same relief as Marathon Shipbuilding Company (U.K.) Limited and be excluded from the list of companies whose securities are to vest in British Shipbuilders, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.16 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 7th June 1976

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:

Aviation (Miscellaneous No. 12, 1976).—Copy of Additional Protocol No. 1, signed at Montreal on 25th September 1975, to amend the Convention for the unification of certain rules relating to international carriage by air signed at Warsaw on 12th October 1929 (the Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).

Aviation (Miscellaneous No. 15, 1976).—Copy of Additional Protocol No. 2, signed at Montreal on 25th September 1975, to amend the Convention for the unification of certain rules relating to international carriage by air signed at Warsaw on 12th October 1929, as amended by the Protocol done at The Hague on 28th September 1955 (the Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).
Aviation (Miscellaneous No. 16, 1976),—Copy of Additional Protocol No. 3, signed at Montreal on 25th September 1975, to amend the Convention for the unification of certain rules relating to international carriage by air signed at Warsaw on 12th October 1929, as amended by the Protocols done at The Hague on 28th September 1955 and at Guatemala City on 8th March 1971 (the Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).

Aviation (Miscellaneous No. 17, 1976),—Copy of Montreal Protocol No. 4, signed at Montreal on 25th September 1975, to amend the Convention for the unification of certain rules relating to international carriage by air signed at Warsaw on 12th October 1929, as amended by the Protocol done at The Hague on 28th September 1955 (the Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).


Treaty Series (No. 39, 1976),—Copy of an Arrangement, signed at Neuilly-sur-Seine between 1st March and 23rd September 1973, between certain Member States of the European Space Research Organisation and the European Space Research Organisation concerning the execution of the spacelab programme.


Housing (Scotland),—Copy of Statistics relating to rents of public authority houses and rent rebates and allowances in Scotland in 1975.

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 June 1976

Civil Aviation,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th May 1976, entitled the Aerodrome Traffic (Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Prestwick) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 789) [by Act].

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th May 1976, entitled the National Health Service (Community Health Councils) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 791) [by Act].


3rd June 1976

Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th May 1976, entitled the Agriculture (Calculation of Value for Compensation) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 818) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 7th June 1976:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th May 1976, entitled the Compulsory Purchase of Land (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 820) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Import Duties,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th May 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Outward Processing Relief) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 838) [by Act].

Insurance,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th June 1976, entitled the Insurance Companies (Accounts and Forms) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 869) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Consumer Credit,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th May 1976, entitled the Consumer Credit Licensing (Appeals) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 837) [by Act].

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th June 1976, entitled the Butter Prices Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 873) [by Act].
Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes, made by—

(1) the University of Oxford, on 5th March 1976, amending the Statutes of the University,

(2) the University of Cambridge, on 16th March 1976, amending the Statutes of the University, and

(3) the Governing Body of Balliol College, Oxford, on 27th February 1976, amending the Statutes of the College

[by Act].

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

Trustees,—Copy of Rules, dated 26th May 1976, entitled the Public Trustee (Custodian Trustee) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 830) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Fred Evans and Mr. Gordon Oakes (nominated in respect of the Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Guy Barnett.

MEMORANDA

Monday 7th June 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Bail Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee J.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mrs. Lena Jeger an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Insolvency Bill [Lords].

Tuesday, 8th June, 1976.

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

RAYERS.

River Medway (Flood Relief) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the River Medway (Flood Relief) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham Municipal Bank Bill [Lords],—The National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham Municipal Bank Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

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 Thursday.

Edinburgh Merchant Company Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Edinburgh Merchant Company Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday.

East Kilbride District Council Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the East Kilbride District Council Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday.

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

Wimbledon and Putney Commons Bill [Lords],—Sir Edward Brown reported from the Committee on the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Bill [Lords], That they had
examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same not having been proved to their satisfaction, they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment.

Bill to lie upon the Table.

Wimbledon and Putney Commons Bill [Lords].—Sir Edward Brown reported from the Committee on the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Bill [Lords], That Mr. Michael Grylls, one of the members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Violence in the Family.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, That they had directed her to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 8th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 350-vi].

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 preserving uniformity in the exterior of buildings in Brunswick Square, Brunswick Terrace and part of Brunswick Place in the borough of Hove; and for purposes incidental thereto; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Hove Borough Council Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the amalgamation of Foyle College and Londonderry High School; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Foyle and Londonderry College Bill [Lords].

Hove Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Hove Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Foyle and Londonderry College Bill [Lords].—The Foyle and Londonderry College Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to trade union and labour relations; and for connected purposes—(Mr. Stephen Hastings);

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. Geoffrey Pattie, Mr. Nicholas Budgen: 226.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. George Rodgers: 287.

So the Question was negatived.

Education Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Education Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Certain appointments of teachers to be provisional)—(Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas)—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. John Corrie: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Peter Snape: 311.

Another Clause (Standards of literacy and numeracy to be achieved by pupils)—(Dr Rhodes Boyson)—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 Education Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)
Education Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Education Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the proposed Clause (Standards of literacy and numeracy to be achieved by pupils) be read a second time:—Debate resumed.

Mr. Michael Cocks 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. John Ellis, Mr. Donald Coleman: 315.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. W. Benyon: 267.

So the Question was agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Carol Mather: 265.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. John Ellis: 315.

Another Clause (Operation of parents' expression of preference for schools)—(Dr. Keith Hampson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Debate arising;

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

Wednesday, 9th June, 1976:

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 House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Ted Graham: 295.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Anthony Berry: 253.

So the Question was agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 259.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Ted Graham: 295.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.

—(Mr. Secretary Mulley.)

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered this day.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 8th June 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Police (Metropolis)—Copy of the Report of the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis for 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Parole Board,—Copy of the Report of the Parole Board for Scotland for 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 459].
Mr. Secretary Mason:
Defence Expenditure,—Copy of Government Observations on the Third Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1975-76, relating to Hong Kong and Cyprus [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Copy of Statements by the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales concerning the separation of younger from older patients in hospital [by Act]; to be printed [No. 94].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1974, relating to provisional results [by Act].


Iron and Steel,—Statements of appointment of—
1) a part-time Deputy Chairman,
2) a full-time member, and
3) a part-time member
of the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Transport,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Bus Company for 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Fishing Vessels,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 13th May 1976, entitled the Fishing Vessels (Grants) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 149) [by Act].


Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Weights and Measures,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Weights and Measures (Sale of Wine) Order 1976 [by Act].

[No. 119.]
Wednesday, 9th June, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Strathclyde University and Mackintosh School of Architecture Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Milian presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Strathclyde University and Mackintosh School of Architecture: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 156].

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

Australian Agricultural Company and Subsidiary Companies 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 Australian Agricultural Company and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

British Transport Docks 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 British Transport Docks Bill and found the same to be true; had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report 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.

Direct Elections to the European Assembly,—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 8th June.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 462-ii].

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. 8-xxiii].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xxiii].

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 Sub-Committee B on 8th June (at a meeting held concurrently with Sub-Committee A of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities).
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 272-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 9th June.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-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 9th June.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-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 9th June.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-xxiii].

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 9th June.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 24-xvii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, 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. 487].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Medicines (Specified Articles and Substances) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 26th May.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 486].

Trade Union Democracy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for public supervision of annual elections to office in trade unions—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley);

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. Ian Gow, Mr. Nicholas Ridley: 219.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Stan Thorne: 223.

So the Question was negatived.
Policies of Her Majesty's Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House has no confidence in Her Majesty's Government—(Mrs. Margaret Thatcher); The House divided. Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 290. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 309. So the Question was negatived.

Industry (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Industry (Amendment) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Broadcasting.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Supplemental Licence and Agreement, dated 7th April 1976, between Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and the British Broadcasting Corporation, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th April, be approved—(Mr. Brynmor John); And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 10th June, 1976:

And the Question being put; Resolved, That the Supplemental Licence and Agreement, dated 7th April 1976, between Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and the British Broadcasting Corporation, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th April, be approved.

Procedure.—Ordered, That there shall be a Select Committee to consider the practice and procedure of the House in relation to public business and to make recommendations for the more effective performance of its functions. Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Sixteen 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 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 by such Sub-committees. Ordered, That Two be the Quorum of every such Sub-committee. Ordered, That the Committee, or any Sub-committee appointed by them, have leave to confer and to meet concurrently with any Committee of the Lords on Procedure or any Sub-committee of that Committee for the purpose of deliberating and of examining witnesses, and have leave to agree with the Lords in the appointment of a Chairman for any such meeting. Ordered, That the Committee have power to invite such persons as they may select to attend any of their meetings or meetings of Sub-committees, and to take part in the deliberations of the Committee and their Sub-committees. Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint persons to carry out such work relating to the Committee's order of reference as the Committee may determine. Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House until the end of this Parliament.—(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 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. Vol. 232 2 A 2]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 9th June 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Parole Board.—Copy of the Report of the Parole Board for 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 432].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Census.—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to the Fife Region, as constituted on 16th May 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Civil Aviation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th June 1976, entitled the Civil Aviation (Joint Financing) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 883) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Ancient Monuments.—Copy of the Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for England for 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 430].

Mr. Attorney General:

Tyne and Wear Bill [Lords].—Report of the Attorney General on the Tyne and Wear 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 Bristol Port and Harbour Revision Order 1976 [by Act].

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

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Report for 1975 of the Northern Ireland Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [by Act]; to be printed [No. 208].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Domestic Violence Bill, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Michael Marsshall, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Miss Jo Richardson, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mrs. Audrey Wise, and Sir George Young.

Standing Committee J.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee J in respect of the Bail Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. James Dempsey, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. John Watkinson, and Mr. David Weitzman.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Anti-Dumping Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 736), the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 421), and the Air Navigation (Fifth Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 583), viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. John Carson, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. John Evans, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Roy Hattersley, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Sir John Langford-Holt, Mr. Kenneth Lewis, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, and Mr. Alec Woodall.
MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 9th June 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 736), the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 421) and the Air Navigation (Fifth Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 583) to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 120.]

Thursday, 10th June, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Methodist Church Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Methodist Church Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next at Seven o'clock.

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords];

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.

Edinburgh Merchant Company Order Confirmation Bill,—The Edinburgh Merchant Company Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

East Kilbride District Council Order Confirmation Bill,—The East Kilbride District Council 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 I).

Sound Broadcasting.—Mr. Ben Ford reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Sound Broadcasting, 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: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 494].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 494].

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 June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-xiii].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 Atomic Energy Authority (Special Constables) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Education (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Nottingham City Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Grand Juries (Restoration) Bill,—Mr. Michael English, supported by Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Phillip Goodhart, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. John Osborn, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. John Davies, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Nigel Lawson, and Mr. David Marquand, presented a Bill to restore grand juries to criminal law procedure: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th June and to be printed [Bill 163].
Business of the House.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1)(b) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business), the Motion relating to Northern Ireland may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Supply [23rd 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. Frank R. White);

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:

3. Freshwater and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act 1976.

Supply.—The House again proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Adjournment.—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn; And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 11th May, be approved—(Mr. Roland Moyle);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 11th June, 1976:

And the Question being put: It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 11th May, be approved.

Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note with approval of the Resolution of the Council and of the Ministers of Education meeting within the Council comprising an action programme in the field of education (Commission Document No. R/263/76) and also of the draft directive on the education of the children of migrant workers (Commission Document No. R/2085/75); and urges the Government to ensure that any instrument adopted by the Council on this subject does not impose unacceptable obligations on those responsible for the provision of education in this country—(Mr. Secretary Mulley);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out the words “with approval”—(Mr. Nigel Spearing.)

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

The Question was amended, in line 4, after the word “also”, by inserting the words “takes note”—(Mr. Nigel Spearing.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. J. D. Dormand: 6.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Douglas Jay: 1.

And it appearing on the report of the Division that Forty Members were not present, Mr. Speaker declared that the Question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

Medicines.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Medicines (Specified Articles and Substances) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 18th May, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

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. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nineteen minutes past Two o’clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.19 a.m.


APPENDIX I

Thursday 10th June 1976

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 1975, 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].

Bank Notes.—Copies of Treasury Minutes—
(1) dated 13th and 15th April 1976, and
(2) dated 23rd April 1976,
relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 490 and 491].

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 9th June 1976, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 912) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Drugs (Miscellaneous No. 19, 1976).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Geneva between 25th March and 31st December 1972, amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961 (the Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

German Democratic Republic (No. 1, 1976).—Copy of a Consular Convention, signed at Berlin on 4th May 1976, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the German Democratic Republic (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 43, 1976).—Copy of a Convention, signed at London, Mexico City, Moscow and Washington between 29th December 1972 and 31st December 1973, on the prevention of marine pollution by dumping of wastes and other matter [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Milian:

Diseases of Animals.—Copy of an Order, dated 1st June 1976, entitled the Importation of Cattle (Number 3) Order 1976 [by Act].

Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 28th May 1976, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Alteration of Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court No. 2) 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 848) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Education.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th May 1976, entitled the Teachers’ Superannuation (Calculation of Average Salary) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 841) [by Act].

National Gallery and Tate Gallery.—Draft of an Order, entitled the National Gallery (Lending outside the United Kingdom) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 4th June 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 868) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd June 1976, entitled the Oil Pollution (Compulsory Insurance) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 857) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:


Prices.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (British Gas Corporation) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th May 1976, entitled the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuff (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 840) [by Act].

Food and Drugs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st June 1976, entitled the Labelling of Food (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 859) [by Act].

Smallholdings.—Copy of the Report on smallholdings in England and Wales for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

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

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Copy of a Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled the Endowments and Glebe Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 492].

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee upon the Endowments and Glebe Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 493].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee J.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee J Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, and Mr. Ian Percival (nominated in respect of the Bail Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. John Gorst, and Mr. Anthony Grant.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 10th June 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Thomas Williams Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 736), the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 421) and the Air Navigation (Fifth Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 583).

[No. 121.]

Friday, 11th June, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Brent for improved safety measures on the North Circular Road 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, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

" (3) During the interim period the members of the Agency shall be appointed by the Secretary of State ".—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 27, to leave out Clause 4. (Mr. McCusker.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. McCusker, the Reverend Robert Bradford : 6.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Joseph Harper : 84.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 40, after the word " Rights ", to insert the words " the Parliamentary Commissioner, the Commissioner for Complaints ".—(The Reverend Robert Bradford.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 37, after the word " manner ", to insert the words " otherwise than by oath ".—(The Reverend Ian Paisley.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 14 to 18 and 21 to 26) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 27) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 35, at the end, to insert the words—

"(a) identifying factors not related to the presence or absence of equality of opportunity which influence those patterns and trends."—(Mr. McCusker.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 4, to leave out the word " failures " and insert the words " any failure "—(the Reverend Robert Bradford), instead thereof.

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

Another Amendments (Nos. 29, 30, 32 and 33) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) The action mentioned in subsection (1) of this section shall not include the maintenance of any quota or specific proportion between numbers of employees of different religious beliefs."—(Mr. McCusker.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 36, 37, 40, 45 and 46) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 50) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 31, at the end, to insert the words " of religious belief and ".—(the Reverend Robert Bradford)

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

Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 18, to leave out from " 23 " to the first word " an " in line 19, and insert the word " while "—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell), instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 57 and 58) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 59) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 28, to leave out from the word " under " to the end of line 30 and insert the words " this section, the parties shall be the Agency and the appellant "—(Mr. McCusker), instead thereof.

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

Another Amendments (Nos. 61 and 62) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 63) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

"(d) employment by a political organisation."—(Mr. John Biggs-Davison.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 64 to 68 and 71) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 72) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 32, after the second word " act ", to insert the words " certified in accordance with the following provisions of this section as ".—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell)

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

Another Amendment (No. 73) proposed to the Bill, in page 30, line 42, to leave out the words " or mainly ".—(Mr. McCusker)

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

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded to consider the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 73) be made:—Debate resumed.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 74) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 77) proposed to the Bill, in page 40, line 38, at the end, to insert the words—

" 'political opinion' does not include any reference to opinions held or expressed in favour of the use of violence for political ends ".—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 78 and 79) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 81) proposed to the Bill, in page 43, line 41, at the end, to insert the words—

" (6) An order under subsection (5) shall be subject to annulment by a resolution of either House of Parliament in like manner as a statutory instrument, and section 5 of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 shall apply accordingly ".—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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

A Schedule (Declaration of Principle and Intent)—(Mr. Roland Moyle)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 84 and 85) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 86) proposed to the Bill, in page 53, line 14, at the end, to insert the words " or the religious belief of other persons ".—(Mr. McCusker.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. McCusker, the Reverend Robert Bradford : 7.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Ted Graham : 41.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 1st April, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Births and Deaths Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 20th May, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 11th June 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th June 1976, entitled the Teachers Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 910) [by Act].

Roads and Bridges (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th May 1976, entitled the Special Roads and Trunk Roads (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 856) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 relating to Qualified Manpower Tables (10 per cent. sample) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:

Water,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th May 1976, entitled the Welsh National Water Development Authority (Prescelly Reservoirs) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 830) [by Act].

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 1975-76 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 485].
Monday, 14th June, 1976.

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).

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, together with Appendices, taken before Sub-Committee A on 14th June.

Minutes of Evidence, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 4954].

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 June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 368-v].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 establish a Development Board for Rural Wales, to confer power on the Secretary of State to pay housing and rent rebate subsidies to the Board, to make provision in relation to certain other bodies concerned with the development of Wales, to confer power on the Secretary of State to give financial assistance to bodies concerned with the social development of Wales and for purposes connected with those purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords].

Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords].—The Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 162].

Adjournment (Direction by the Secretary of State for Education and Science to the Tameside Borough Council).—Dr. Rhodes Boyson, Member for Brent North, 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, namely, the issuing of a direction on secondary education by the Secretary of State for Education and Science to the Tameside Borough Council; but the pleasure of the House not having been signified, Mr. Speaker called on those Members who supported the Motion to rise in their places; and fewer than Forty and not less than Ten Members having accordingly risen:

And the Question being put, That leave be given to move, That this House do now adjourn;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Carol Mather: 126.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. John Ellis: 166.

So the Question was negatived.

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. Frank R. White);

And it being Seven o'clock, and there being Private Business set down by 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 put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to reduce the total sum of “£403,715,000” on page 6 (Part I) of the Schedule by reducing the sums mentioned in Part I of the Schedule as follows:
Item 10, in column 3, by leaving out "£178,650,000" and inserting "£177,400,000"; Item 10, in column 4, by leaving out "£89,000,000" and inserting "£88,000,000";
in column 3 (carried forward total on page 5) by leaving out "£235,470,000" and inserting "£234,220,000";
in column 4 (carried forward total on page 5) by leaving out "£117,190,000" and inserting "£116,190,000";
in column 3 (brought forward total on page 6) by leaving out "£268,000,000" and inserting "£266,750,000"; and
in column 4 (brought forward total on page 6) by leaving out "£135,715,000" and inserting "£134,715,000"—(Mr. John Hunt);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Shersby, Sir George Young : 243.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Arnold Shaw : 277.
So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 14, to leave out the words "and be deemed to have had effect as from 1st April 1974" and insert the words "as from 1st April 1979"—(Sir George Young)—instead thereof.
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Mr. William Shelton : 199.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Arnold Shaw : 269.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—
"(3) In the event of the Camden Council not exercising its powers as aforesaid, the Greater London Council may exercise such powers from 1st January 1980 and on their so doing there shall be substituted the name of the Greater London Council for that of the Camden Council (wherever this appears) for the purposes of the operation of this Part of the Act".—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Tuesday, 15th June, 1976:

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 30, to leave out the words "for the purposes of centres".—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 10, after "16", to insert "(1)".—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 17, to leave out "1946" and insert "1926".—(Mr. Hugh Rossi)—instead thereof.
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 2, to leave out the word "twenty" and insert the word "fifty".—(Mr. Hugh Rossi)—instead thereof.
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Bill to be read the third time.

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

Food Subsidies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Food Subsidies (Increase of Financial Limit) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 14th May, be approved—(Mr. Robert Maclean) ;

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. Ted Graham, Mr. David Stoddart : 248.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 237.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Food Subsidies (Increase of Financial Limit) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 14th May, be approved.

Blaenau-Gwent District (Rassau North Industrial Estate) Compulsory Purchase Order 1974,—

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Petitions of General Objection of Mr. William John Williams, Mr. W. G. Rowland and others, Mr. H. Bennett and others, Mr. Ednyfed Austyn Prys and others, and Mr. E. J. Thomas and others, against the Blaenau-Gwent District (Rassau North Industrial Estate) Compulsory Purchase Order 1974, be not referred to a Joint Committee—(Mr. Jeffrey Thomas);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. Terry Walker : 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Fred Silvester : 127.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Petitions of General Objection of Mr. William John Williams, Mr. W. G. Rowland and others, Mr. H. Bennett and others, Mr. Ednyfed Austyn Prys and others, and Mr. E. J. Thomas and others, against the Blaenau-Gwent District (Rassau North Industrial Estate) Compulsory Purchase Order 1974, be not referred to a Joint Committee.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Ted Graham):—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-three minutes past Four o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 4.23 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 14th June 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Charities,—Copy of the Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales for 1975 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 463].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Consumer Protection,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—

(1) the Consumer Transactions (Restrictions on Statements) Order 1976, and
(2) the Mail Order Transactions (Information) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee J.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee J Mr. Anthony Grant (nominated in respect of the Bail Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Stradling Thomas.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Roy Hattersley (nominated in respect of the Anti-Dumping Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 736), the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 421), and the Air Navigation (Fifth Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 583)); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Tomlinson.

[No. 123.]

Tuesday, 15th June, 1976.

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 Bills, originating in the Lords and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

Foyle and Londonderry College Bill [Lords].

Hove Borough Council Bill [Lords].

Bills to be read a second time.

Australian Agricultural Company and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords].—The Australian Agricultural Company and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

River Medway (Flood Relief) Bill.—The River Medway (Flood Relief) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

British Railways Bill.—The British Railways Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Strathclyde University and Mackintosh School of Architecture Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Strathclyde University and Mackintosh School of Architecture Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill 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).

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 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. 54-xxxii].

Direct Elections to the European Assembly,—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly, 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. 489].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 489].

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 Sub-Committee B on 15th June (at a meeting held concurrently with Sub-Committee A of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities).

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 272-iv].
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 April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 305-v].

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 15th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 426-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 15th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 24-xviii].

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 15th June and a Memorandum laid before them : And the Report was brought up and read (Nineteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 55-xxiii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 55-xxiii].

Violence in the Family,—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, That they had directed her to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 15th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 350-vii].

Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords],—Mr. John Spence reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 166].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 498].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend section 40 of the General Rate Act 1967 and section 4 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions etc.) (Scotland) Act 1962 as respects charity shops ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Rating (Charity Shops) Bill [Lords].

Rating (Charity Shops) Bill [Lords],—The Rating (Charity Shops) Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 165].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, proceedings on the Methodist Church Bill [Lords] and the London Transport Bill set down for consideration at Seven o'clock by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means shall, instead of being considered at that hour, be considered at half-past Eight o'clock ; that the Methodist Church Bill [Lords] and any Motion for an Instruction relating to the Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock ; and that the London Transport Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(The Prime Minister.)

Advertisements for the Recruitment of Mercenaries (Prohibition),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make newspaper proprietors liable for prosecution in relation to the publication of advertisements for the recruitment of mercenaries for service outside the United Kingdom—(Mr. Robert Hughes);

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. George Rodgers : 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, Mr. Eldon Griffiths : 89.

So the Question was agreed to.
Ordered, That Mr. Robert Hughes, Mrs. Judith Hart, Miss Joan Lestor, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Bob Cryer, and Mr. Stan Newens, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Advertisements for the Recruitment of Mercenaries (Prohibition) Bill.—Mr. Robert Hughes accordingly presented a Bill to make newspaper proprietors liable for prosecution in relation to the publication of advertisements for the recruitment of mercenaries for service outside the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th July and to be printed [Bill 164].

Energy Bill [Lords].—The Energy Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committee of Bills).

Methodist Church Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Methodist Church Bill [Lords];

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

Dr. Edmund Marshall 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, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Ron Lewis: 115.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Richard Wainwright: 33.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

London Transport Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Transport 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 Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 16th June, 1976:

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

Baking Tests (Cereals).—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/1368/76 relating to Baking Tests (Cereals).—(Mr. Edward Bishop.)

Procedure.—Ordered, That Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Michael English, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. David Marquand, Mr. John Peyton, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. Giles Radice, Sir David Renton, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Nigel Spearing, and Sir Thomas Williams, be members of the Select Committee on Procedure.

Ordered, That the members of the Select Committee on Procedure 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. John Ellis.)

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

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Electricity,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 9th April 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council, and
(2) on 30th April 1976 on a loan raised by the Electricity Council
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 499 and 500].

National Enterprise Board,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 26th April 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Enterprise Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 501].

Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th April 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 502].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Immigration,—Copy of Statistics relating to control of immigration for 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th June 1976, entitled the Increase of Pensions (Governors) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 889) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Food and Drugs,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st June 1976, entitled the Milk Bottles (Labelling and Cap Colour) (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 875) [by Act].

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th May 1976, entitled the Food (Meat Inspection) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 874) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th May 1976, entitled the M18 Motorway (Wadsworth-Armthorpe Section) Compulsory Purchase Order (CNE No. 4) 1976, 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:

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th June 1976, entitled the Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 882) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
National Health Service,—Summarised Accounts of Health Authorities and special authorities in England and Wales, and Boards of Governors; Summaries of Trust Funds held by Health Authorities, Boards of Governors and Special Trustees; and the Account of the Dental Estimates Board for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 503].

National Health Service (Scotland),—Summarised Accounts of Health Boards and the Account of the Common Services Agency, for Scotland, for the year ended 31st March 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 504].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 15th June 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Industrial Common Ownership Bill to Standing Committee H (transferred from Standing Committee F).
Wednesday, 16th June, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Nottingham City Council Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Nottingham City Council Bill; and the same were agreed to.

British Transport Docks Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the British Transport Docks Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Strathclyde University and Mackintosh School of Architecture Order Confirmation Bill.—The Strathclyde University and Mackintosh School of Architecture 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).

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 Land Drainage 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. 509].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 509].

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).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-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 16th June, together with Appendices.

Minutes of Evidence, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 53-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 Environment Sub-Committee on 16th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-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 16th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-xx].

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 June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-xxiv].

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 C, together with an Appendix: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 508].

Minutes of Evidence, together with an Appendix, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 508].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 508].
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 16th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 322-v].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Thomas Williams reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 736), the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 421), and the Air Navigation (Fifth Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 583), referred to a Committee on 27th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 510].

Criminal Profits (Expropriation) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 18th June, the Criminal Profits (Expropriation) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 16th July.

House of Lords (Abolition).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the House of Lords—(Mr. Dennis Skinner);

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. Bruce Grocott: 153.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Ian Gow: 168.

So the Question was negatived.

New Towns (Amendment) [Money] (No. 2).—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to New Towns (Amendment) [Money] (No. 2);

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the transfer to district councils of dwellings and associated property of new town corporations, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of grants made by the Secretary of State to district councils for the purpose of relieving any financial burden imposed on them by schemes providing for such transfer.—(Mr. John Silkin.)

New Towns (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the New Towns (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (County Councils to be informed of proposed transfer schemes)—(Mr. Guy Barnett)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Sale of new town houses)—(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. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 245.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Thomas Cox: 288.

Amendments (Nos. 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9 to 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 19, to leave out the words "determined by him with the consent of the Treasury" and insert the words "of seven years"—(Mr. Michael Morris), instead thereof.

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 13, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

"(8) Local authorities in making appointments arising from a transfer scheme shall have regard to the need for equal consideration to be given to new town and local authority staff."—(Mr. Timothy Raison.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 5, to leave out the word "eleven" and insert the word "nine"—(Mr. Hal Miller), instead thereof.
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Armed Forces (re-committed) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Armed Forces (re-committed) Bill, as amended in the Select Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Increased powers of summary punishment).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Peter Snape 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 Armed Forces Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Armed Forces (re-committed) Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Armed Forces (re-committed) Bill, as amended in the Select Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 5 (Increased powers of summary punishment).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate resumed.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Peter Snape: 197.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Stan Thorne: 54.

Clauses Nos. 6 to 9 agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Powers of courts in relation to juveniles).

An Amendment (No. 1) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 11 to 19 agreed to.

Clause No. 20 (Disqualification of members of forces for House of Commons and Northern Ireland Assembly).

An Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 11, line 10, after the word "a full-time member of".—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 3 to 5) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 21 and 22 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule No. 3 (Standing Civilian Courts).

Amendments (Nos. 6 to 16) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 4 (Orders that may be made on trial of civilians).

Amendments (Nos. 17 to 24) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 5 (Proof at courts-martial by written statement).

An Amendment (No. 25) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 6 and 7 agreed to.
Schedule No. 8 (Financial penalty enforcement orders).
An Amendment (No. 26) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 9 (Miscellaneous amendments).
Amendments (Nos. 27 to 33) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 10 (Repeals).
An Amendment (No. 34) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Ellis reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made further Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Select Committee and on re-committal, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

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

Thursday, 17th June, 1976:

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 Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.12 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 16th June 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 12th and 17th May 1976, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 506].

Coal Industry.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 21st May 1976 on loans raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 507].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Countryside (Scotland).—Copy of the Report of the Countryside Commission for Scotland for 1975 [by Act].

Hospital Endowments (Scotland).—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Scottish Hospital Endowments Research Trust for the year ended 31st July 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 469].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Defence.—Copy of Rules, dated 8th June 1976, entitled the Naval Detention Quarters (Amendment) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 892) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

British Waterways Board.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Waterways Board for 1975 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Monopolies and Restrictive Practices.—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the supply of building bricks [by Act]; to be printed [No. 474].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Agriculture.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 9th June 1976, entitled the Agricultural Levies (Outward Processing Relief) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 901) [by Act].

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European Communities.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 9th June 1976, entitled the European Communities (Designation) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 897) [by Act].


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee J in respect of the Bail Bill [Lords] to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee J).

Standing Committee H.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee H in respect of the Industrial Common Ownership Bill, viz.: Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Ivor Clemston, Mr. Robert Edwards, Mr. Joan Evans, Mr. Les Huckfield, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Stanley Newton, Mr. David Price, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Richard Wainwright, and Mr. David Watkins.

Standing Committee J.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee J in respect of the Energy Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. John Biffen, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Jim Lester, Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, Mr. Neil MacFarlane, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. James White, and Mr. Robert Woof.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 16th June 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Energy Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee J, and the Bail Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A (transferred from Standing Committee J).

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Industrial Common Ownership Bill, Mrs. Lena Jeger an additional Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill, and Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of Standing Committee J in respect of the Energy Bill [Lords].

[No. 125.]

Thursday, 17th June, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords];

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

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

Direct Elections to the European Assembly,—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly, 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. 462-iii].

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. 511].

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 June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-xiv].

Insolvency Bill [Lords].—Mr. Michael English reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Insolvency Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 170].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 516].

Licensing (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from Standing Committee F, That they had gone through the Licensing (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 168].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 517].

Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill.—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from Standing Committee G, That they had gone through the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 169].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 518].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further powers on the Yorkshire Water Authority to preserve the purity of the water of the navigable stretch of the river Derwent by preventing the discharge of polluting matter from vessels: and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Yorkshire Water Authority (River Derwent) Bill [Lords]].

Yorkshire Water Authority (River Derwent) Bill [Lords].—The Yorkshire Water Authority (River Derwent) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 16th 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 16th July.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1)(b) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business), the Motion relating to Employee’s Rights and Company Law may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour. (Mr. Peter Snape.)

Grenada (Gift of a Presiding Officer’s Chair).—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 Presiding Officer’s Chair to the Houses of Parliament of Grenada and assuring Her Majesty that this House will make good the expenses attending the same. (Mr. Michael Foot.)

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.

Developments in the European Communities,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Report on Developments in the European Communities, November 1975—April 1976 (Command Paper No. 6497)—(Mr. Roy Hattersley);

The Question was amended, at the end, by adding the words “ calls on the Government to ensure that the EEC fully honours the Dublin Agreement of March 1975 on imports of New Zealand butter into the United Kingdom, and disagrees with the Commission Report on ‘European Union’ (R/1815/75) ”.—(Mr. Bryan Gould.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;
Resolved, That this House takes note of the Report on Developments in the European Communities, November 1975—April 1976 (Command Paper No. 6497), calls on the Government to ensure that the EEC fully honours the Dublin Agreement of March 1975 on imports of New Zealand butter into the United Kingdom, and disagrees with the Commission Report on "European Union" (R/1815/75).

Employee’s Rights and Company Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/2155/75, R/2863/75, R/2381/72, R/131/73, R/69/76, R/369/74, R/2128/72, R/2053/72, R/3128/75, R/1279/75, and R/160/76, relating to Employee’s Rights and Company Law—(Mr. Clinton Davis);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 18th June, 1976:

And the Question being put:—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, &c.), That the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1976 (S.I., 1976., No. 736), a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th May, be approved—(Mr. Frank R. White):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Frank R. White):—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 twenty-nine minutes past One o’clock on Friday morning, till this day.

(Approved at 1.29 a.m.)

APPENDIX

Thursday 17th June 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Ancient Monuments,—Copy of the Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland for 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 470].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th June 1976, entitled the Protected Tenancies (Further Exceptions) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 905) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Frederick Peart:


MEMORANDUM

Thursday 17th June 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords], and Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill.
Friday, 18th June, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Pre-school Playgroups Association for expansion of the playgroup movement was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

House of Commons Refreshment Department,—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 Report, to the Lord President of the Council, of the Committee of Inquiry into the House of Commons Refreshment Department.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

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

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

   A Clause (Restriction of publication of evidence)—(Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn)—brought up, and read the first time.
   Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.
   Another Clause (Granting of divorces where there is no cohabitation)—(Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn)—brought up, and read the first time.
   Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.
   Amendments (Nos. 1 to 8) 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. lain MacCormick and Mr. George Reid were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, and Division. No Mr. Donald Stewart was appointed a Teller for the Noes, but no Member being willing second Teller to act as a second Teller for the Noes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.
   The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Licensing (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Licensing (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

   A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned (Mr. Nigel Spearing):—Debate arising:
   Mr. Kenneth Clarke 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.
   And the Question being accordingly put, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned:—It was negatived.
   And it being Four o'clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.
   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered upon Friday 16th July.

Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further considering the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
   Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Friday 16th July.

Local Government Act 1972 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act 1972 (Amendment) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th July.

Electricity Supply Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electricity Supply Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th July.
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 16th July.

Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th July.

Medical Practitioners (Restriction of Right to Prescribe) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Practitioners (Restriction of Right to Prescribe) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th July.

Parliamentary Commissioner for the Nationalised Industries Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Nationalised Industries Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th July.

Farmworkers’ Collective Bargaining Bill.—The Farmworkers’ Collective Bargaining 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).

Criminal Appeal (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Appeal (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th July.

Transport (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transport (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th July.

Obscene Publications (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Obscene Publications (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th July.

National Health Service (School Health Service) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Service (School Health Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th July.

Tuberculosis Visitors (Health and Chest Clinics) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tuberculosis Visitors (Health and Chest Clinics) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th July.

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.

APPENDIX I

Friday 18th June 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Pipe-lines.—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th June 1976, entitled the Submarine Pipe-lines (Diving Operations) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 923) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute, made by the University of Cambridge, on 12th April 1976, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee G.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee J in respect of the Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) Bill, to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee J).
Standing Committee H.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee H Mr. Arthur Latham (nominated in respect of the Industrial Common Ownership Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. George Rodgers.

MEMORANDA

Friday 18th June 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) Bill to Standing Committee G (transferred from Standing Committee J).

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) Bill (transferred from Standing Committee J).

[No. 127.]

Monday, 21st June, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure.—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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 236-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 21st June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 368-vi].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 Fatal Accidents Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Fatal Accidents Bill [Lords]].

Select Committee on Science and Technology.—The Lords give leave to the Lord Shepherd, his Lordship consenting thereto, to attend to be examined as a witness before the Science Sub-Committee of the Select Committee on Science and Technology.

Fatal Accidents Bill [Lords].—The Fatal Accidents Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 171].

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—(Mr. Peter Snape);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather: 284.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Thomas Cox: 289.

So the Question was negatived.

Financial Assistance to Industry (Lindsey Oil Refinery Ltd.).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, 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, as amended by section 22 of, and Part I of Schedule 4 to, the Industry Act 1975, in respect of the construction of a Fluid Catalytic Cracking Plant at Immingham by
Lindsey Oil Refinery Ltd. sums exceeding £5,000,000 but not exceeding £9,900,000—(Mr. Alan Williams);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Alf Bates : 282.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 261.
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, as amended by section 22 of, and Part I of Schedule 4 to, the Industry Act 1975, in respect of the construction of a Fluid Catalytic Cracking Plant at Immingham by Lindsey Oil Refinery Ltd. sums exceeding £5,000,000 but not exceeding £9,900,000.

Tuesday, 22nd June, 1976:

Weights and Measures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Weights and Measures (Sale of Wine) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 8th June, be approved—(Mr. John Fraser);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. David Stoddart : 174.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Robert Hicks : 32.
So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That the Weights and Measures (Sale of Wine) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 8th June, be approved.

Energy [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Energy [Money];
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to the nation's resources and use of energy, it is expedient to authorise—
(a) the increase from £25 million to £45 million of the limit on the aggregate of sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under section 2(1) of the Electricity Act 1972 (contributions to expenditure of Electricity Council and others with a view to promoting employment);
(b) the payment out of money so provided of any administrative expenses incurred by a Government department in consequence of the said Act of the present Session; and
(c) payments into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Gordon Oakes.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Alf Bates);—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 ten minutes to Three o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.50 a.m.

APPENDIX I
Monday 21st June 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Police,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary for 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 482].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Census,—Copies of the New County Reports of the Census 1971, relating to—
(1) Berkshire,
(2) Derbyshire, and
(3) Leicestershire
as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].
Mr. Michael Foot:
Seychelles, Copy of an Order in Council, dated 9th June 1976, entitled the Seychelles Independence Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 894) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Pearl:

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection
Standing Committee J.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee J Mr. Dennis Canavan (nominated in respect of the Energy Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Dennis Skinner.

MEMORANDA
Monday 21st June 1976
In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Farmworkers' Collective Bargaining Bill to Standing Committee F.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) Bill, in the place of Miss Janet Fookes.

Tuesday, 22nd June, 1976.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.
British Transport Docks Bill.—A Motion being made, That the British Transport Docks 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;

Mr. Secretary Booth, 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.

Foyle and Londonderry College Bill [Lords].—The Foyle and Londonderry College Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Hove Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Hove Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Millon presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 8 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Cromarty Petroleum: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday 30th June and to be printed [Bill 167].

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

Hampshire County Council (Haslar Bridge) Bill.—Mr. Fred Evans reported from the Committee on the Hampshire County Council (Haslar Bridge) Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the 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.
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 (Twenty-third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xxxii].

Direct Elections to the European Assembly.—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 22nd June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [462-iv].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 (Twentieth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-xxiv].

International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords].—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 173].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 519].

Sex Discrimination (Age of Retirement) Bill.—Ordered, That the Sex Discrimination (Age of Retirement) Bill be read a second time upon Friday 23rd July.

Professions Supplementary to Medicine Act 1960 (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Professions Supplementary to Medicine Act 1960 to include chiropody: And that Mr. John Corrie, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, and Mr. David Penhaligon, do prepare and bring it in.

Professions Supplementary to Medicine Act 1960 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. John Corrie accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Professions Supplementary to Medicine Act 1960 to include chiropody: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th July and to be printed [Bill 172].

Development Land Tax [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Development Land Tax [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to impose a new tax on the realisation of the development value of land, it is expedient to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required to enable the Commissioners of Inland Revenue in certain cases to make to a body by whom an interest in land is acquired a payment in respect of the tax paid on an earlier disposal affecting that land.—(Mr. Denzil Davies.)

Development Land Tax Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Development Land Tax Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Development for industrial use)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (a), proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 2, after the word “industrial”, to insert the words “or commercial”.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question put, That the Amendment to the proposed Clause be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Jim Lester: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn: 285.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Private disposal prior to material disposal and after either notice of intention to acquire or grant of suspended planning permission)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—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 (Charities: Disposal of land acquired after 12th September 1974)—(Mr. John Wakeham)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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

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Question put.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 271.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 276.

Another Clause (Transfer of business to a company)—(Mr. Ian Stewart)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Denzil Davies.)

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered this day.

Industrial Common Ownership [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Industrial Common Ownership [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to further the development of enterprises owned and controlled by people working in them, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment by the Secretary of State out of moneys provided by Parliament of grants, up to an aggregate of £150,000, for the purpose of assisting a body to provide advice about the organisation of co-operative enterprises and common ownership enterprises;

(2) the payment by the Secretary of State of grants and the making by him of loans to a body out of such moneys for the purpose of assisting the body to make loans to co-operative enterprises and common ownership enterprises in cases where the aggregate amount of the grants made and of the loans for the time being outstanding does not exceed £250,000; and

(3) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sum required to be paid into that Fund by the Act aforesaid—(Mr. Les Huckfield);

And it being three quarters of an hour 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.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes to Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.47 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 22nd June 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated 21st June 1976, entitled—

(1) the Import Duties (Certain Mediterranean Countries) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 976), and

(2) the Import Duties (Spain) (Reductions) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 977)[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Charities,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th June 1976, entitled the Charities (Excepted Accounts) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 929) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Treaty Series (No. 44, 1976),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Khartoum on 16th February 1976, concerning a grant by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan (United Kingdom/Sudan Grant Agreement 1976) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Electricity,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the South of Scotland Electricity Board for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th June 1976, entitled the Cocoa and Chocolate Products (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 914) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, and

(2) the Horse Racing and Betting (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:


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 Mr. John Watkinson (nominated in respect of the Bail Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Standing Committee H,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee H Mr. Maurice Macmillan (nominated in respect of the Industrial Common Ownership Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Patrick Mayhew.

[No. 1291

Wednesday, 23rd June, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Grenada (Gift of a Presiding Officer's Chair).—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 17th June relating to Grenada (Gift of a Presiding Officer's Chair) 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 Presiding Officer's Chair to the Houses of Parliament of Grenada and assuring me that your House will make good the expenses attending the same.

It gave me great pleasure to learn that your House desires to make such a presentation and I will gladly give directions for carrying your proposal into effect.

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

Greater London Council (Money) 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 (Money) Bill and found the same to be true ; 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.
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. 8-xxv].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-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 Environment Sub-Committee on 23rd June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-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 23rd June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-xxi].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II)

Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) Bill.—Mr. Ior Davies reported from Standing Committee G, That they had gone through the Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 16th July; and to be printed [Bill 174].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 520].

Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from Standing Committee F, That they had gone through the Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 16th July; and to be printed [Bill 175].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 521].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to exempt Bucks Land and Building Company Limited from the provisions of the Moneylenders Acts 1900 to 1927 until 28th November 1975; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Bucks Land and Building Company Bill [Lords].

The Bucks Land and Building Company Bill [Lords],—The Bucks Land and Building Company Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Abolition of Unemployment.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to permit the payment of unemployment benefit to unemployed persons engaged in work of social or community benefit: And that Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Edward du Cann, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Michael Neuber, and Mr. David Lane, do prepare and bring it in.

Abolition of Unemployment Bill,—Mr. Anthony Steen accordingly presented a Bill to permit the payment of unemployment benefit to unemployed persons engaged in work of social or community benefit: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 176].

Development Land Tax Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Development Land Tax Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Pension funds: interests in land held on 12th September 1974)—(Mr. Ian Stewart)—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. W. Benyon, Mr. Michael Roberts: 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham: 283.

Another Clause (Rate of tax)—(Mr. Timothy Raison)—brought up, and read the first time.
Development Land Tax Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Development Land Tax Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 13, at the end, to insert the words "or the value of his reacquisition in the case of a deemed disposal".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 38, after the word "schedule", to insert the words—

"(b) that notice would be given under paragraph 4 of the 7th Schedule to the Community Land Act 1975 by all of the authorities in the area in which the land is situated stating that they do not intend to acquire the land".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 26) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 27, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) The development value realised by the grant of an option shall not exceed the development value that would have been realised on a disposal at the time of the grant of the option of the interest in land in respect of which the option was granted for a consideration equal to the aggregate of—

(a) the consideration, if any, given for the grant of the option; and

(b) the price payable for the interest in pursuance of the option".—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 245) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 27) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) The acquisition of an interest in land by a person as legatee shall not be treated as a disposal by the personal representatives nor as an acquisition by the legatee, but for the purposes of this Act, anything done by the deceased or by the personal representatives shall be treated as having been done (at the time it was in fact done) by the personal representatives and accordingly—

(a) the acquisition by the deceased shall be treated as if it had been the acquisition by the legatee; and

(b) any expenditure incurred by the deceased or the personal representatives shall be treated as having been incurred by the personal representatives.

(5) If not more than two years after a death any of the dispositions of the property of which the deceased was competent to dispose, whether effected by will, or under the law relating to intestacies, or otherwise, are varied by a deed of family arrangement or similar instrument, this section shall apply as if the variations made by the deed or other instrument were effected by the deceased, and no disposition made by the deed or other instrument shall constitute a disposal for the purposes of this Act".—(Mr. Michael Spicer.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 29 and 30) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 239) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, line 11, to leave out the words "Subject to subsection (10) below".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 36) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 31, to leave out paragraphs (a) and (b) and insert the words—

"(a) a dwelling-house or part of a dwelling-house which is, or has at any time in his period of ownership been, his only or main residence, or

(b) land which he has for his own occupation and enjoyment with that residence as its garden or grounds up to an area (inclusive of the site of the dwelling-house) of one hectare or such larger area as the Commissioners concerned may in any particular case determine, on being satisfied that, regard being had to the size and character of the dwelling-house, the larger area is required for the reasonable enjoyment of it (or of the part in question) as a residence".—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
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Other Amendments (Nos. 37, 38 and 246) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 24, line 14, to leave out from the word "trade" to the end of line 18.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 247) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 30, after the word "minerals", to insert the words "or the consideration includes an amount in anticipation of the grant of planning permission authorising material development consisting of the winning or working of minerals and such planning permission is granted within three years of the date of disposal".—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 48) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 50) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 24, after the word "above", to insert the words "an amount shall be significant if it is more than 8 per cent. of the owner's cost of acquisition or such larger amount as appears to the Board or, on an appeal, to the Commissioners concerned to be just and reasonable, and".—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 52) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 54) proposed to the Bill, in page 29, line 27, at the end, to insert the words—

"(7) For the purpose of subsection (3) above a person who has entered into a contract, whether conditional or unconditional, to acquire an interest in land shall be treated as being an owner of that interest".—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 55 and 63 to 68) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 69) proposed to the Bill, in page 35, line 8, to leave out the words "as near as may be".—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 70 to 72, 77 and 79) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 231) proposed to the Bill, in page 44, line 15, to leave out the words "an approved co-operative" and insert the word "a".—(Mr. R. Graham Page), instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 249) proposed to the Bill, in page 47, line 10, at the end, to insert the words "except that where the value of the interest which is the subject matter of the operative disposal is less than 25 per cent. of the value of the interest which was the subject matter of the deemed disposal and there are no other part disposals of the interest which was the subject matter of the deemed disposal in the same year, there shall be no liability arising under subsection (2) above".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 81) proposed to the Bill, in page 55, line 26, to leave out the words "section 80 or section 82" and insert the words "sections 80, 81 or 82."—(Mr. Ian Stewart), instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 84 and 86 to 88) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 89) proposed to the Bill, in page 56, line 42, at the end, to insert the words—

"(7) Where any adjustment is made in the computation of the profits arising or losses incurred in an accounting period or year of assessment in giving effect to a deduction or other adjustment under this Act, a claim for relief or (as the case may be) for additional relief under any other provision of the Tax Acts which is made in consequence of that deduction or adjustment shall not be out of time if it is made before the end of the period of two years beginning with the date on which the deduction or adjustment is agreed or otherwise determined, notwithstanding that the time limit otherwise applicable to a claim under that provision has expired".—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)

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

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Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from John Henry Sorotos, Esquire, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Bernard Bulpin, Esquire, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Albert James Dobbs, Esquire, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Bristol Channel Ship Repairers, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, 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. Peter Snape): 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 five minutes to One o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.55 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 23rd June 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Electricity,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th June 1976, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Distributive Board) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 926) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Pensions,—Copy of Government proposals concerning the role of members in the running of occupational pension schemes [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th June 1976, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Registration of Submersible Craft) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 940) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

National Ports Council,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Ports Council for 1975 [by Act].

The Lord Advocate:

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Law Commission on liability for adultery and enticement of a spouse [by Act]; to be printed [No. 497].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, viz.:

Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Jim Callaghan,
Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. John Grant, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Neil Marten, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. David Price, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Terry Walker, and Mr. David Weitzman.

Standing Committee J.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee J Mr. Dennis Skinner (nominated in respect of the Energy Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. W. E. Garrett.

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords].

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.:

Yorkshire Water Authority (River Derwent) Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords].—The County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

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 24th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-xv].

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. 136-iii].

Race Relations Bill,—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Race Relations 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. 525].

Adjournment (Inquiry into the leakage of Cabinet papers).—Mr. John Peyton, Member for Yeovil, 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 refusal of the Government to provide an interim statement on the progress of the inquiry into the leakage of Cabinet papers; and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) until the commencement of public business upon Monday next.

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Third Reading of the Development Land Tax Bill may be taken immediately after consideration of the Bill, notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the interval between the stages of Bills brought in on Ways and Means Resolutions—(Mr. Ted Graham);

The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
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. Fred Silvester : 264.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. James Tinn : 292.

Another Clause (Replacement of business assets)—(Mr. Ian Stewart)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Allowances for losses)—(Mr. Ian Stewart)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Recreational use of land)—(Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Mortgagees' disposal to exempt bodies)—(Mr. R. Graham Page)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Assessment prior to DLT deduction)—(Mr. R. Graham Page)—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. Carol Mather : 272.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman : 281.

An Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 10, to leave out from the word " time " to the word " and " in line 11.—(Mr. Denzil Davies.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. David Stoddart : 288.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather : 257.

Another Amendment (No. 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 4, to leave out the word " fifty " and insert the word " thirty-five "—(Mr. Denzil Davies),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Tom Pendry : 280.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Fred Silvester : 266.

Other Amendments (Nos. 7, 9, 11 and 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 26, to leave out from the word " acquisition " to the word " and " in line 27.—(Mr. Stephen Ross.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 1, to leave out the words " wholly and exclusively ".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
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.

Another Amendment (No. 17) made to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question put, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Denzil Davies.)
The House proceeded to a Division.

Thursday, 24th June, 1976:

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Joseph Harper : 229.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop : 64.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered this day.
Public Petitions.—A Petition from Southampton and elsewhere for the preventing of experiments in psychosurgery on mental patients was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Dowsett Holdings Limited, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Ronnie George Smith, Esquire, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Frances Philomena Osborne, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Charles Horler, Esquire, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Dennis Sinclair Kite, Esquire, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Thomas William George Chaplin, Esquire, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from David G. Cotter, Esquire, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from James John Gorvin, Esquire, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Colin Scammell, Esquire, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Hector Dowd, Esquire, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from James Tallboy, Esquire, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Paul John Ross, Esquire, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Roy Pearce, Esquire, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Cedric Kendall, Esquire, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Kenneth William Williams, Esquire, praying to be heard in person or by counsel against the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, and to be granted such relief as the House might deem meet, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Another Amendment (No. 90) proposed to the Bill, in page 62, to leave out lines 5 and 6.—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 91 and 95) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 240) proposed to the Bill, in page 65, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—

" (a) from any payment if immediately before the payment is made the person to whom the disposal is made does not know or could not reasonably have known that the usual place of abode of the person entitled to the payment is outside the United Kingdom, or "—(Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 98 to 105 and 107 to 109) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 110) proposed to the Bill, in page 78, line 32, after the word "development", to insert the words "other than landscaping".—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 111) proposed to the Bill, in page 78, line 41, to leave out sub-paragraph (b) and insert the words—

" (b) was not so authorised but had either been approved in the manner applicable to that planning permission or was approved after the appointed day pursuant to application for approval of reserved matters submitted before the appointed day "—(Mr. R. Graham Page).—instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 114 to 120, 122, 123 and 125 to 128) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 129) proposed to the Bill, in page 99, line 42, to leave out paragraph 30 and insert the words—

" 30. There shall be no part-disposal under subsection (2) of section 3 of this Act if the sum which is derived as mentioned in that subsection was received under a policy of insurance against the risk of any kind of damage to or loss of land or buildings "—(Mr. R. Graham Page).—instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 130 and 131) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 132) proposed to the Bill, in page 99, line 42, to leave out paragraph 30 and insert the words—

" 30. There shall be no part-disposal under subsection (2) of section 3 of this Act if the sum which is derived as mentioned in that subsection was received under a policy of insurance against the risk of any kind of damage to or loss of land or buildings "—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 149) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 150) proposed to the Bill, in page 105, line 25, to leave out the word " ten ", and insert the word " forty "—(Mr. R. Graham Page).—instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 151 and 153) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 241) proposed to the Bill, in page 106, line 50, at the end, to insert the words " and

(4) canopies ".—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 154) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 156) proposed to the Bill, in page 107, line 41, at the end, to insert the words—

" (c) docks or other transport purposes ".—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 157) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 253) proposed to the Bill, in page 108, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—

" (c) where, on the facts, it appears to the Board or on Appeal to the Commissioners, that, on an appeal against refusal of a planning application before 12th September 1974 it could be reasonably expected that a development would be permitted, then the value attributable to the land following that technical refusal shall be treated as stock-in-trade on 12th September 1974."—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 173) proposed to the Bill, in page 136, line 29, after the word "transfer", to insert the words "or account would have been so taken if paragraph 18(3)(b) were satisfied".—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 158 to 172) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 228) proposed to the Bill, in page 169, line 3, at the end, to insert the words—

" (9) (a) A person shall not commit an offence or be liable to a penalty under this paragraph (other than the payment of the development land tax to which he is finally assessed) if he satisfies the court that in the failure of which he is charged he did not act either fraudulently or negligently;

(b) if a person shall be found guilty of an offence or liable to a penalty under this paragraph the maximum penalty shall be one half of the appropriate penalty (otherwise than aforesaid) stated in this paragraph if he satisfies the court that he did not act fraudulently but he is found to have acted negligently".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 199 to 224) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow; and be printed [Bill 178].

Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) Bill:

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

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) 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 (Comittal of Bills.)

Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) [Money]:

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise such increased payments out of money provided by Parliament as may result from an Act of the present Session increasing to £6 a week, in the case of the parent in a one-parent family, the "earnings disregard" under paragraph 23 of Schedule 2 to the Supplementary Benefit Act 1966.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th May, be approved—(Mr. Stanley Orme);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning;

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

Resolved, That the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th May, be approved.
Monday 28th June 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Coal Industry.—Copy of an Order, dated 17th June 1976, entitled the Opencast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 960) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Food and Drugs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th June 1976, entitled the Specified Sugar Products (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 946) [by Act].

Public Health (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th June 1976, entitled the Control of Noise (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 945) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th June 1976, entitled the Operations at Unfenced Machinery (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 955) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Social Security.—Copies of Orders, dated 18th June 1976, entitled—
(1) the Child Benefit Act 1975 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 961), and
(2) the Child Benefit (Different Rates) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 966)
[by Act].

Social Security.—Copies of Regulations, dated 18th June 1976, entitled—
(1) the Child Benefit (Claims and Payments) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 964),
(2) the Child Benefit (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 962),
(3) the Child Benefit (General) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 965), and
(4) the Child Benefit (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 963)
[by Act].

Social Security.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Regulations 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 21st June 1976, entitled the Anti-Dumping Duty (Revocation) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 986) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Community Land.—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Order 1976, and
(2) the Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) Order 1976
[by Act].

Housing.—Copy of the Report of the Housing Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:
Tourism.—Copy of the Report of the Wales Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Gas.—Copies of the Reports for the year ended 31st March 1976 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 North Thames Gas Consumer's Council,
(6) the North Western Gas Consumers' Council,
(7) the Scottish Gas Consumers' Council,
(8) the South Eastern Gas Consumers' Council,
(9) the Southern Gas Consumers' Council,
(10) the South Western Gas Consumers' Council,
(11) the West Midlands Gas Consumers' Council, and
(12) the Wales Gas Consumers' Council
[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 1976 [by Act].

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

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Copy of a Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 530].

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee upon the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 531].

[No. 133.]

Tuesday, 29th June, 1976.

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.:

Bucks Land and Building Company Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—The Greater London Council (Money) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Yorkshire Water Authority (River Derwent) Bill [Lords].—The Yorkshire Water Authority (River Derwent) Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Hampshire County Council (Haslar Bridge) Bill, Ordered, That the Hampshire County Council (Haslar Bridge) Bill be re-committed to the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Selection to refer the said Bill to a new Committee.—(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).

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 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 June and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-fourth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xxxiii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xxxiv].

Direct Elections to the European Assembly,—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 29th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [462-v].
Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 1) be made to the Bill:—Debate resumed.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Dr. John Gilbert.)

Debate to be resumed upon Monday next.

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

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

[Adjourned at 6.9 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 25th June 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated 24th June 1976, entitled—
(1) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 12) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1004), and
(2) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 13) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1005)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 7th June 1976, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 937), and
(2) dated 24th June 1976, entitled the Community Drivers' Hours Rules (Deferment of Operation) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 998)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Offshore Installations,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th June 1976, entitled the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 954) [by Act].

[No. 132.]

Monday, 28th June, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Hampshire County Council (Haslar Bridge) Bill,—The Chairman of Ways and Means, in pursuance of Standing Order 85, reported to the House a special circumstance relative to the Hampshire County Council (Haslar Bridge) Bill, viz.: That the Committee on the Bill found the Preamble of the Bill not proved without having heard evidence in support of the allegations contained in the said Preamble.

Report to lie upon the Table.

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 directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 28th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 368-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 (Fourth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 526].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 555].

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 (Fifth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 527].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 556].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Explosives (Age of Purchase, &c.) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to lotteries, prize competitions and amusements with prizes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Lotteries and Amusements Bill [Lords]].

Lotteries and Amusements Bill [Lords].—The Lotteries and Amusements Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 179].

Weights and Measures, &c. Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Weights and Measures, &c. Bill was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

New Member sworn,—Joseph Stanley Crowther, Esquire, Member for Rotherham, was sworn.

Business of the House (Supply).—Ordered, That this day, notwithstanding anything in Standing Order No. 18 (Business of Supply), the Business of Supply may be anticipated by a Motion for the Adjournment of the House.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Adjournment (Inquiry into the leakage of Cabinet Papers).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. John Peyton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Ted Graham: 294.

So the Question was negatived.

Supply [26th 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. Thomas Cox):—Debate arising;

Mr. Hamish Watt 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. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Jim Lester: 259.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Dafydd Wigley: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 10.12 p.m.]
Social Security.—Resolved, That the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th May, be approved.—(Mr. Stanley Orme.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Grimsargh and Haighton for the variation of the Central Lancashire New Town Designation Order 1970 (S.I., 1970, No. 551) and related matters was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, that this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.17 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 24th June 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Copies of Treasury Minutes—
(1) dated 28th, 29th and 30th April, and 4th and 5th May 1976, and
(2) dated 21st, 24th, 25th and 26th May 1976, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 523 and 524].

Income Tax.—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th June 1976, entitled the Income Tax (Employments) (No. 5) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 950) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Romania (No. 2, 1976)—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 19th March 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania on the mutual promotion and protection of investments of capital (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Dell:


Mr. Secretary Varley:

International Investment.—Copy of Guidelines for multinational enterprises with regard to international investment [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Limitation (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

House of Commons Refreshment Department.—Return to an Address to Her Majesty of 18th June of the Report to the Lord President of the Council of the Committee of Inquiry into the House of Commons Refreshment Department; to be printed [No. 505].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Animals.—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd June 1976, entitled the Diseases of Animals (Miscellaneous Fees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 988) [by Act].

Papers 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 [26th May] from London and elsewhere for an investigation into methods of obtaining animals employed by medical research establishments [by Standing Order]; to be printed.
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Fifth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1975-76 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 496].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 24th June 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Thomas Williams Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Domestic Violence Bill ; and Mr. Arthur Jones an additional Chairman of Standing Committee J in respect of the Energy Bill [Lords].

[No. 131.1

Friday, 25th June, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Thurrock Writ,—Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for Thurrock, in the room of Captain Hugh James Delargy, deceased.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

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

Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (First regulations under section 33A to be laid in draft and approved by Parliament)—(Dr. John Gilbert) brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 4, to leave out the word “first”.—(Mr. Ronald Bell)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Richard Body : 36.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. John Ellis : 48.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Duration)—(Mr. Ronald Bell) 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 Body, Mr. Ronald Bell : 19.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Ellis : 47.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

“(c) notwithstanding the generality of paragraph (b) shall prescribe that exception be made on such medical grounds as may be prescribed”.—(Mr. Peter Fry.)

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 Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr. Thomas Cox);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. David Stoddart : 42.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook : 38.

So the Question was agreed to.

Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
Violence in the Family.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, That they had directed her to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 29th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 350-viii].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Edinburgh Merchant Company Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 180].

Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, the provisions of Standing Order No. 53 (Re-committal of Bill) shall not apply to the Motion in the name of Mrs. Margaret Thatcher for the re-committal of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill to a Select Committee, and that the said Motion may be made after the time for opposed business, and if so made, the Question thereon shall be put forthwith.—(The Prime Minister.)

House of Lords Reform.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision in regard to the voting rights in the House of Lords of hereditary peers by succession ; and for related purposes.—(Sir Brandon Rhys Williams);

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 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.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill (Procedure).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the event of an equality of votes in a division on the Motion in the name of Mrs. Margaret Thatcher for the re-committal of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill to a Select Committee, Mr. Speaker shall declare that the Question is agreed to.—(Mr. Michael Heseltine);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 293.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 320.

So the Question was negatived.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order of the House this day, That the Order for consideration of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be discharged, and that the Bill be re-committed to a Select Committee—(Mrs. Margaret Thatcher);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 297.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 311.

So the Question was negatived.

Industrial Organisation and Development.—Resolved, That the Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 8th June, be approved.—(Mr. Leslie Hucklefield.)

Horticulture.—Resolved, That the Horticulture Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 762), a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th May, be approved.—(Mr. Gavin Strang.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.32 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Tuesday 29th June 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th June 1976, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 4) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1012) [by Act].
Taxes,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Regional Employment Premium (Continuation of Payment) (Winsford) (Amendment) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Poisons,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th June 1976, entitled the Poisons List Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 979) [by Act].
Poisons,—Copy of Rules, dated 20th June 1976, entitled the Poisons (Amendment) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 978) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Food (Miscellaneous No. 23, 1976),—Copy of the International Coffee Agreement 1976, signed at New York between 31st January and 31st July 1976 (the Agreement has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Highlands and Islands Development Board,—Copy of the Report of the Highlands and Islands Development Board for 1975 [by Act].
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 1956, That they have taken into consideration the Provisional Order for which a Petition was presented to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on or before the 27th day of March 1976, namely the Cromarty Harbour Order, and are of opinion that the Order should be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make thereanent [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th May 1975, entitled the Craven District (Hellifield) Compulsory Purchase 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].
Port of London Authority,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Port of London Authority for 1975 [by Act].
Public Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st June 1976, entitled the Local Authorities (Charge for Dustbins) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 984) [by Act].
Public Health,—Copies of Regulations, dated 10th June 1976, entitled—
(1) the Control of Pollution (Discharges into Sewers) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 958), and
(2) the Control of Pollution (Radioactive Waste) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 959)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Agriculture,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Reginald Prentice:
Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 28th June 1976, entitled—
(1) the Botswana Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976,
(2) the Botswana Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Fund (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976.
(3) the Seychelles Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976,
(4) the Seychelles Public Officers' Widows' and Children's Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976, and
(5) the Seychelles Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Fund (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976
[by Act].

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

Cinematograph Fund,—Copy of the Final Account of the Cinematograph Fund, established pursuant to section 2 of the Sunday Entertainments Act 1932, showing the terminal receipts and payments during the period from 1st April 1972; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 532].

Plant Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd June 1976, entitled the Dutch Elm Disease (Local Authorities) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 975) [by Act].

[No. 134.]

Wednesday, 30th June, 1976.

PRAYERS.

Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill;

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

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

Hove Borough 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 Hove Borough Council Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; 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.

National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham Municipal Bank 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 National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham Municipal Bank 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.

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 Resale Prices 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. 549].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 549].

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].

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xxvi].
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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 236-vii].

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 18th and 25th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 305-vi and 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 Environment Sub-Committee on 30th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-v].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Domestic Violence Bill (changed to Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Bill),—Sir Thomas Williams reported from Standing Committee F, That they had gone through the Domestic Violence Bill, and had made Amendments thereto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to amend the law relating to matrimonial injunction; to provide the police with powers of arrest for the breach of injunction in cases of domestic violence; to amend section 1(2) of the Matrimonial Homes Act 1967; to make provision for varying rights of occupation where both spouses have the same rights in the matrimonial home; and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 16th July; and to be printed [Bill 182].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 548].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm an agreement between the Great Northern London Cemetery Company and New Southgate Cemetery and Crematorium Limited for the reorganisation and future administration of the cemetery administered by the first-mentioned company under the Great Northern London Cemetery Acts 1855 to 1968; to confer powers on the second-mentioned company with respect to the said cemetery; to authorise the first-mentioned company to dispose of surplus lands; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Great Northern London Cemetery Bill [Lords]].

Great Northern London Cemetery Bill [Lords],—The Great Northern London Cemetery Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords] be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Rating (Charity Shops) Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Rating (Charity Shops) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Sale of Council Houses,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the sale of council houses—(Mr. Ian Gow);

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. Ian Gow, Mr. Michael Marshall: 212.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Joseph Dean: 220.

So the Question was negatived.

Education Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Education Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Probationary period of service of teachers)—(Mr. Norman St. John-Stevens)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Debate arising:
Mr. James Tinn 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. James Tinn, Mr. Peter Snape : 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Fred Silvester : 239.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. W. Benyon : 240.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Ted Graham : 276.

Another Clause (Appeals Board)—(Mr. Norman St. John-Sievas)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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 House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. James Tinn : 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 221.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather : 224.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn : 258.

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 Education Bill and the Motion relating to the Industry (Amendment) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr. Tom Pendry);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. A. W. Stallard : 254.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 232.

So the Question was agreed to.

Education Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Education Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Publication of attendance statistics and examination results)—Dr. Rhodes Boyson—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Debate arising:

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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 House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Frank R. White : 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Fred Silvester : 236.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Jim Lester : 238.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ted Graham : 241.

Motion made, and Question put, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Mr. Secretary Mulley.)
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Ted Graham : 238.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. A. J. Beith : 73.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered this day.

Industry (Amendment) Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Industry (Amendment) Bill, now standing committed to a Committee of the whole House, be committed to a Standing Committee—(Mr. Alan Williams):—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 Hamilton, Mr. Tom Pendry : 117.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Peter Bottomley : 58.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. John Ellis : 118.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Jerry Wiggin : 57.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Industry (Amendment) Bill, now standing committed to a Committee of the whole House, be committed to a Standing Committee.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes to Four o'Clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.36 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 30th June 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Inflation,—Copy of further Government proposals relating to inflation [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 23rd April 1976 on a loan to be made to the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 533].

Coal Industry,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th May 1976 on loans raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 534].

Counter-Inflation,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Continuation of Enactments) Order 1976 [by Act].

Electricity,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

(1) on 8th April 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council, and

(2) on 5th May 1976 on a loan raised by the Electricity Council

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 535 and 536].

Gas,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 25th May 1976 on loans raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 537].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th June 1976, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 5) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1017) [by Act].

Iron and Steel,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th May 1976 on loans raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 538 to 541].

National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th May 1976 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 542.]
New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th April 1976 on loans raised by the Harlow Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 543].

Post Office,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 14th May 1976, and
(2) on 10th June 1976
on loans raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 544 and 545].

Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th April 1976 on loans raised by the British Railways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 546].

Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th April 1976 on loans raised by the Wessex Water Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 547].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Police (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland for 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Booth:

Counter-Inflation,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Limits on Remuneration Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th June 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 4) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1013) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

New Towns,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th November 1974, entitled the Peterborough New Town No. 18 (City Centre East Link Road and Eastfield Secondary Distributor Road) 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].


Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Department of the Civil Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1976,
(2) the Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, and
(3) the Poisons (Northern Ireland) Order 1976
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th June 1976, entitled the Thursticroft Main Mine (No. 1 Shaft) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1014) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Price Code,—Copy of a Government Consultative Document relating to modifications to the price code [by Command].

Mr. Michael Foot:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. James Boyden, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr.
Standing Committee F.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr. Sydney Tierney (nominated in respect of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Young.

Standing Committee F, Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Farmworkers' Collective Bargaining Bill, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Robert Kitroy-Silk, Mr. Ray Mawby, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Keith Stainton, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Harold Walker, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

Second Reading Committee, Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Rating (Charity Shops) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. John Dunlop, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Kenneth Lewis, Mr. Carol Mathur, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Wynn Roberts, Mr. Paul B. Rose, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Keith Speed, Mr. Thomas Swain, and Mr. Brian Walden.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 30th June 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee E.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Michael English Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bail Bill [Lords], Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill; and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Rating (Charity Shops) Bill [Lords].

[No. 135.]

Thursday, 1st July, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation 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, 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 directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Science Sub-Committee on 1st July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 23-xviii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Rent (Agriculture) Bill,—Mr. Albert Costain reported from Standing Committee K, That they had gone through the Rent (Agriculture) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 181].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 553].

Licensing (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Licensing (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 183].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 552].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Theatres Trust Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Strathclyde University and Mackintosh School of Architecture Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to the Restrictive Practices Court; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Restrictive Practices Court Bill [Lords]].

Restrictive Practices Court Bill [Lords].—The Restrictive Practices Court Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 184].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Fiji) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Romania) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Spain) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The Democratic Republic of the Sudan) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Education Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Education Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Special educational treatment)—(Mr. Jack Ashley)—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 (Parent membership of governing bodies)—(Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Debate arising;

Mr. James Hamilton 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. Frank R. White, Mr. James Tinn : 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Michael Roberts : 256.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Jim Lester : 265.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Frank R. White : 285.

Another Clause (Early entry to further education)—(Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas)—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.

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from David Sidmood Thomas, Esquire, for an inquiry into a complaint against the Gloucestershire Area Health Authority, 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. A. W. Stallard):—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

Thursday 1st July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Education,—Copy of the Report on Education and Science in 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Export Guarantees,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Export Guarantees (Limit on Commitments) (No. 2) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:
Tourism,—Statement of the salary payable on appointment to the part-time Chairman of the Wales Tourist Board [by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [11th June] from Brent for improved safety measures on the North Circular Road; to be printed [by Standing Order].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Norman Atkinson and Mr. Alec Woodall (nominated in respect of the Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Frank Hatton and Mrs. Millie Miller.

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr. Jonathan Aitken (nominated in respect of the Farmworkers' Collective Bargaining Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Charles Morrison.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 1st July 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords], and Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.

[No. 136.]

Friday, 2nd July, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company and British Transport Docks Board,—A Public Petition of Ferruccio John Claderan, of 16 St. Martin-le-Grand, London, EC1A 4EJ, Solicitor on behalf of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company, of Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 8SY, the Plaintiffs in the action in the Queen's Bench Division High Court of Justice, No. 1976, F. No. 1395 and of Kenneth Michael Turner, of Melbury House, Melbury Terrace, London, NW1 6JY, Solicitor on behalf of the British Transport Docks Board, of Melbury House, Melbury Terrace, London, NW1 6JY, the Defendants in the said action, which said action is listed for hearing in London on Monday the 12th
day of July 1976, was presented and read; setting forth, first, that the Plaintiffs claim in the action is for: 1. A declaration that the Agreement in writing made the 21st November 1975 between the Plaintiffs and Defendants is void by reason of the written notice dated 28th May 1976 given by the Plaintiffs to the Defendants pursuant to clause 5 of the said Agreement; 2. A declaration that by reason of the said written notice dated 28th May 1976 the Defendants are bound to withdraw the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill. Alternatively; 3. A declaration that the said Agreement made the 21st November 1975 is ultra vires the statutory powers of the Defendant Board and is thereby void and unenforceable; 4. A declaration that the proposed acquisition by the Defendants of the whole of the issued ordinary stock of the Plaintiff Company constitutes an abuse by the Defendants of a dominant position contrary to Article 86 of the Treaty of Rome; 5. A declaration that the said Agreement made the 21st November 1975, in implementing the aforesaid abuse of a dominant position is invalid and void and contrary to Article 86 of the Treaty of Rome; 6. A declaration that the form of Agreement made the 21st November 1975 between the parties herein is not a binding enforceable and valid contract; and in any event; 7. An injunction (i) restraining the Defendants by their servants or agents or otherwise from taking any steps whatsoever to promote the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill or endeavouring in any way whatsoever to secure its enactment; (ii) acting in any way pursuant to or in any way asserting the validity of the said Agreement made the 21st November 1975; and, second, that during the course of the consideration of the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill by a Select Committee of Your Honourable House references were made to the Agreement made in writing the 21st November 1975 between the Plaintiffs and the Defendants and to the effect on that Agreement of amendments proposed to be made in the Bill; and, third, that reference is desired to be made during the course of the action to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee of the House which considered the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill on Tuesday 27th April 1976, Wednesday, 28th April 1976 and Thursday, 29th April 1976; and praying that the 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 Minutes of Evidence and formally to prove the same before the court according to their competence.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie upon the Table.

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

Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64; and any new Clause first appearing on the Order Paper not later than Monday 10th May and relating to capital gains tax),—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 14, 21, 24, 26, 27, 48, 52 and 64; and any new Clause first appearing on the Order Paper not later than Monday 10th May and relating to capital gains tax), and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Monday next; and to be printed [Bill 185].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 554].

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 27th May, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Rees.)

Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 27th May, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Rees);

And it being half-past Five o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. A. W. Stalbard.)

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

[Adjourned at 6 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 2nd July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Road Traffic and Vehicles,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th June 1976, entitled the Roads (Speed Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 182) [by Act].


MEMORANDUM

Friday 2nd July 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Industry (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee G.

[No. 137.]


PRAYERS.

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

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-seventh Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xxvii].

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-eighth Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 8-xxviii].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 8-xxviii].

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 5th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 53-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 5th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 368-viii].

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 June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 305-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 Science Sub-Committee on 5th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 23-xix].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 Congenital Disabilities (Civil Liability) Bill, without Amendment.

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. James Tinn):—Debate arising;

Mr. Norman Tebbit 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; but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Ayes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Noes had it.

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

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Public Lending Right Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr. Alf Bates):

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Peter Snape: 68.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Roger Moate: 18.

So the Question was agreed to.

Public Lending Right Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 26th May, That the Public Lending Right Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Miss Margaret Jackson):—Debate arising;

Mr. Michael English rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but Mr. Deputy Speaker withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question:—Debate resumed.

And the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned;

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Thomas Cox: 30.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 20.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords], the Welsh Grand Committee have leave to sit twice on the first day on which they shall meet; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 64 (Meetings of Standing Committees) the second such sitting shall not commence before Four o'clock, nor continue after Six o'clock.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company and British Transport Docks Board.—Ordered, That leave be given to the proper Officers of this House to attend the trial of the action entered in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice, No. 1976, F. No. 1395, and to produce the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the British Transport Docks (Felixstowe) Bill on 27th, 28th and 29th April 1976 and formally to prove the same.—(Mr. Roger Moate.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.21 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 5th July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Income Tax.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1976 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Licensing (Carlisle State Management District).—Copy of the Report of the Carlisle State Management District for the two years ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 522].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd June 1976, entitled the Social Security (Northern Ireland Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1003) [by Act].

Social Security.—Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee pursuant to section 239(3) of the Social Security Act 1975, together with a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services, on the Social Security (Northern Ireland Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1003) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 527].

Social Security.—Draft of a Scheme, entitled the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Overseas Investment and Export Guarantees.—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade for the year ended 31st March 1976 on the discharge of his functions under the Overseas Investment and Export Guarantees Act 1972 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 514].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Consumer Credit.—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th June 1976, entitled the Consumer Credit (Termination of Licences) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 102) [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 M18 Motorway (Wadsworth-Armthorpe Section) Compulsory Purchase Order (CNE No. 4) 1976 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. William Molloy (nominated in respect of the Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Frank Hooley.

[No. 138.]

Tuesday, 6th July, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Hove Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Hove Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Bucks Land and Building Company Bill [Lords].—The Bucks Land and Building Company Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

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 of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 6th July and a Memorandum 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. 54-xxxv].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xxxvi].
Direct Elections to the European Assembly.—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 5th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 462-vi].

House of Commons (Services).—Dr. Reginald Bennett 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. 563].

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 6th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 23-xx].

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. 55-xxv].

Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords].—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, 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 Development of Rural Wales 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. 565].

Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) 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. 564].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to require medical practitioners seeking to provide general medical services under the National Health Service Act 1946 or the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947 to be suitably experienced, and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to restrictive trade practices; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Restrictive Trade Practices Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to alter the constitution of, and to incorporate, the Conservators appointed for the management of the Coity Wallia Commons, to repeal and amend enactments relating to the Conservators and for the management of those commons and to confer further powers on the Conservators; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Coity Wallia Commons Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the development of certain rivers and waterways for recreational purposes; to constitute the Anglian Water Authority as the navigation authority for such rivers and waterways and to provide for the control of such rivers and waterways by the Authority; to provide for the transfer to the Authority of the undertaking of a navigation authority for the river Stour; to empower the Authority to make further discharges of water from the works constructed under the Ely Ouse-Essex Water Act 1968 and for that purpose to carry out works; to confer further powers on the Authority in relation to the performance of their functions; to extend to the area of the Authority certain enactments in force in parts of that area; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].

National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords].—The National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 189].

Restrictive Trade Practices Bill [Lords].—The Restrictive Trade Practices Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 190].
Coity Wallia Commons Bill [Lords].—The Coity Wallia Commons Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Fishing Vessels (Grants) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 149) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Amendment of School Leaving Date Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 142) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Scottish Estimates.—Ordered, That the Estimates set out hereunder be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee:

Class III, Vote 9, Fisheries (Scotland) and Herring Industry.

Class IV, Vote 17, Trade, Industry and Employment (Scottish Economic Planning Department).

Class VII, Vote 2, Housing (Scottish Development Department).

Class VII, Vote 3, Housing (Scottish Economic Planning Department).

Class VIII, Vote 4, Other Environmental Services, &c. (Scotland).

Class X, Vote 2, Education and Libraries (Scottish Education Department).

Class XI, Vote 3, Social Work, Scotland.

Class XIII, Vote 22, Other Services: Scottish Office.

Class XVII, Vote 2, Rate Support Grants to Local Revenues, Scotland.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Indecent Displays (Northern Ireland).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make fresh provision in Northern Ireland 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 that the Reverend Robert Bradford, Mr. James Molyneaux, Mr. I. Enoch Powell, Mr. McCusker, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr. John Dunlop, Mr. Wm Ross, and Mr. John Carson, do prepare and bring it in.

Indecent Displays (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The Reverend Robert Bradford accordingly presented a Bill to make fresh provision in Northern Ireland 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 16th July and to be printed [Bill 188].

Pay and Prices Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the White Papers, entitled The Attack on Inflation, The Second Year (Command Paper No. 6507) and Modifications to the Price Code (Command Paper No. 6540)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words "welcomes the Government's belated realisation that jobs depend upon profits and are endangered by excessive growth of public spending; recognises the need for restraint in pay bargaining; but deplores the absence of a convincing strategy for economic recovery based upon a prosperous private sector and the reduction of state spending and borrowing".—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Prices.—Resolved, That the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (British Gas Corporation) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved.—(Mr. Gordon Oakes.)
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, 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

Tuesday 6th July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr. Robert Sheldon :

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 28th May and 2nd, 4th and 9th June 1976, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 562].

Mr. Secretary Crosland :

Food (Miscellaneous No. 24, 1976).—Copy of a Resolution, approved by the International Sugar Council on 30th September 1975, to extend the International Sugar Agreement 1973 (the United Kingdom notified its acceptance in respect of Belize and Saint Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla only and the Agreement continued in force on 1st January 1976) [by Command].

United States (No. 2, 1976).—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on 31st December 1975, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains, with amending Notes exchanged at London on 13th April 1976 (Instruments of ratification of the Convention have not been exchanged) [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Williams :

Monopolies and Restrictive Practices,—Copies of the Reports of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on—

(1) advocates’ services, and

(2) barristers’ services

[by Act] ; to be printed [Nos. 513 and 512].

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Scottish Estimates referred to that Committee.

[No. 139.]

Wednesday, 7th July, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Millan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Lerwick Harbour: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 186].

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

Foyle and Londonderry College 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 Foyle and Londonderry College 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.
Yorkshire Water Authority (River Derwent) 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 Yorkshire Water Authority (River Derwent) 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.

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 July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-vi].

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 6th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 426-iv].

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 7th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 322-vii].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from Standing Committee F, That they had gone through the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 16th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 568].

Industrial Common Ownership Bill.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from Standing Committee H, That they had gone through the Industrial Common Ownership Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to further the development of enterprises controlled by people working in them, and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 16th July; and to be printed [Bill 192].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 569].

Rating (Charity Shops) Bill [Lords].—Mr. John Spence reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Rating (Charity Shops) 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 Rating (Charity Shops) 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. 566].

Mr. Speaker’s Absence.—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had been invited to attend a conference of the Presidents of European Parliamentary Assemblies being held in Bonn on Friday and Saturday 9th and 10th July; and he therefore asked for the indulgence of the House and leave of absence for the latter half of Thursday and for Friday to visit Bonn for that purpose.

The House signified its assent, for which Mr. Speaker returned his thanks.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Export Guarantees (Limit on Commitments) (No. 2) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Herring Industry Board (Exchequer Loans) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)
Estate Agents (Regulation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for
the registration of estate agents; and for related purposes: And that Mr. Ken Weetch,
Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. John Garrett, and Mr. Gwilym Roberts, do prepare and bring it in.

Estate Agents (Regulation) Bill.—Mr. Ken Weetch accordingly presented a Bill to provide for
the registration of estate agents; and for related purposes: And the same was read the
first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th October and to be
printed [Bill 191].

Supply [28th allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the
Business of Supply.

Pay and Prices Policy.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned
Debate on the Amendment to the Question proposed yesterday, That this House takes
note of the White Papers, entitled The Attack on Inflation, The Second Year (Command
Paper No. 6507) and Modifications to the Price Code (Command Paper No. 6540):

Which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words “welcomes the
Government’s belated realisation that jobs depend upon profits and are endangered by
excessive growth of public spending; recognises the need for restraint in pay bargaining;
but deplores the absence of a convincing strategy for economic recovery based upon a
prosperous private sector and the reduction of state spending and borrowing”;:

And the Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made:—The House
resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 251.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Ted Graham: 286.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ted Graham: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Andrew Welsh, Mr. Hamish Watt: 13.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the White Papers, entitled The Attack on
Inflation, The Second Year (Command Paper No. 6507) and Modifications to the Price
Code (Command Paper No. 6540).

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

Counter-Inflation.—Resolved, That the Counter-Inflation (Continuation of Enactments)
Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 30th June, be approved.—
(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Counter-Inflation.—Resolved, That the Limits on Remuneration Order 1976, a draft of
which was laid before this House on 30th June, be approved.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Ways and Means.—Income tax (charge and rates for 1976-77) (No. 2).—Resolved, That the
Resolution of the House of 12th April (income tax (charge and rates for 1976-77)) be
varied as follows—

(a) in paragraph (a) and the heading for the first column of the Table for “£4,500”
there shall be substituted “£5,000”;

(b) in the first column of the Table for “£2,000” where it first occurs there shall be
substituted “£1,500”;

but this Resolution shall not require any change to be made in the amounts deductible
or repayable under section 204 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (pay as
you earn) before 27th July 1976.

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. Alf Bates.)

Ways and Means.—Income tax (alteration of personal reliefs) (No. 2).—Resolved, That—

(1) In section 8 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (personal reliefs)—

(a) in subsection (1)(a) (married) for “£955” there shall be substituted “£1,085”;

(b) in subsections (1)(b) (single) and (2) (wife’s earned income relief) for “£675”
there shall be substituted “£735”.
(2) In section 14(2) and (3) of that Act (additional relief for widows and others in respect of children) for “£280” there shall be substituted “£350”;

but this Resolution shall not require any change to be made in the amounts deductible or repayable under section 204 of the said Act of 1970 (pay as you earn) before 17th August 1976.

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. Alf Bates.)

Units of Measurement.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the Directive (R/3070/75), relating to units of measurement, as mitigating the obligations assumed under the Treaty of Accession; and also welcomes the Government’s intention to seek the clarification and amendment of the Directive as outlined in the replies to the honourable Members for Newham South and Macclesfield on 27th May, Official Report, cols. 375-8—(Mr. John Fraser);

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 this House welcomes the Directive (R/3070/75), relating to units of measurement, as mitigating the obligations assumed under the Treaty of Accession; and also welcomes the Government’s intention to seek the clarification and amendment of the Directive as outlined in the replies to the honourable Members for Newham South and Macclesfield on 27th May, Official Report, cols. 375-8.

Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 72 (Welsh Grand Committee), 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).

Development of Rural Wales [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Development of Rural Wales [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish a Development Board for Rural Wales, to confer power on the Secretary of State to pay housing and rent rebate subsidies to the Board, to make provision in relation to certain other bodies concerned with the development of Wales, to confer power on the Secretary of State to give financial assistance to bodies concerned with the social development of Wales and for purposes connected with those purposes, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) subject to the authorised limit—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums required by the Secretary of State for making payments to the Board under the said Act other than payments of any subsidy falling within paragraph (2) below;

(b) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of sums required for making loans to the Board;

(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 the Board otherwise than from the Secretary of State;

and in this paragraph “the authorised limit” means the limit of £40 million imposed by the said Act on the aggregate amount outstanding (otherwise than by way of interest) in respect of—

(i) sums (other than such subsidies) paid to the Board under the said Act by the Secretary of State;

(ii) sums borrowed by the Board; and

(iii) sums issued by the Treasury in fulfilment of guarantees in respect of sums borrowed by the Board otherwise than from the Secretary of State;

(2) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any subsidy payable under the said Act to the Board in respect of—

(a) housing provided by the Board; or

(b) rebates from rent granted by the Board;

(3) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State in making to any person other than the Board any grant, loan, compensation or other payment under any provision of the said Act;

(4) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of any Minister under any provision of the said Act; and
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(5) any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under any other Act.

And that it is expedient to authorise any payment into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund under the said Act.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Science and Technology.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 21st November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Science and Technology, Mr. Alexander Fletcher and Mr. Ray Carter be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Nigel Forman and Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar 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 in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Expenditure Committee, Mr. Robert Adley be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Tim Sainsbury 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, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 15th November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, Mr. John Golding be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Neil Carmichael 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.)

Procedure (Sessional Committee).—Ordered, That Mr. A. P. Costain and Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg be discharged from the Select Committee on Procedure (Sessional Committee); and that Mr. Peter Emery and Mr. Nicholas Scott be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Violence in the Family.—Ordered, That Mrs. Ann Taylor be discharged from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family; and that Mr. Andrew Bennett be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Twelve o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.29 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 7th July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Broadcasting.—Copy of the Supplemental Licence, granted on 10th June 1976, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department to the Independent Broadcasting Authority [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd June 1976, entitled the Police (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1018) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture.—Copy of the Report of the Central Council for Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee G.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of the Industry (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. Les Huckfield, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mr. Alan Williams, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.
Scottish Grand Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Ten Members to serve on the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Scottish Estimates, viz.: Mr Julian Amery, Sir Frederic Bennett, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. John H. Cordle, Mr. John Davies, Mr. John Gorst, Colonel Sir Harwood Harrison, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. David Knox, and Mr. Michael Spicer.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Fiji) Order 1976, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Romania) Order 1976, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Spain) Order 1976, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The Democratic Republic of the Sudan) Order 1976, viz. Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. David Ginsburg, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Eric Moonman, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. David Stoddart, and Mr. Dafydd Wigley.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Herring Industry Board (Exchequer Loans) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Robin Corbett, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. David Marquand, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. Julian Riddale, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Patrick Wall, Mr. Hamish Watt, and Mr. George Younger.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Export Guarantees (Limit on Commitments) (No. 2) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. F. A. Burden, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Joan Evans, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Tom Urwin, Mr. John Wakeham, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Fiji) Order 1976, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Romania) Order 1976, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Spain) Order 1976, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The Democratic Republic of the Sudan) Order 1976 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Export Guarantees (Limit on Commitments) (No. 2) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. F. A. Burden, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Joan Evans, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Tom Urwin, Mr. John Wakeham, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) Bill; Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Farmworkers' Collective Bargaining Bill; Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Fiji) Order 1976, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Romania) Order 1976, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Spain) Order 1976, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The Democratic Republic of the Sudan) Order 1976; Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Vessels (Grants) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 149) and the Amendment of School Leaving Date Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 142) to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Herring Industry Board (Exchequer Loans) Order 1976 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Export Guarantees (Limit on Commitments) (No. 2) Order 1976 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
Thursday, 8th July, 1976.

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.:

Great Northern London Cemetery Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill;

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

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

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr. Fred Evans reported from the Committee on the Methodist Church Bill [Lords], That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at half-past Ten o'clock.

Direct Elections to the European Assembly,—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 8th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [462-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 (Seventh Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 571].

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 July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed (No. 47-xvi).

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments having effect in England and Wales relating to adoption ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Adoption Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Police Pensions Act 1948 and certain other enactments relating to the pensions to be paid to and in respect of members of police forces ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Police Pensions Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend certain enactments relating to weights and measures ; and to make provisions for the alleviation of shortages of food and other goods ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Weights and Measures &c. (No. 2) Bill [Lords].

Adoption Bill [Lords].—The Adoption Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 194].

Police Pensions Bill [Lords].—The Police Pensions Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 195].

Weights and Measures &c. (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Weights and Measures &c. (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 193].
Breeding of Animals for Vivisection (Prohibition of Export and Other Controls) Bill,—Mr. F. A. Burden, supported by Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Miss Janet Fookes, and Mr. Kenneth Lomas, presented a Bill to prohibit the export of animals for purposes of vivisection; to provide for the licensing of premises where animals are bred for vivisection and for the regular inspection of such premises; to apply the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 to such premises in respect of the bedding and exercise of dogs and of other matters; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th July and to be printed [Bill 187].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Regional Employment Premium (Continuation of Payment) (Winsford) (Amendment) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)

Scottish Estimates,—Ordered, That the Estimates set out hereunder be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee:—

Class III, Vote 2, Agricultural Support (Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland).

Class III, Vote 6, Other Agricultural Services (Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland).—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)

Race Relations Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Race Relations Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Keeping of records)—(Mr. Frederick Willey)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the absence of Mr. Speaker from the remainder of this day's sitting, pursuant to the leave of the House given yesterday.

Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Report on resources)—(Mr. Michael Alison)—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 (Rights of persons named in terms of reference of formal investigations)—(Mr. Patrick Mayhew)—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. W. Benyon, Mr. John Corrie : 67.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David Stoddart : 93.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 1, to leave out the words " he cannot show to be " and insert the words " is not "—(Mr. Patrick Mayhew),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Jim Lester : 66.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. Thomas Cox : 94.

And it being after Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Race Relations 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, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Ted Graham : 90.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Michael Brotherton : 41.

So the Question was agreed to.

Race Relations Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Race Relations Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 18, to leave out the words " or facilitates "—(Mr. Ronald Bell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division.
Friday, 9th July, 1976:

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. John Stokes: 23.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 84.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 27, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Patrick Mayhew.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. W. Benyon: 25.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 79.

Motion made, and Question put, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr. Ronald Bell)

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Nick Budgen: 13.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. David Stoddart: 78.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 22, to leave out the words “ or not ”.—(Mr. Ronald Bell)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Page, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook: 9.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Alf Bates: 77.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 12, to leave out Clause 25.—(Mr. Michael Alison)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 26.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Ted Graham: 71.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 7, to leave out the words “ Commission for Racial Equality ” and insert the words “ Equal Rights Commission ”.—(Mr. Michael Alison),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 28.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Ted Graham: 71.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 45, line 3, to leave out Clause 70.—(Mr. Ronald Bell)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
An Amendment (No. 24) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 45, line 8, to leave out from the word “ where ” to the word “ be ” in line 9 and insert the words “ it is his intention that hatred shall ”.—(Mr. William Whitelaw),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 16.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Thomas Cox: 77.

Other Amendments (Nos. 27 to 31) 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. Peter Snape, Mr. A. W. Stollard: 82.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. John Page: 3.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Rating (Charity Shops) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating (Charity Shops) 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).

Development of Rural Wales 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 Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords] shall consist of Sixteen Members, including not less than Fourteen Members sitting for constituencies in Wales.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Procedure.—Ordered, That the matters of the procedure for establishing the order of oral questions, the order of precedence of Private Members' Bills, the method of raising points of order during divisions, the calling of second amendments and the voting on Opposition Motions on Supply days be referred to the Sessional Committee on Procedure.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn (Mr. Frank R. White):—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 nineteen minutes to Two o'clock on Friday afternoon, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 1.41 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 8th July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Supply Estimates, 1976-77,—Revised Estimates of the sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1977 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 483].

Supply Estimates (Supplementary Estimates, Classes I-XVII), 1976-77,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1977 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 484].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Customs (Miscellaneous No. 22, 1976),—Copy of a Customs Convention, signed at Geneva on 14th November 1975, on the international transport of goods under cover of TIR carnets (TIR Convention) (the Convention has not been signed by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Miscellaneous (No. 13, 1976),—Copy of further Documents on disarmament, relating to the disarmament negotiations 1974 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 45, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Seoul on 4th March 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Korea for the promotion and protection of investments (with Exchange of Notes extending the Agreement to Hong Kong) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 46, 1976),—Copy of Amendments to the Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, signed at Quebec on 16th October 1945, adopted by the Eighteenth Session of the Conference of the Organisation held at Rome between 8th and 27th November 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Health Services (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Health Service Planning Council for 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Pensions,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations 1976 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Dell:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th June 1976, entitled the Civil Aviation Authority (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1026) [by Act].


Mr. Michael Foot:


(1) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Family Pensions) Amendment (No. 1) Order 1976, and

(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Family Pensions) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1976

[by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee F,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr. Barney Bayhoe (nominated in respect of the Farmworkers’ Collective Bargaining Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. W. Benyon.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 8th July 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Deputy Speaker appointed Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Industry (Amendment) Bill.

[No. 141.]

Monday, 12th July, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Abortion,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Abortion. 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. 573].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 573].

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 July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 368-ix].

Procedure,—Sir Thomas Williams 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 (First Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 574].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Protection of Birds (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Peter Hardy presented a Bill to amend further the Protection of Birds Act 1964: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 196].
The Problems of Greater London.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House views with grave concern the decline of the capital city under Labour; notes in particular that the problems of the Greater London area have been aggravated and accentuated by the policies pursued at Westminster and at County Hall in the spheres of housing, education, transport and employment; and hopes for an early return of Conservative administrations to restore sound and responsible government in London—(Mr. John Hunt);

And it being Seven o'clock, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 6 (Precedence of Government Business).

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

Mr. Douglas Jay 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. Arthur Lewis, Mr. Ron Thomas: 109.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 196.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Government Business may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr. James Tinn);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Alexander Fletcher: 70.

So the Question was agreed to.

Development Land Tax Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Development Land Tax Bill;

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

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

Tuesday, 13th July, 1976:

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 250.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Money Bill within the meaning of the Mr. Speaker’s Certificate.

Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Duty of Corporation to provide independent assessment of accounts)—(Mr. Michael Marshall)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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 House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. James Hamilton: 178.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Jim Lester: 33.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 37.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 174.
Another Clause (Date of submission of annual report to Parliament)—(Mr. Giles Shaw)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

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 House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. David Stoddart: 163.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Jim Lester: 20.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Jim Lester: 19.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Tom Pendry: 165.

Another Clause (Annual determination of rate of return on net assets)—(Mr. Anthony Nelson)—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 2, line 3, to leave out from the word " million " to the end of line 5.—(Mr. Anthony Nelson.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Fatal Accidents Bill [Lords].—The Fatal Accidents 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 7 agreed to.

Schedules 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. 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.

Legitimacy Bill [Lords].—The Legitimacy 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 12 agreed to.

Schedules 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. 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.

Lotteries and Amusements Bill [Lords].—The Lotteries and Amusements 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 25 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.

Restrictive Practices Court Bill [Lords].—The Restrictive Practices Court 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 12 agreed to.
Schedule 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.

Restrictive Trade Practices Bill [Lords].—The Restrictive Trade Practices 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 45 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 6 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.
Police Pensions Bill [Lords].—The Police Pensions 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 14 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 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.

Adoption Bill [Lords].—The Adoption 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 74 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 4 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.

Public Supply Contracts.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/1361/73 and R/877/75 on Public Supply Contracts.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

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 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 to Seven o’clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 6.46 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on 9th July 1976 pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Civil Aviation.—Copies of Orders, dated 1st July 1976, entitled—

(1) the Policing of Airports (Manchester) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1045), and

(2) the Policing of Airports (Manchester) (First Supplementary) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1046)

[by Act].
Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 6th July 1976, entitled the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers’ Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1075),
(2) dated 6th July 1976, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1076), and
(3) dated 8th July 1976, entitled the Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1077)

[Fugitive Criminal,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 2nd July 1976, entitled the Finland (Extradition) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1037) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 2nd July 1976, entitled—
(1) the Merchant Shipping (Confirmation of Legislation) (South Australia) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1038), and
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1039)

[by Act].

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 12th July 1976:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Public Health (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 25th June 1976, entitled the City of Glasgow District Council (Common Lodging-Houses) (Charges) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1055) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee F,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr. Harold Walker (nominated in respect of the Farmworkers’ Collective Bargaining Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Golding.

Standing Committee G,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee G Mr. Hal Miller and Mr. Tim Sainsbury (nominated in respect of the Industry (Amendment) Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Mitchell and Mr. Ian Lloyd.

[No. 142.]

Tuesday, 13th July, 1976.

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 Bills, originating in the Lords and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:—

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].

Coity Wallia Commons Bill [Lords].

Bills to be read a second time.

Great Northern London Cemetery Bill [Lords].,—That Great Northern London Cemetery Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lerwick 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 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 (Twenty-sixth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xxxvii].
House of Commons (Services),—Mr. Michael Foot 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. 577].

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 13th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 426-v].

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. 55-xxvi].

Violence in the Family,—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, That they had directed her to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 13th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 350-ix].

Bail Bill [Lords],—Mr. Michael English reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Bail Bill [Lords] and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 199].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 575].

Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) Bill,—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) 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. 576].

Energy Bill [Lords],—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee J, That they had gone through the Energy Bill [Lords] and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 203].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 578].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Dangerous Wild Animals Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) Bill,—Lords Amendment to the Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) Bill to be considered upon Friday; and to be printed [Bill 202].

Employment Protection Act (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Employment Protection Act 1975: And that Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Tom Litterick, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. George Rodgers, and Mr. Dennis Skinner, do prepare and bring it in.

Employment Protection Act (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Stan Thorne accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Employment Protection Act 1975: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 198].

Business of the House (Finance Bill),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Third Reading of the Finance 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 on Ways and Means Resolutions—(Mr. Joel Barnett);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Alf Bates : 223.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Carol Mather : 197.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ways and Means,—Restriction of relief for payments of interest (income tax and corporation tax),—Resolved, That provision may be made for restricting relief in respect of payments of interest made after 8th June 1976 and in certain cases on or before that date.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Ways and Means,—Child benefit (income tax),—Resolved, That provision may be made for applying in relation to child benefit the provisions of sections 24(1) and 219(1)(b) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

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, Amendments relating to Clause No. 1, Schedules Nos. 1 and 2, Clause No. 2, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 3 to 32, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 33 to 35, Schedule No. 5, Clauses Nos. 36 to 52, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 53 to 59, Schedule No. 7, Clauses Nos. 60 and 61, Schedule No. 8, Clauses Nos. 62 to 67, Schedule No. 9, Clause No. 68, Schedule No. 10, Clauses Nos. 69 and 70, Schedule No. 11, Clauses Nos. 71 to 92, Schedule No. 12, Clauses Nos. 93 and 94, Schedule No. 13, Clauses Nos. 95 to 105, Schedule No. 14, Clauses Nos. 106 to 123, new Schedules, and Amendments relating to Schedule No. 15.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

A Clause (Capital transfer tax in relation to legitim)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Clause amended, in line 21, after the word " death ", by inserting the words " excluding any part of the fund renounced before any claim has been made ", and in line 22, after the word " legitim ", by inserting the words " (excluding any who have renounced as aforesaid) ".

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Capital allowances: subsidies and contributions)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Restriction of relief for payment of interest)—(Mr. Robert Sheldon)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Relief for woodlands)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Acceptance of property in satisfaction of tax)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Gifts for public benefit)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Tax treatment of child benefit)—(Mr. Joel Barnett)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Capital gains: compulsory acquisition of aircraft and shipbuilding shares)—(Mr. Joel Barnett)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment ((e)) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 14, at the end, to insert the words " that the exchange shall be treated as not involving any disposal of shares by that company, and where such an election is made, to the extent that a subsequent disposal of the whole or part of the gilt-edged securities is made by that company for the purposes of the acquisition of a qualifying asset and the acquisition takes place or an unconditional contract for acquisition is entered into in the period beginning on the date referred to in subsection (6) of section 49 and ending three years after the date of the subsequent disposal, the disposal of the qualifying asset and not the disposal of the gilt-edged securities shall be treated as a disposal and for this purpose ' qualifying asset ' means an asset (including goodwill and shares or securities acquired as investments) which is, or is an interest in, an asset to be used or held either for the purposes of a trade or business carried on or to be carried on by the company from whom the shares referred to in subsection (1) above were compulsorily acquired or by a member of the same group of companies as that company, or for any other purpose for which the shares were held prior to their compulsory acquisition ".—(Mr. John Nott.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Clause.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 174.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart : 230.

Clause added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Social security contributions: relief for self-employed)—(Mr. Paul Dean)—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 : 182.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. John Ellis : 200.

Another Clause (War widows’ pensions: 50 per cent. exemption)—(Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. J. W. Rooker : 190.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Alf Bates : 170.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Relief from tax for damage caused by Customs and Excise officers)—(Sir Geoffrey Howe)—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. W. Benyon : 146.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. James Tinn : 165.

Another Clause (Amendment of section 69(3) of Finance (No. 2) Act 1975)—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 (Amendment of section 488 of Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970)—(Mr. Ian Stewart)—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 (Capital transfer tax: unquoted companies)—(Mr. David Mitchell)—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; but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Ayes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Noes had it.

Another Clause (Income tax: maintenance funds for historic buildings)—(Mr. Peter Hordern)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered this day.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes to Four o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.51 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 13th July 1976

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 Services (Metropolitan Counties and Non-Metropolitan Counties, England and Wales and Greater London Council) for 1975 [by Command].
Charities,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Charities (Cheltenham College) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Singapore (No. 1, 1976),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Singapore between 11th and 27th December 1975 and between 26th February and 12th March 1976, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Singapore amending the Protocol of 21st July 1975 which amended the Agreement 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 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 47, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Rome on 29th January 1976, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Italy concerning the sale in Italy of scrap, surplus and waste material belonging to the Command of the Royal Air Force in Italy [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Census,—Copies of the New County Reports of the Census 1971, relating to—
(1) Durham,
(2) Northumberland,
(3) North Yorkshire, and
(4) South Glamorgan
as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Atomic Energy and Radioactive Substances,—Draft of an Order, entitled the British Nuclear Fuels Limited (Payment and Loan Limit) Order 1976 [by Act].

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. A. P. Costain an additional chairman of Standing Committee J in respect of the Energy Bill [Lords].

[No. 143.]

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

PRAYERS.

National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham Municipal Bank Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham Municipal Bank Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill,—The Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Stornoway Harbour Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Millan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Stornoway Harbour: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 197].

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

Bucks Land and Building Company 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 Bucks Land and Building Company 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.
London Transport 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 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.

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. 8-xxix].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xxix].

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 14th July 1976.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-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 14th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-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 B on 14th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 322-vii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Farmworkers' Collective Bargaining Bill,—Ordered, That Standing Committee F have leave to make a Special Report relating to the Farmworkers' Collective Bargaining Bill.

Sir Stephen McAdden 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 lack of further time for private Members' legislation this Session, the Committee are of the opinion that it would not be expedient to proceed further with the Bill.

Sir Stephen McAdden further reported from the Committee, That they had directed him to report the Farmworkers' Collective Bargaining Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Bill and Special Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 579].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Fiji) Order 1976, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Romania) Order 1976, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Spain) Order 1976 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The Democratic Republic of the Sudan) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 1st July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 581].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Herring Industry Board (Exchequer Loans) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 7th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 580].

Community Land,—The Order made on 28th June, That the draft Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Order 1976 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Community Land,—The Order made on 28th June, That the draft Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) Order 1976 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Dangerous Wild Animals Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Dangerous Wild Animals Bill to be considered upon Friday; and to be printed [Bill 200].
Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Horse Racing and Betting (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Limitation (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Workmens' Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

National Insurance (Retirement Pensions) (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that the pensionable age of men be reduced to sixty by not later than 1st January 1985: And that Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Miss Jo Richardson, Miss Joan Maynard, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mrs. Audrey Wise, Mrs. Millie Miller, Miss Joan Lester, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Alec Woodall, Mr. John Forrester, and Mr. Ivor Clemitson, do prepare and bring it in.

National Insurance (Retirement Pensions) (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Gwilym Roberts accordingly presented a Bill to provide that the pensionable age of men be reduced to sixty by not later than 1st January 1985: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday; and to be printed [Bill 201].

Finance Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 15, to leave out from the word "section" to the end of line 18 and insert the words "shall not exceed £100"—(Mr. David Howell), instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 254) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3A) Regulations under this section shall be made by statutory instrument, which shall not have effect unless a draft thereof has been laid before and approved by the House of Commons".—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather: 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 219.

An Amendment made to the Bill, in page 10, line 18, at the end, by inserting the words—

"(3A) The first Regulations under the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 prescribing the amount of any charge by virtue of this section shall not be made unless a draft of a statutory instrument containing them has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House; and those regulations shall not then be subject to annulment as otherwise provided for regulations under the Act."—(Dr. John Gilbert.)

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 21, to leave out "£4,500" and insert "£5,000"—(Mr. Robert Sheldon), instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Joseph Harper: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tom Litterick, Mr. Ron Thomas: 47.

Another Amendment (No. 5) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 38, to leave out "£2,000" and insert "£1,500"—(Mr. Robert Sheldon), instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 203.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather: 164.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 33, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) Where an individual occupies living accommodation provided by his employer and by reason of the terms of his employment he is required to reside in the accommodation provided and it is necessary for him to reside on the premises for the
proper performance of his duties, that living accommodation shall not be treated as his only or main residence, but instead any land, caravan or houseboat which he purchases and does not let at a commercial rate, but elects to treat as his only or main residence shall be treated for the purpose of Part II of Schedule 1 of the Finance Act 1974 as his only or main residence:

Provided that a borrower and his spouse (unless separated) may elect only for one property, caravan or houseboat to be treated as his only or main residence at any particular time.

(3) This section shall apply in respect of any interest paid in 1976-77 or any subsequent year of assessment."—(Mr. John MacGregor.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 33, at the end, to insert the words—

“(2) Where an individual occupies living accommodation provided by his employer and by reason of the terms of his employment he is required to reside in the accommodation provided and it is necessary for him to reside on the premises for the proper performance of his duties, that living accommodation shall not be treated as his only or main residence, but instead any land, caravan or houseboat which he purchases and elects to treat as his only or main residence shall be treated for the purpose of Part II of Schedule 1 of the Finance Act as his only or main residence:

Provided that a borrower and his spouse (unless separated) may elect only for one property, caravan or houseboat to be treated as his only or main residence at any particular time.

(3) This section shall apply in respect of any interest paid in 1976-77 or any subsequent year of assessment."—(Mr. John Nott.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Jim Lester : 174.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Alf Bates : 193.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 34, to leave out the words—”In section 8(1A) and (1B) of the Taxes Act” and insert the words—

“(a) in subsection (1)(a) (married) for ‘£955’ there shall be substituted ‘£1,085’;
(b) in subsections (1)(b) (single) and (2) (wife’s earned income relief) for ‘£675’ there shall be substituted ‘£735’;
(c) in subsections (1A) and (1B)”—(Mr. Robert Sheldon),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

An Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 3, to leave out “£1,085” and insert “£1,275”—(Mr. Dafydd Wigley),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Douglas Crawford : 24.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. James Tinn : 191.

Question, That the Amendment be made to the Bill, put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 13 and 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 43, at the end, to insert the words—

“(3) In section 10(5) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 after the words ‘or other similar education endowment’ shall be added ‘or of a mobility allowance awarded under section 37A of the Social Security Act 1975’.

(4) After section 16(5) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 shall be added the following subsection:

‘(6) In calculating the income of any such person as is mentioned in subsection (1) above, no account shall be taken of a mobility allowance awarded under section 37A of the Social Security Act 1975’.”—(Mr. John Hannam.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Another Amendment (No. 234) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 43, at the end, to insert the words—

“ (2A) In section 15(1) of the Finance Act 1974 (Maintenance payments), after the word ‘benefit’ delete ‘the first £1,000 of’.”—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 169.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper : 190.

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Other Amendments (Nos. 213, 18, 19, 214 to 216, 17, 20 to 23 and 25 to 28) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed to the Bill, in page 112, line 11, at the end, to insert the words—

“ Provided that where the charge is made on the company ceasing to carry on a trade, paragraph 13 of Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 1972 shall not apply to the said amount.”—(Mr. Peter Hordern.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 30 to 39) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 40) proposed to the Bill, in page 24, line 20, after the word “makes”, to insert the words “within two years of the making of the loan”.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 41 to 44) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 207) proposed to the Bill, in page 32, line 15, after the word “transfer”, to insert the words “and to disposals by trustees of property comprised in settlements on which the Treasury have given directions under subsection (1) of section 78 below.”—(Mr. Esmond Bulmer.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 48 to 58) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 59) proposed to the Bill, in page 124, line 27, at the end, to insert the words “over the age of 16 years”.—(Mr. David Howell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. Peter Rees : 17.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. John Ellis : 119.

Other Amendments (Nos. 60 and 62 to 72) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered this day.

House of Commons (Services),—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 15th November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), Miss Janet Fookes and Mr. James A. Dunn be discharged from the Committee and Sir Edward Brown and Mr. Andrew Faulds be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Two o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.28 a.m.]

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APPENDIX I

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Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:
Parliament.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Junior Ministers and other Salaries Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons.—Copy of the Report on research and development work on equipment for the disabled in 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 481].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th July 1976, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Fees) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1098) [by Act].
Merchant Shipping Acts (Dispensing Powers).—Report by the Department of Trade of exemptions granted under section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906, during 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Countryside.—Copy of the Report of the Countryside Commission for the year ended 30th September 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 550].

Transport.—Statement of determination of the salary payable on appointment to a member of the British Railways Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee J,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee J in respect of the Rating (Charity Shops) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Kenneth Lewis, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Paul B. Rose, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Keith Speed, Mr. Thomas Swain, and Mr. Brian Walden.

Standing Committee K,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee K in respect of the Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Nicholas Edwards, Mr. Ioan Evans, Sir Raymond Gower, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. Barry Jones, Mr. Nell Kinlock, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Geraint Morgan, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. Wyn Roberts, and Mr. Dafydd Thomas.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 1976, viz.: Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Julian Critchley, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. John Howam, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. John Page, Mr. David Pellsall, and Mr. Nicholas Scott.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Regional Employment Premium (Continuation of Payment) (Winsford) (Amendment) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Leon Britton, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. John Cockcroft, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Stan Crowther, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. John Nott, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Ian Stewart, and Mr. Alec Woodall.
Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Horse Racing and Betting (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the draft Limitation (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Fishing Vessels (Grants) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 149) and the Amendment of School Leaving Date Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 142), viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. James Kilfedder, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. McCusker, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Wm Ross, Mr. A. W. Stallard, and Mr. van Straubenzee.

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Rating (Charity Shops) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee J; the Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee K; the draft Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 1976 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Regional Employment Premium (Continuation of Payment) (Winsford) (Amendment) Order 1976 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Horse Racing and Betting (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 and the draft Limitation (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 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 appointed Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of Standing Committee J in respect of the Rating (Charity Shops) Bill [Lords]; Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of Standing Committee K in respect of the Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords]; Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 1976; Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Regional Employment Premium (Continuation of Payment) (Winsford) (Amendment) Order 1976; and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Export Guarantees (Limit on Commitments) (No. 2) Order 1976.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Horse Racing and Betting (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the draft Limitation (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Fishing Vessels (Grants) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 149) and the Amendment of School Leaving Date Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 142), in the place of Sir Donald Kaberry.

[No. 144.]

Thursday, 15th July, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation 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).

Methodist Church Bill [Lords].—Mr. Fred Evans reported from the Committee on the Methodist Church Bill [Lords], that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; 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.

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr. Albert Roberts reported from the Committee on the County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords], that, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at half-past Ten o'clock.
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 July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-xvii].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Police Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to re-enact with amendments certain local enactments in force within the county of Tyne and Wear; to confer further powers on the county council of Tyne and Wear and the councils of the city of Newcastle upon Tyne and the boroughs of Gateshead, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland; to make further provision in regard to the environment and local government of the county and those local authorities; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Tyne and Wear Bill [Lords].

Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 205].

Police Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Police Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 204].

Tyne and Wear Bill [Lords].—The Tyne and Wear Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That Commission Documents Nos. R/2688/1/75 and R/2689/1/75 relating to Tax Exemptions be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Finance Bill,—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. 73) proposed to the Bill, in page 126, line 40, to leave out "20B" and insert "20C".—(Mr. Joel Barnett), instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Cox: 160.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 151.

Other Amendments (Nos. 75 and 76) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 78) proposed to the Bill, in page 127, line 2, at the end, to insert the words "accompanied by a police officer."—(Mr. George Younger.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Anthony Berry: 131.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham: 154.

Other Amendments (Nos. 79 and 80) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 81) proposed to the Bill, in page 127, line 10, at the end, to insert the words "provided that the occupier shall be furnished with a list of all items taken by the officer of the Board".—(Mr. George Younger.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 83) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 236) proposed to the Bill, in page 35, line 13, to leave out the words "and other benefits and facilities of whatsoever nature."—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 222) proposed to the Bill, in page 36, line 24, at the end, to insert the words—

"(8) Section 56 does not apply to those benefits received by seafarers in the form of travel concessions to enable their wives to accompany them on voyages or to visit the husband's ship when in port".—(Mr. John MacGregor.)
Another Amendment (No. 259) proposed to the Bill, in page 37, line 15, to leave out from the word "year" to the word "and" in line 17 and insert the words "is 15 per cent."—(Mr. Tony Newton),—instead thereof.

Another Amendment (No. 260) proposed to the Bill, in page 37, line 15, to leave out from the word "year" to the word "and" in line 17 and insert the words "is 12½ per cent."—(Mr. Tony Newton),—instead thereof.

Another Amendment (No. 271) proposed to the Bill, in page 38, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that no charge shall arise if the private use of the car made by him or others being members of his family or household in that year was merely incidental to his other use of it in the year."—(Mr. Neville Trotter.)

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Fred Silvester : 107.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Ted Graham : 162.

Friday, 16th July, 1976:

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—(Mr. Robert Sheldon),—instead thereof.

Question put and agreed to.

Another Amendment (No. 90) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 91) proposed to the Bill, in page 129, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

"Car used preponderantly for business purposes"

2A.—(1) The cash equivalent derived from Table A, B or C is to be reduced (or, where paragraph 2 applies, further reduced) by half if it is shown to the inspector’s satisfaction that the employee was required by the nature of his employment to make, and made, use of the car preponderantly for business travel, which means that such travel must have amounted to at least 25,000 miles in the relevant year.

(2) In relation to a car which for part of the year was unavailable in the sense of paragraph 2 above, the figure of 25,000 miles above mentioned is proportionately reduced."—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

An Amendment ((a)) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 6, to leave out "25,000" and insert "15,000"—(Mr. John MacGregor), instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather: 23.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Tom Pendry: 124.

Question, That the Amendment (No. 91) be made to the Bill, put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 244, 92 to 99, 101 and 103 to 110) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 275) proposed to the Bill, in page 138, line 30, to leave out the words “as a value on which no tax is chargeable” and insert the words “after deduction of any capital gains tax payable in connection with the same transaction or any related transaction”.—(Mr. David Howell), instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 112, 112A, 116 to 123 and 125) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 225) proposed to the Bill, in page 49, line 41, after the word “made”, to insert the words “(before or after such transfer)”—(Mr. Robert Cooke).

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 126 to 132, 218, 219 and 133 to 139) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 142) proposed to the Bill, in page 59, line 22, to leave out “and (b)” and insert the words—

“or

(b) the value transferred by it is attributable to income or property which arises from, or is comprised in, supporting property designated under subsection (1D) below which becomes comprised in a settlement; and

(c)”—(Mr. Patrick Cormack), instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 154 to 161, 220, 209, 210, 164 to 194, 196 to 199, 245, 200 to 202, 279, 195, 203, 204, 217, 205 and 206) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day; and be printed [Bill 206].

Income Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Fiji) Order 1976 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 26th April—(Mr. Robert Sheldon):—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, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that on the ratification by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Romania) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 26th April, an Order may be made in the form of that draft—(Mr. Robert Sheldon):—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, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that on the ratification by the Government of Spain of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Spain) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 26th April, an Order may be made in the form of that draft—(Mr. Robert Sheldon): —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, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that on the ratification by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The Democratic Republic of the Sudan) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 26th April, an Order may be made in the form of that draft—(Mr. Robert Sheldon): —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.

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 Herring Industry Board (Exchequer Loans) Order 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 25th May, be approved—(Mr. John Ellis): —It was agreed to.

Direct Elections to the European Assembly,—Ordered, That Mr. David Steel be discharged from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly and that Mr. Jeremy Thorpe be added to the Committee.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.57 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 15th July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated 15th July 1976, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the votes for—

(1) economic and financial administration: driver and vehicle licensing, and

(2) transport industries

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

European Communities (No. 15, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 26th February 1976, relating to Article 3 of Protocol No. 8 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 48, 1976),—Copy of Notes, exchange at Suva on 5th January and 26th February 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Fiji, amending and extending the Fiji (Overseas Service) Agreement 1971 (The Overseas Service (Fiji) (Continuance) Agreement 1971/76) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 73, 1976),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Oslo on 1st June 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Iceland, concerning fishing in the Icelandic Fisheries Zone (with related documents) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th July 1976, entitled the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1100) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Varley:
European Communities,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (by Act).

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Community Land,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Order 1976, and
(2) the Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) Order 1976 (by Act).

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Ironstone Restoration Fund,—Account showing the nature and nominal amount of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners on 31st March 1976, as investments for moneys forming part of the Ironstone Restoration Fund (by Act).
National Insurance Fund,—Account showing the nature and nominal amount of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners on 31st March 1976, as investments for moneys forming part of the National Insurance Fund (by Act).

[No. 145.]
Friday, 16th July, 1976.
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).

Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) Bill; and the same was agreed to.

Dangerous Wild Animals Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Dangerous Wild Animals Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Divorce (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) 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.

Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Religious Exemption) 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;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Miss Jo Richardson: 40.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Jerry Wiggin: 11.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Bill (changed from Domestic Violence Bill),—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Bill (changed from Domestic Violence Bill), as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) (No. 2) 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.

Industrial Common Ownership Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Industrial Common Ownership 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.

Licensing (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Licensing (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Enforcement by police)—(Sir Bernard Braine)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Debate arising;

Mr. Kenneth Lomas rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and negatived:—Debate resumed.

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

Debate to be resumed upon Friday 15th October.

Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further considering the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Monday next.

Indecent Displays Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indecent Displays Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 15th October.

Corporal Punishment Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Corporal Punishment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 15th October.

Road Accident Compensation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 12th March, That the Road Accident Compensation Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday 15th October.

Consumer Protection (Motor Vehicles) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consumer Protection (Motor Vehicles) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 15th October.

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 15th October.

Criminal Appeal (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Appeal (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 15th October.
Breeding of Animals for Vivisection (Prohibition of Export and Other Controls) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Breeding of Animals for Vivisection (Prohibition of Export and Other Controls) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 15th October.

Protection of Birds (Amendment) Bill.—The Protection of Birds (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. 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.

Employment Protection Act (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment Protection Act (Amendment) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 15th October.

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.41 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 16th July 1976

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Canals and Inland Waterways,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th July 1976, entitled the Manchester Ship Canal (Black Bear Canal) (Local Enactments) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1084) [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 [18th June] from the Pre-School Playgroups Association for expansion of the playgroup movement; to be printed [by Standing Order].

[No. 146.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—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 July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 368-x].
Section.—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 Transport Docks Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the River Medway (Flood Relief) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

New Member makes Affirmation.—Miss Oonagh Anne McDonald, Member for Thurrock, made the Affirmation required by law.

National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Finance Bill.—The Finance Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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


Financial Assistance to Industry (Kearney and Trecker Marwin 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 not exceeding £1,900,000 by way of financial assistance, as to £1 million in respect of a loan to Kearney & Trecker Marwin Limited and as to £900,000 in respect of the acquisition of share capital in that Company, under section 8 of the Industry Act 1972, as amended by section 22 of, and Part I of Schedule 4 to, the Industry Act 1975—(Mr. Alan Williams);

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

Tuesday, 20th July, 1976:

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. Ted Graham, Mr. Donald Coleman: 41.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Robert Taylor: 4.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House authorises the Secretary of State to pay, or undertake to pay, sums not exceeding £1,900,000 by way of financial assistance, as to £1 million in respect of a loan to Kearney & Trecker Marwin Limited and as to £900,000 in respect of the acquisition of share capital in that Company, under section 8 of the Industry Act 1972, as amended by section 22 of, and Part I of Schedule 4 to, the Industry Act 1975.

Agriculture.—Resolved, That the Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved.—(Mr. Edward Bishop.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Ted Graham):—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 six minutes to Two o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.54 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 19th July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:


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Mr. Secretary Ennals:

National Health Service,—Copy of the First Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1975-76 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 528].

War Pensioners,—Copy of the Report on War Pensioners for 1975 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 488].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Weights and Measures,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
1. the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Bread) Order 1976,
2. the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Tea) Order 1976,
3. the Weights and Measures (Flour and Oat Products) (Exemption) Order 1976, and
4. the Weights and Measures (Potatoes) (Exemption) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords],—Supplemental Report of the Attorney General on the County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir Alfred Broughton (nominated in respect of the draft Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 1976); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Joseph Harper.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Joel Barnett (nominated in respect of the draft Regional Employment Premium (Continuation of Payment) (Winsford) (Amendment) Order 1976); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Denzil Davies.

Tuesday, 20th July, 1976.

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

Income Tax,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of 15th July relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret; and that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

We, Counsellors of State, to whom have been delegated certain Royal Functions as specified in Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm dated 29th June, have received your Addresses praying that on the ratification by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The Democratic Republic of the Sudan) Order 1976, on the ratification by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Romania) Order 1976, and on the ratification by the Government of Spain of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Spain) Order 1976, drafts of which were laid before your House, Orders may be made in the form of those drafts.

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

Income Tax,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 15th July relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret; and that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:
We, Counsellors of State, to whom have been delegated certain Royal Functions as specified in Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm dated 29th June, have received your Address praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Fiji) Order 1976 be made in the form of the draft laid before your House.

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

Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Bucks Land and Building Company Bill [Lords].—The Bucks Land and Building Company Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham Municipal Bank Bill [Lords].—The National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham Municipal Bank Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Foyle and Londonderry College Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Foyle and Londonderry College Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 205 (Notice of Third Reading) be suspended and that the Bill now be read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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

Yorkshire Water Authority (River Derwent) Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Yorkshire Water Authority (River Derwent) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

London Transport Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the London Transport Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords] be read a second time to-morrow.

Coity Wallia Commons Bill [Lords].—The Coity Wallia Commons Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Stornoway Harbour Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Stornoway Harbour 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).

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords].—Mr. Albert Roberts reported from the Committee on the County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords], That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill 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.

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 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-seventh Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xxxviii].

Direct Elections to the European Assembly,—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 15th and 20th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 162-vii and 462-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 29th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 236-ix].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey 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. 55-xxvii].

Violence in the Family.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, that they had directed her to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 20th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 350-x].

Rating (Charity Shops) Bill [Lords],—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from Standing Committee J, that they had gone through the Rating (Charity Shops) 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. 587].

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 Foyle and Londonderry College Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the National Exhibition Centre and Birmingham Municipal Bank Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Select Committee on Commodity Prices,—The Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to give leave to Mr. Secretary Dell, a Member of this House, to attend to be examined as a witness before the Select Committee appointed by the Lords on Commodity Prices.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft British Nuclear Fuels Limited (Payment and Loan Limit) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Youth Employment Resources,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the local co-ordination of agencies related to youth employment; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. George Reid, Dr. Keith Hampson, and Mr. Alexander Fletcher, do prepare and bring it in.

Youth Employment Resources Bill,—Mr. Robin F. Cook accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the local co-ordination of agencies related to youth employment; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th October and to be printed [Bill 207].

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries 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 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 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 Friday 23rd July.

(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.

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.

Extra time on allotted days

3.—(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 for the Bill 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

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 or a Resolution of the Business Committee 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 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.

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 subparagraph (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

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 (including anything which might not have been the subject of a report of the Business 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**

7. Nothing in this Order or in a Resolution of 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**

8.—(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 recommit 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**

9. In this Order—

“allotted day” means any day (other than a Friday) on which the Bill is put down as the first Government Order of the day 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 Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill;

“Resolution of the Business Committee” means a Resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by the House—(Mr. Michael Foot);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 56, to leave out from the first word “Member” to the end of line 57, and to insert the words “and which shall have been selected by Mr. Speaker”—(Mr. David Steel), instead thereof.

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 accordingly put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Richard Wainwright: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 311.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 294.

So the Question was agreed to.

Health Services Bill and Dock Work Regulation 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 Bills:

A. HEALTH SERVICES BILL

Committee

1.—(1) The Standing Committee to which the Health Services Bill (in this Order referred to as “the Health Bill”) is allocated shall report the Bill to the House on or before the 3rd day of August 1976.
(2) The Standing Committee on the Health Bill shall meet at half-past Ten o’clock and half-past Four o’clock on each day (except Mondays and Fridays) on which the House sits on or after the 21st day of July 1976, until the conclusion of proceedings on the Bill.

(3) At a sitting of the Standing Committee at which any proceedings on the Health 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.

(4) 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.

(5) No Motion shall be made in the Standing Committee 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.

(6) No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, proceedings on the Health Bill shall be made in the Standing Committee except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(7) 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.

Report and Third Reading

2.—(1) The proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Health Bill shall be completed in one allotted day and shall be brought to a conclusion at Eleven o’clock on that day; 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 that day 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 Health 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 Health Bill to the House.

B. DOCK WORK REGULATION BILL

3.—(1) The proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Dock Work Regulation Bill (in this Order referred to as “the Dock Bill”) shall be completed in one allotted day, and shall be brought to a conclusion at Eleven o’clock on that day; 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 that day 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 Dock Bill, and as to the allocation of time between those proceedings and proceedings on Third Reading, not later than the 23rd day of July 1976.

C. GENERAL

Resolutions of Business Committee

4.—(1) The Resolutions in any report made under Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) for either Bill may be varied by a further Report so made, whether or not within the time specified for that Bill in paragraph 2(2) or 3(2) (as the case may be) of this Order, and whether or not the Resolutions have been agreed to by the House.

(2) The Resolutions of the Business Committee may include alterations in the order in which proceedings on Consideration of either Bill are taken.

Dilatory Motions

5. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, proceedings on either 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.

Extra time on allotted days

6.—(1) On an allotted day for either Bill paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings on that Bill for one hour after Ten o’clock.

(2) Any period during which proceedings on either 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 for either Bill 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 that Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o'clock under this paragraph, and the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on that 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

7. Any private business which has been set down for consideration at Seven o'clock on an allotted day for either Bill shall, instead of being considered as provided by the Standing Orders, be considered at the conclusion of the proceedings on that Bill on that day. 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 that 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

8.—(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 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 a 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 for either Bill, any proceedings 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 for either Bill, or to any later time under sub-paragraph (3) above, the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on that 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

9.—(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 it applies to proceedings on one of the Bills on an allotted day for that Bill.

(2) If on an allotted day on which any proceedings on either Bill are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee and paragraph (1) above 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

10. 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 one of the Bills or not) from being proceeded
with on any day after the completion of all such proceedings on either Bill as are
to be taken on that day.

Re-committal

11.—(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 for either Bill, 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

12. In this Order—

"allotted day", in relation to either Bill, means any day (other than a Friday) on
which that Bill is put down as the first Government Order of the day, provided
that in each case a Motion for allotting time to the proceedings on the Bill
to be taken on that day has been agreed on a previous day;

"the Bills" means the Health Services Bill and the Dock Work Regulation Bill;

"Resolution of the Business Sub-committee" means a Resolution of the Business
Sub-committee as agreed to by the Standing Committee on the Health Bill;

"Resolution of the Business Committee" means a Resolution of the Business Com-
mittee as agreed to by the House—(Mr. Secretary Ennals)—Debate arising;

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, Government Business may be
proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Health Services Bill and Dock Work Regulation Bill (Allocation of Time).—Question
(Health Services Bill and Dock Work Regulation Bill (Allocation of Time)) again
proposed:—Debate resumed.

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out lines 40 to 50.—(Mr.
James Prior.)

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 accordingly put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 311.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Anthony Berry: 305.

So the Question was agreed to.

Rent (Agriculture) Bill and Education 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 Bills—

Report and Third Reading

1.-(1) The proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Rent (Agriculture)
Bill shall be completed in one allotted day, and—

(a) the proceedings on Consideration shall be brought to a conclusion at half-past
Ten o'clock, and

(b) the proceedings on Third Reading shall be brought to a conclusion at Midnight.
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(2) The proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Education Bill shall be completed in one allotted day, and—

(a) the proceedings on Consideration shall be brought to a conclusion at half-past Ten o'clock, and
(b) the proceedings on Third Reading shall be brought to a conclusion at Midnight.

(3) Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) shall not apply to this Order.

Dilatory Motions

2. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, proceedings on either 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.

Extra time on allotted days

3.—(1) On an allotted day for either Bill paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings on that Bill for two hours after Ten o'clock.

(2) Any period during which proceedings on either 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 for either Bill 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 that Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o'clock under this paragraph, and the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on that 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

4. Any private business which has been set down for consideration at Seven o'clock on an allotted day for either Bill shall, instead of being considered as provided by the Standing Orders, be considered at the conclusion of the proceedings on that 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 that 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 any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(3) If, at Seven o'clock on an allotted day for either Bill, any proceedings which, under this Order, 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 for either Bill, or to any later time under sub-paragraph (3) above, the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings which, under this Order, 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

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 it applies to proceedings on one of the Bills on an allotted day for that Bill.

(2) If on an allotted day on which any proceedings on either 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

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 one of the Bills or not) from being proceeded with on any day after the completion of all such proceedings on either Bill as are to be taken on that day.

Re-committal

8.—(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 for either Bill, 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

9. In this Order—

"allotted day" in relation to either Bill means any day (other than Friday) on which that Bill is put down as the first Government Order of the day provided that in each case a Motion for allotting time to the proceedings on the Bill to be taken on that day has been agreed on a previous day.

"the Bills" means the Rent (Agriculture) Bill and the Education Bill—(Mr. Secretary Mulley);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 21st July, 1976:

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 4, to leave out sub-paragraph (1).—(Mr. Francis Pym.)

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 accordingly put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Jim Lester : 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 306.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 306.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Jim Lester : 283.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fifteen minutes to Three o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.45 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Tuesday 20th July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Appropriations in Aid.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 20th July 1976, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes for—
(1) Central and Miscellaneous Services (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) (Class III, 7), and
(2) Other Services (Scottish Office) (Class III, 22)
[by Act].

Bank Notes.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 11th June 1976, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 586].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Prisons.—Copies of—
(1) the Report of the Home Office on the work of the Prison Department for 1975, and
(2) Statistical tables supplementary to the Report
[by Command].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Treaty Series (No. 49, 1976).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at London on 30th March 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Polish People's Republic, concerning the settlement of certain residual matters arising from the termination of the Agreement of 14th January 1949 relating to money and property subjected to special measures since 1st September 1939 [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Education.—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th July 1976, entitled the Local Education Authorities Awards (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1087) [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 Craven District (Hellifield) Compulsory Purchase Order 1975 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Frank McElhone (nominated in respect of the Health Services Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Harry Ewing.

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 20th July 1976

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Secretary Booth, Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. James Prior, Mr. Fred Silvester, and Mr. Harold Walker, to be members of the Business Committee in respect of the Dock Work Regulation Bill; and Mr. Anthony Barry, Mr. Michael Heseltine, Mr. Les Huckfield, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Tom King, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Roger Stott, and Mr. Richard Wainwright, to be members of the Business Committee in respect of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.
In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated Commission Documents Nos. R/2688/1/75 and R/2689/1/75 relating to Tax Exemptions to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations 1976 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft British Nuclear Fuels Limited (Payment and Loan Limits) Order 1976 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 nominated Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords].

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 74 (Business Sub-committees), Mr. Speaker 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 Health Services Bill, viz.: Mr. Victor Goodhew (Chairman), Mr. Secretary Ennals, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Dr. David Owen, Mr. Tom Pendry, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, and Sir George Young.

[No. 148.]

Wednesday, 21st July 1976.

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.:

Tyne and Wear Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second reading of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords]:

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

Stornoway Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Stornoway Harbour Order Confirmation Bill;

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 Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, 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 Sexual Offences (Scotland) 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. 594].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 594].

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. 8-xxx].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xxx].
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 21st July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table: and to be printed [No. 466-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. 136-iv].

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 (Second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 592].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 1976, referred to a Committee on 14th July.

Minutes of Proceeding of the Committee to be printed [No. 589].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Regional Employment Premium (Continuation of Payment) (Winsford) (Amendment) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 8th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 590].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. Michael English reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Horse Racing and Betting (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the draft Limitation (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, the Fishery Vessels (Grants) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 149), and the Amendment of School Leaving Date Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 142), referred to a Committee on 6th and 14th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 593].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Export Guarantees (Limit on Commitments) (No. 2) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 7th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 591].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Armed Forces Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Suffolk Coastal District Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Armed Forces Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Armed Forces Bill to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 209].

Select Committee on Commodity Prices,—Ordered, That the Lords Message yesterday requesting the attendance of Mr. Secretary Dell, a Member of this House, before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on Commodity Prices be now considered.

So much of the Lords Message considered accordingly.

And Mr. Secretary Dell 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 Mr. Secretary Dell, a Member of this House, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he thinks fit.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.
Electricity Supply Bill,—Ordered, That the Electricity Supply Bill be read a second time upon Friday 15th October.

Sex Discrimination (Paternity Leave),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to permit fathers to be absent from work due to the pregnancy or confinement of their wives without loss of pay or holiday entitlement: And that Mr. Greville Janner, Mrs. Barbara Castle, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mrs. Renée Short, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Miss Joan Maynard, Miss Jo Richardson, and Mr. Ron Atkins, do prepare and bring it in.

Sex Discrimination (Paternity Leave) Bill,—Mr. Greville Janner accordingly presented a Bill to permit fathers to be absent from work due to the pregnancy or confinement of their wives without loss of pay or holiday entitlement: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th October and to be printed [Bill 208].

Education Bill [allotted Day],—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon 1st July, That the Clause (Early entry to further education) proposed on consideration of the Education Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be read a second time:

Question again proposed:—Debate resumed.

Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Schools Council)—(Mr. Neil Macfarlane)—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 (School trusts)—(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. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Jim Lester: 268.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 304.

Another Clause (Voucher schemes)—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

And it being half-past Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order yesterday, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Michael Roberts: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Peter Snape: 303.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:

And the House having continued to sit until Twelve o’clock on Thursday morning:

Thursday, 22nd July, 1976:

And it being Twelve o’clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order yesterday, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Frank R. White: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Fred Silvester: 269.

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. John Ellis.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes to One o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.41 a.m.]
APPENDIX 1

Wednesday 21st July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
  Appropriations in Aid.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 21st July 1976, directing
  the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes for—
  (1) Regional Support and Regeneration (Class IV, 1),
  (2) Department of Energy (Class IV, 8),
  (3) Department of Trade (Class IV, 11),
  (4) Civil Aviation Services (Class VI, 8),
  (5) Roads, &c. (England) (Class VI, 1),
  (6) Transport Industries (Class VI, 3),
  (7) Other Environmental Services, &c. (Class VIII, 1),
  (8) Trade, Industry and Employment (Scottish Economic Planning Department) (Class IV, 17),
  (9) Roads and Transport (Scottish Development Department) (Class VI, 4),
  (10) Transport Services (Scottish Economic Planning Department) (Class VI, 5),
  (11) Other Environmental Services, &c. (Scotland) (Class VIII, 4),
  (12) Trade, Industry and Employment (Welsh Office) (Class IV, 18),
  (13) Roads and Transport Services (Wales) (Class VI, 6),
  (14) Other Environmental Services, &c. (Wales) (Class VIII, 5), and
  (15) Northern Ireland Office (Class XV, 4)
  [by Act].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th July 1976, entitled the
  Temporary Importation (Packings) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1099) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
  Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th July 1976, entitled the
  Education Authority Bursaries (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976,
  No. 1104) [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 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 529].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
  Coal Industry,—Copies of—
  (1) Report and Accounts of the National Coal Board for the period 30th March
      1975 to 27th March 1976, and
  (2) National Coal Board Statistical Tables for 1975-76
  [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Pearl:
  Sea Fisheries,—Copies of Orders, dated 12th July 1976, entitled—
  (1) the Foreign Sea-Fishery Officers Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1103),
  (2) the Sea Fishing (Specified Northern Waters) Licensing Order 1976 (S.I., 1976,
      No. 1102), and
  (3) the Sea Fishing (Specified Northern Waters) Prohibition Order 1976 (S.I., 1976,
      No. 1101)
  [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords], viz.:
Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. J. S. Crowther, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Kenneth Lomas, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. George Thompson, and Dr. Gerard Vaughan.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,--Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Documents Nos. R/2688/1/75 and R/2689/1/75 relating to Tax Exemptions, viz.: Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Ivor Clemiston, Mr. Donzil Davies, Mr. Jack Dunnett, Mr. Geoff Edge, Sir John Hall, Mr. John Horam, Mr. David Howell, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Neil Marten, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Michael Shaw, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. James Tinn.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,--Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations 1976, viz.: Mr. Peter Bottomley, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. John Horam, Mr. David Knox, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Stanley Orme, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Paid B. Rose, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Ian Stewart, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,--Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft British Nuclear Fuels Limited (Payment and Loan Limit) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. David Lane, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Arthur Palmer, Mr. George Park, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Peter Viggers, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords]; Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Documents Nos. R/2688/1/75 and R/2689/1/75 relating to Tax Exemptions; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations 1976; and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft British Nuclear Fuels Limited (Payment and Loan Limit) Order 1976.

[No. 149.]

Thursday, 22nd July, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

River Medway (Flood Relief) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the River Medway (Flood Relief) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords];

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

Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation 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 I).

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries 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 Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House:

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That the allotted days which under the Order [20th July] 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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Dock Work Regulation 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 Dock Work Regulation Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House: That the allotted day which under the Order [20th July] is given to the proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading be allotted as shown in the Table 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 second column of that Table.

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Direct Elections to the European Assembly.—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 22nd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 462-ix].

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 (Seventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table, and to be printed [No. 597].

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 (Eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table, and to be printed [No. 596].
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 (Sixth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 584].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 584].

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 July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-xvii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 Development Land Tax Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the New Towns (Amendment) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer fresh powers to meet deficiencies in the supply of water due to exceptional shortage of rain and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Drought Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to land drainage; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Land Drainage Bill [Lords]].

New Towns (Amendment) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the New Towns (Amendment) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 212].

Drought Bill [Lords].—The Drought Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 210].

Land Drainage Bill [Lords].—The Land Drainage Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 211].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That Commission Document No. R/923/76 relating to Stamp Duty on Securities be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (Mr. David Stoddart.)

Rent (Agriculture) Bill (Allocation of Time).—Ordered, That the Order of 20th July applying to the Rent (Agriculture) Bill and the Education Bill be varied as follows:

If a statement is made in the House by a Minister of the Crown on the day on which the Rent (Agriculture) Bill is put down as first Government Order of the day—

(a) a period of time equal to the duration of the statement shall be added to the period during which proceedings on the Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o'clock in accordance with the Order of 20th July, and

(b) the time for the bringing to a conclusion of Consideration of the Bill and of Third Reading shall each be postponed for the like period. (Mr. David Stoddart.)

Rent (Agriculture) Bill (allotted Day).—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Rent (Agriculture) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Rent (Agriculture) Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely: new Clauses, Amendments relating to Clause No. 1, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 2 to 8, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 9 to 11, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 10 to 31, Schedule No. 5, Clauses Nos. 32 to 34, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 35 and 36, Schedule No. 1, Clauses Nos. 37 to 42, Schedules Nos. 7 and 8, and new Schedules. (Mr. Ernest Armstrong.)

A Clause (Phasing of rent increases)—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Automatic planning permission)—(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. Michael Roberts, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 273.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. John Ellis: 285.

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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:

14. Food and Drugs (Control of Food Premises) Act 1976.

Rent (Agriculture) Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Rent (Agriculture) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 5 to 8) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 33, line 47, at the end, to insert the words “for the same employer or 182 out of the last 208 weeks in every other case”.—(Mr. Francis Pym.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Carol Mather: 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Thomas Cox: 300.

Other Amendments (Nos. 13, 16 to 22 and 26 to 29) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 35, after the word “dwelling-house”, to insert the words “other than a dwelling-house occupied by a person or persons employed in farming operations as seasonal workers.”—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 31 and 32) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 42, to leave out the words “members of his family” and insert the words “a grandchild looking after him, a child or grandparent”—(Mr. Daniel Awdry),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 44, to leave out the word "six" and insert the word "twelve"—(Mr. Daniel Awdry)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Fred Silvester: 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank R. White: 304.

Other Amendments (Nos. 35 and 36) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 162) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 26, to leave out subsection (1)—(Miss Joan Maynard.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Orders [20th July and this day], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Bob Cryer: 121.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Cox: 432.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded, pursuant to the Orders [20th July and this day], 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. 38, 45, 47, 49, 55 to 59, 64, 66, 67, 82, 83, 86 to 97, 99, 101, 105 to 108, 112, 117, 122, 123, 125, 128 to 133, 136, 137, 139 to 147, 149 to 152 and 155 to 159 were made to the Bill, and a Schedule (Phasing of rent increases)—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong)—was added to the Bill.

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

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

And Notice being taken, that the interest of Her Majesty, in right of Her Duchy of Lancaster, is concerned therein;

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

And Notice being taken, that the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein;

The Prime Minister, 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 House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning;

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And it being One o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Orders [20th July and this day], to put forth the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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. Joseph Harper: 297.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. W. Benyon: 261.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Export Guarantees.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Export Guarantees (Limit on Commitments) (No. 2) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 1st July, be approved—(Mr. James Tinn):—It was agreed to.
Taxes.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Regional Employment Premium (Continuation of Payment) (Winsford) (Amendment) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before his House on 29th June, be approved—(Mr. James Tinn):—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, &c.), That the Horse Racing and Betting (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved—(Mr. James Tinn):—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, &c.), That the Limitation (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th June, be approved—(Mr. James Tinn):—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, &c.), That the Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 5th July, be approved—(Mr. James Tinn):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Tinn):—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 seventeen minutes to Two o’clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.43 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 22nd July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Treaty Series (No. 52, 1976).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Nairobi (Arusha) on 15th March 1976, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the East African Community amending and extending the Overseas Service (East African Community) Agreement 1971 (the Overseas Service (East African Community) (Continuation) Agreement 1971/76) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 53, 1976).—Copy of an Arrangement, made at Neuilly-sur-Seine between 15th October and 30th November 1973, between certain Member States of the European Space Research Organisation and the European Space Research Organisation concerning the execution of a maritime satellite programme [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th July 1976, entitled the Police (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1073) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Hire Purchase.—Copy of an Order, dated 21st July 1976, entitled the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Control) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1135) [by Act].

Price Commission.—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st March to 31st May 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 551].

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 Peterborough New Town No. 18 (City Centre East Link Road and Eastfield Secondary Distributor Road) Compulsory Purchase Order 1974 [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 [24th June] from Grimsargh and Haighton for the variation of the Central Lancashire New Towns Designation Order (S.I., 1970, No. 551) and related matters [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Ecclesiastical Law,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th July 1976, entitled the Parochial Fees Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1112) [by Measure].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Denzil Davies (nominated in respect of Commission Documents Nos. R/2688/1/75 and R/2689/1/75 relating to Tax Exemptions); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier.

No. 150.

Friday, 23rd July, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 25th May and following days to be printed [No. 63-iii].

Health Education (Television) Bill,—Mr. Laurie Pavitt, supported by Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. Frank Hatton, and Mr. William Molloy, presented a Bill to require television authorities to provide facilities for the purpose of transmitting programmes relating to health education; and to establish advisory bodies in connection therewith; and for related purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd October and to be printed [Bill 213].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1)(b) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business), the Motion relating to the Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Members' Remuneration and Allowances,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in the opinion of this House—

1) the salary payable to any Member at the rate of £5,750 a year and the salary payable to any Member at the rate of £3,700 a year while he is the Comptroller or Vice-Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household, a Junior Lord of the Treasury or an Assistant Government or Opposition Whip should be increased by £312 a year from 13th June 1976;

2) the sum of £112.50 a year with which a Member is credited by way of supplement in pursuance of paragraph (5) of the Resolution of the House of 22nd July 1975 about Members' salaries and pensions should, in the case of a Member who draws the increase in salary mentioned in paragraph (1) above, be reduced by £15.60 a year from 13th June 1976 and, in the case of a Member who draws a fraction only of the increase, be reduced by that fraction of £15.60 a year from that date;

3) the annual limit of £3,200 on secretarial allowance should be increased to £3,450 for the year ending on 31st March 1977 and to £3,512 for any subsequent year ending on 31st March—(Mr. Michael Foot);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 5, to leave out from the word “by” to the end of line 6, and to insert the words “£208 a year from 1st October 1976”—(Mr. Nigel Lawson), instead thereof.

And 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;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Thomas Cox: 115.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Nicholas Ridley: 31.
So the Question was agreed to.
And the Question being accordingly put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. John Lee: 35.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 110.
So the Question was negatived.

Mr. Michael Cocks claimed, That the Main Question be now put.
And the Main Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates: 111.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Max Madden: 17.
So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House—

(1) the salary payable to any Member at the rate of £5,750 a year and the salary payable to any Member at the rate of £3,700 a year while he is the Comptroller or Vice-Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household, a Junior Lord of the Treasury or an Assistant Government or Opposition Whip should be increased by £312 a year from 13th June 1976;

(2) the sum of £112.50 a year with which a Member is credited by way of supplement in pursuance of paragraph (5) of the Resolution of the House of 22nd July 1975 about Members' salaries and pensions should, in the case of a Member who draws the increase in salary mentioned in paragraph (1) above, be reduced by £15-60 a year from 13th June 1976 and, in the case of a Member who draws a fraction only of the increase, be reduced by that fraction of £15-60 a year from that date;

(3) the annual limit of £3,200 on secretarial allowance should be increased to £3,450 for the year ending on 31st March 1977 and to £3,512 for any subsequent year ending on 31st March.

Parliament,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Junior Ministers and other Salaries Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 14th July, be approved—(Mr. Michael Foot):—Debate arising;

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Parliament,—The Question being again proposed, That the Junior Ministers and other Salaries Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 14th July, be approved:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Adjustment of Members' pensionable salary)—(Mr. Tim Rathbone)—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. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Geoffrey Johnson Smith: 4.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Ted Graham: 76.

Amendments (Nos. 1, 2 and 4 to 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 17, to leave out the words "be deemed to have".—(Mr. Bob Cryer.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Bob Cryer: 3.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Peter Snape: 65.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) This section shall not apply to those Members of Parliament who are in receipt of fees from directorships or parliamentary advisorships during the course of their holding office as a Member."—(Mr. Max Madden.)

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

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 17th June, be approved.—(Mr. Roland Moyle.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Department of the Civil Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 30th June, be approved.—(Mr. Roland Moyle.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Poisons (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 30th June, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Pharmacy (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 30th June, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Northern Ireland Committee.—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 72A (Northern Ireland Committee) be amended as follows: Line 23, leave out "on not more than four days in a Session".—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), the Standing Committee considering Commission Documents Nos. R/2688/1/75 and R/2689/1/75 relating to Tax Exemptions shall be able to sit for up to two and a half hours after the commencement of its proceedings.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 23rd July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 20th July 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 14) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1136) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Road Traffic.—Copies of Regulations, dated 16th July 1976, entitled—
(1) the Public Service Vehicles (Drivers' and Conductors' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1114), and
(2) the Public Service Vehicles (Licences and Certificates) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1113)
[by Act].
Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


MEMORANDUM

Friday 23rd July 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Documents Nos. R/2688/1/75 and R/2689/1/75 relating to Tax Exemptions, in the place of Mrs. Lena Jeger.

[No. 151.]

Monday, 26th July, 1976.

PRAYERS.

Methodist Church Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Methodist Church Bill [Lords] be considered to-morrow.

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

Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles.—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of offences relating to motor vehicles in England and Wales, the number of persons prosecuted for such offences, statistics of court proceedings and the number of alleged offences in respect of which written warnings were issued by the police, together with the number of persons concerned, during the year ended 31st December 1975.-(Dr. Shirley Summerskill.)

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 26th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 368-xi].

Business Committee (Dock Work Regulation Bill).—Ordered, That the Report of 22nd July from the Business Committee be now considered.-(Mr. Michael Foot.)

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 their Resolution;

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. James Hamilton and Mr. Ted Graham 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.

Dock Work Regulation Bill [allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Dock Work Regulation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Appeals against classification)—(Mr. Robert Hicks)—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. Carol Mather, Mr. Jim Lester: 293.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Peter Snape: 298.

Another Clause (Excluded areas)—(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. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Anthony Berry: 298.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 302.
It being after Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [20th July], 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. 11, 12, 18, 142, 144, 147, 150, 152, 155, 158, 160 to 162, 166, 169, 170, 175, 177, 179, 182, 185 to 187, 189, 191, 192, 195, 197, 201, 205 to 210, 213, 218, 229, 231, 234 and 243 were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—Debate arising;

And it being Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [20th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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. James Hamilton: 302.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 299.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Community Land,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 15th July, be approved—(Mr. John Silkin);

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

Tuesday, 27th July, 1976:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 15th July, be approved.

Community Land,—Resolved, That the Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 15th July, be approved.—(Mr. John Silkin.)

Development of Rural Wales [Money] (No. 2),—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Development of Rural Wales [Money] (No. 2);

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish a Development Board for Rural Wales, it is expedient to authorise any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the transfer to district councils of dwellings and associated property of new town corporations.—(Mr. Barry Jones.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from members of the Association of One-Parent Families for implementation of the proposals in the Report of the Committee 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. James Tinn):—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-eight minutes to One o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.32 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 26th July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Criminal Statistics,—Copy of Statistics relating to crime and criminal proceedings in England and Wales in 1975 [by Command].

Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day, relating to offences relating to motor vehicles; to be printed [No. 582].
Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Medicines,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th July 1976, entitled the Medicines (Fees) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1145) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Airports Authority,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Airports Authority for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Gas,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Gas Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Gas,—Copy of the Report for the year ended 31st March 1976 of the Northern Gas Consumers' Council [by Act].

Mr. Reg Prentice:
British Aid Programme,—Copy of the text of the United Kingdom Memorandum to the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development on the British Aid Programme 1975 [by Command].

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 Petition [23rd June] from Southampton and elsewhere for the preventing of experiments in psychosurgery, and
(2) the Petition [1st July] from David Sidmond Thomas, Esquire, for an inquiry into a complaint against the Gloucestershire Area Health Authority [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

[No. 152.]
Tuesday, 27th July, 1976.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Suffolk Coastal District Council,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Suffolk Coastal District Council Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Yorkshire Water Authority (River Derwent) Bill [Lords],—The Yorkshire Water Authority (River Derwent) Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

London Transport Bill,—The London Transport Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Tyne and Wear Bill [Lords],—The Tyne and Wear Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Methodist Church Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Methodist Church Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday.

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 in Great Britain under the Act 39 and 40 Vict. c. 77, during 1975.-(Dr. Shirley Summerskill.)

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 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 27th July and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-eighth Report).
Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xxxix].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xli].

Direct Elections to the European Assembly.—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 27th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [462-x].

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 27th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 426-vil.

Violence in the Family.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, That they had directed her to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 27th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 350-xi].

Scottish Estimates.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Estimates to them referred on 6th and 8th July and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 600].

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 have agreed to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Stornoway Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Yorkshire Water Authority (River Derwent) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision in connection with Trinidad and Tobago becoming a republic within the Commonwealth; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Trinidad and Tobago Republic Bill [Lords].

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 216].

Trinidad and Tobago Republic Bill [Lords].—The Trinidad and Tobago Republic Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 217].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Bread) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Tea) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures (Flour and Oat Products) (Exemption) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures (Potatoes) (Exemption) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1100) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

National Service.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to train unemployed school leavers by creating new opportunities to involve them in neighbourhood work, community care and service to others—(Mr. Anthony Steen);
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. Anthony Steen, Mr. Leon Brittan : 139.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Stan Thorne : 183.

So the Question was negatived.

Business Committee (Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill),—Ordered, That the Report of 22nd July from the Business Committee be now considered.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

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 their Resolution:—It was agreed to.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill [1st allotted Day],—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries 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 following Amendments standing on the Notice Paper in the name of Mr. Secretary Varley, namely—

(a) the Amendment in Schedule 1 at page 74, line 29; and
(b) the Amendments in Schedule 2 at—

page 76, line 41;
page 77, line 39; and
page 78, line 2.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee)

Schedule No. 1.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 74, line 29, to leave out the words " include rotary-wing aircraft ", and insert the words " include

(a) hovercraft;
(b) lighter than air aircraft;
(c) rotary-wing aircraft;
(d) non-motorised and motorised gliders;
(e) aircraft designed to fly unmanned; and
(f) replicas of aircraft of historic interest ".—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

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

And it being Six o’clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [20th July] and the Resolution this day, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. A. W. Stallard : 300.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. John Corrie : 287.

The Chairman then proceeded to put the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Six o’clock.

Other Amendments (Nos. 2 to 4) made.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Frank R. White reported, That the Committee had made further Amendments to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.
A Clause (Right of persons engaged in shipbuilding or shiprepairing to object to practices of British Shipbuilders or its wholly owned subsidiaries)—(Mr. Les Huckfield)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (ib) proposed to the proposed Clause, to leave out lines 2 and 3, and insert the words “one or more of the activities specified in section 2(1) or (2) above, other than—

(a) a Corporation, or ”—(Mr. Tom King),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Clause.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Carol Mather : 294.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Frank R. White : 305.

And it being after Eight o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [20th July] and the Resolution this day, to put forthwith the Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Arbitration Tribunal: interim payments)—(Mr. Neville Trotter)—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 Licensing (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Arbitration tribunal: interim payments) be read a second time:—Debate resumed.

The Reverend Robert Bradford 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 Clause be read a second time, put accordingly, and negatived.

Another Clause (Value of subsidiary company)—(Mr. Neville Trotter)—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. Cecil Parkinson : 300.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 303.

Another Clause (Headquarters of British Shipbuilders)—(Mr. Neville Trotter)—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 (Duty of British Shipbuilders to consult, &c., with Northern Ireland state-controlled shipbuilders)—(Mr. Secretary Rees)—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 Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [20th July] and the Resolution this day, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eleven o'clock.

Clause added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 3) made to the Bill.

And further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be further considered to-morrow.
Licensing (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Licensing (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Restaurants in public houses may have permitted hours on Sundays in certain cases)—(Mr. Secretary Millan)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Ian Campbell: 34.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Mackintosh, Sir John Gilmour: 55.

Another Clause (Occasional permissions)—(Mr. Harry Ewing)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 3, after the word "council" to insert the words "or of justices of the peace appointed by the council".—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 10.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Robin F. Cook: 51.

Amendments (Nos. 3 to 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 37, after "(3)", to insert the words—

"A licensing board may fix its own quorum, which shall be not less than ."—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 38, to leave out the word "five" and insert the word "three"—(Mr. Secretary Millan),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Robin F. Cook: 38.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Hector Monro: 23.

Other Amendments (Nos. 10 to 13, 15 and 16) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 39, at the end, to insert the words "or unless there has been a material change in circumstances since the date of the refusal of the first-mentioned applications".—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 19) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 17, to leave out the word "practicable" and insert the word "possible"—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith),—instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 108) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 13, at the end, to insert the words—

"(e) that an objection to the granting of a licence has been lodged by the district or islands council".—(Mr. Donald Stewart.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Teddy Taylor: 9.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Robin F. Cook: 50.

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 19, after the word "hours", to insert the words "or any objector who is a licence-holder".—(Mr. Hector Monro.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 26 to 30, 32 to 34, 31 and 35 to 41) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 42) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 3, to leave out Part III.—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 44) proposed to the Bill, in page 37, line 38, to leave out from the word “and” to the word “eleven” in line 39 and insert the words “provided that the premises are closed for any period of two and a half hours at the discretion of the licence-holder within the limits of the permitted hours”—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith),—instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 109) proposed to the Bill, in page 37, line 39, to leave out the word “five” and insert the word “six”—(Mrs. Margaret Bain),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Hamish Watt: 7.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ian Campbell: 50.

Another Amendment (No. 47) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 49) proposed to the Bill, in page 38, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

“(5) Notwithstanding the provisions above, the permitted hours under subsection (2) above shall only include Sundays in licensing board areas where the adult population express a desire to have Sunday opening.

(6) To establish public opinion under subsection (5) above, each licensing board shall, on a day to be appointed by the Secretary of State, hold a referendum on Sunday opening and if a majority of those voting in the referendum vote for Sunday opening, the permitted hours shall be deemed to include Sundays.

(7) If, not later than 30 days after a date to be specified by the Secretary of State each five years from the date of the referendum under subsection (6) above, 10 per cent. of the electors in a licensing board area request a further referendum, the licensing board shall hold a further poll”.—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Russell Johnston: 12.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ian Campbell: 45.

Other Amendments (Nos. 52 to 54) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 58) proposed to the Bill, in page 45, line 10, to leave out “180” and insert “240”—(Mr. Russell Fairgrieve),—instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 60) proposed to the Bill, in page 46, line 45, at the end, to insert the words “or a private function organised by an individual member or group of members of the club”.—(Mr. Dennis Canavan.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. David Lambie: 31.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ian Campbell: 22.

Another Amendment (No. 61) proposed to the Bill, in page 47, line 31, after the word “safety”, to insert the words “or that the licensed premises do not conform to a standard regarded as acceptable by the members of the board”.—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 63) proposed to the Bill, in page 48, line 35, after the word “safety”, to insert the words “and after consultation with representatives of the licensed premises in the area”.—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Another Amendment (No. 64) proposed to the Bill, in page 49, line 1, to leave out subsection (3), and insert the words—

"(3) Where practicable, the constable making an application under subsection (1) above shall notify the licence-holder of premises to which the application refers and the licence-holder of those premises may make representation to the Board”

(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith), instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 65) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 66) proposed to the Bill, in page 50, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2A) A person under 18 shall not be in possession of or consume alcoholic liquor in any public place.”  (Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Andrew Welsh, Mr. Teddy Taylor: 9.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ian Campbell: 35.

Another Amendment (No. 67) proposed to the Bill, in page 51, line 27, after the word "person", to insert the word "knowingly".  (Sir John Gilmour.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 68 to 74) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 75) proposed to the Bill, in page 62, line 37, at the end, to insert the words “save only that nothing in this Act shall prohibit the offering of alcoholic liquor as a prize in premises with an entertainment licence where prize bingo is operated under the provisions of the Gaming Act 1968”.  (Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 77) proposed to the Bill, in page 72, line 36, after the word "may", to insert the words "subject to the approval of the sheriff”.  (Mr. Dennis Canavan.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 84) proposed to the Bill, in page 76, line 37, after the word "may", to insert the words "subject to the approval of the sheriff”.  (Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 86) proposed to the Bill, in page 78, line 40, to leave out the word "five" and insert the word "three".  (Mr. Secretary Millan), instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 87) proposed to the Bill, in page 78, line 44, to leave out the word "consult with” and insert the words “obtain the agreement of”.  (Mr. Teddy Taylor), instead thereof.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 89 and 90) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Sunday opening of premises in respect of which a public house licence or refreshment licence is or will be in force and Sunday restriction orders relating to licensed premises)—(Mr. Secretary Millan)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (tail) proposed to the proposed Schedule, in line 30, after the word "locality", to insert the words "or is opposed by the residents of the locality".  (Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

Question, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Schedule, put and negatived.

Schedule added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 94 to 96 and 98 to 105) 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 twenty-one minutes past Ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 10.21 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 27th July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 19th July 1976, entitled—
(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1124), and
(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1125)

[by Act].

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 27th July 1976, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Vote for Transport Services (Scottish Economic Planning Department) (Class VI, 5) [by Act].

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 15th, 16th, 18th, 21st and 22nd June 1976, and
(2) 23rd, 25th, 28th and 29th June 1976.

relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 598 and 599].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Treaty Series (No. 54, 1976),—Copy of the Onchocerciasis Fund Agreement, signed at Washington on 7th May 1975 [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Jenkins:
Experiments on Living Animals,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day, relating to experiments on living animals; to be printed [No. 583].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Fisheries,—Copy of the Report on Fisheries of Scotland for 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 20th July 1976, providing for Amendments to the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Industrial Training,—Copies of Orders, dated 15th July 1976, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Training Levy (Cotton and Allied Textiles) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1110), and
(2) the Industrial Training Levy (Furniture and Timber) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1111)
[by Act].

Industrial Training,—Copies of the Reports and Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1976 of—
(1) the Carpet Industry Training Board,
(2) the Iron and Steel Industry Training Board, and
(3) the Wool, Jute and Flax Industry Training Board
[by Act].

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Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Children,—Copy of a Report by the Secretaries of State for Social Services and for Wales on particulars of the number of children in care of local authorities, the manner of their accommodation, and the estimated cost of maintenance; and the number of children in registered voluntary homes or boarded out by voluntary organisations [by Act]; to be printed [No. 595].

Medicines,—Copy of the Report of the Medicines Commission for 1975, with the Reports of the Committee on Safety of Medicines, the Veterinary Products Committee, the British Pharmacopoeia Commission and the Committee on the Review of Medicines, and a Memorandum prepared by the Medicines Division of the Department of Health and Social Security [by Act]; to be printed [No. 572].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Insurance,—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Trade on the exercise of his functions under the Insurance Companies Act 1974, for 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Iron and Steel,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Steel Corporation for the year ended 3rd April 1976 [by Act].

Post Office,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Post Office for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th May 1976, entitled the Sandwich Port and Haven Commissioners (Constitution) Revision Order 1976, 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. Reg Prentice:

Overseas Development,—Copy of Government Observations on the First Report from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, Session 1975-76, relating to the implications for United Kingdom policy of the world food crisis and third world development [by Command].

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


MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated Commission Document No. R/923/76 relating to Stamp Duty on Securities to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Bread) Order 1976, the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Tea) Order 1976, the draft Weights and Measures (Flour and Oat Products) (Exemption) Order 1976 and the draft Weights and Measures (Potatoes) (Exemption) Order 1976 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1100) 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 appointed Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/923/76 relating to Stamp Duty on Securities; and Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Bread) Order 1976, the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Tea) Order 1976, the draft Weights and Measures (Flour and Oat Products) (Exemption) Order 1976, and the draft Weights and Measures (Potatoes) (Exemption) Order 1976.
Wednesday, 28th July, 1976.

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).

Coity Wallia Commons 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 Coity Wallia Commons 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.

Great Northern London Cemetery 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 Great Northern London Cemetery 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.

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. 8-xxxi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xxxi].

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 July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 610-i and 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 Environment Sub-Committee on 28th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-ix].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords].—Mr. Ior Davies reported from Standing Committee K, That they had gone through the Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 219].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 608].

National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords].—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from the Second Reading Committee on the National Health Service (Vocational Training) 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 National Health Service (Vocational Training) 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. 601].
First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Commission Documents Nos. R/2688/1/75 and R/2689/1/75 relating to Tax Exemptions, referred to a Committee on 15th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 617].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations 1976, referred to a Committee on 20th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 602].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft British Nuclear Fuels Limited (Payment and Loan Limit) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 20th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 603].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

Rail Transit of Pigeons,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the British Railways Board to continue to accept unaccompanied racing pigeons for freight carriage: And that Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Stanley Crowther, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. George Park, and Mr. Neville Sandelson, do prepare and bring it in.

Rail Transit of Pigeons Bill,—Dr. Edmund Marshall accordingly presented a Bill to require the British Railways Board to continue to accept unaccompanied racing pigeons for freight carriage: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 218].

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill [2nd allotted Day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal.

Another Amendment (No. 225) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 44, to leave out the words "repair and maintenance".—(Mr. Dafydd Wigley.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Six o’clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [20th July] and the Resolution yesterday, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Andrew Welsh, Mr. Dafydd Thomas: 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Peter Snape: 302.

Another Amendment (No. 268) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, to leave out lines 12 to 35.—(Mr. Tom King.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Jim Lester: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 315.

Another Amendment (No. 4) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 36, to leave out from the word ‘Act’ to the word ‘in’ in line 38 and insert the words ‘it shall be the duty of each Corporation to promote industrial democracy in a strong and organic form’.—(Mr. Secretary Varley).—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

An Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 3, after the word “democracy”, to insert the words “in which adequate powers of decision-making are shared by the Corporations and their subsidiaries with members of the relevant workforces”.—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Richard Wainwright: 26.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper: 302.

Question, That the Amendment (No. 5) be made to the Bill, put and agreed to.
Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 39, at the end, to insert the words—

"(7A) It shall be the duty of each Corporation to enter within 3 months of the relevant vesting date into consultation with the relevant trade unions as to the methods which it should adopt for the purpose of carrying out its duty under subsection (7) above".—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

An Amendment (6c) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 4, to leave out the words "the relevant trade unions" and insert the words "its employees".—(Mr. Tom King.)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Michael Roberts: 294.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper: 303.

Question, That the Amendment (No. 6) be made to the Bill, put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 7 to 13) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 250) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 12, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Frederick Willey.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [20th July] and the Resolution yesterday, to put forthwith the Question on the Amendment already proposed from the Chair.

Question put and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded, pursuant to the Order [20th July] and the Resolution yesterday, 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. 251, 252, 14, 253, 317, 318, 15, 319 to 321, 16, 322, 17, 323, 18, 211, 19, 212, 20 to 31, 209 and 32 to 38 were made to the Bill.

And further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal, be further considered tomorrow.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 28th July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Coal Industry.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 28th June 1976 on loans raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 605].

Iron and Steel.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 1st July 1976 on loans raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 606].

Welsh Development Agency.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th June 1976 on loans raised by the Welsh Development Agency [by Act]; to be printed [No. 607].

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Drunkenness.—Copy of Statistics relating to offences of drunkenness in England and Wales in 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Health Services (Scotland).—Copy of the Report on health services in Scotland for 1975 [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Medical Research Council.—Copy of the Report of the Medical Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 567].

Natural Environment Research Council.—Copy of the Report of the Natural Environment Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 609].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training.—Copies of the Reports and Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1976 of—

(1) the Air Transport and Travel Industry Training Board,
(2) the Ceramics, Glass and Mineral Products Industry Training Board,
(3) the Chemical and Allied Products Industry Training Board,
(4) the Clothing and Allied Products Industry Training Board,
(5) the Construction Industry Training Board,
(6) the Cotton and Allied Textiles Industry Training Board,
(7) the Distributive Industry Training Board,
(8) the Engineering 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 Knitting, Lace and Net Industry Training Board,
(14) the Man-Made Fibre Industry Training Board,
(15) the Paper and Paper Products Industry Training Board,
(16) the Petroleum Industry Training Board,
(17) the Printing and Publishing Industry Training Board,
(18) the Road Transport Industry Training Board,
(19) the Rubber and Plastics Processing Industry Training Board, and
(20) the Shipbuilding Industry Training Board
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Cinematograph Films.—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the British Film Fund Agency for the year ended 27th September 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 588].

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 28th July 1976, entitled the Countervailing Duty Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1179) [by Act].

General Lighthouse Fund.—Statement of Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 585].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Roads.—Copy of the Report on Roads in England for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 526].

Transport.—Statement of determination of the salary payable on appointment to a member of the British Railways Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Science and Technology.—Copy of Government Observations on the First Report of the Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 1974-75, relating to energy conservation [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Monopolies and Restrictive Practices.—Copies of the Reports of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the supply of—

(1) advocates’ services,
(2) barristers’ services,
(3) services of solicitors in England and Wales, and
(4) services of solicitors in Scotland
in relation to restrictions on advertising [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 560, 559, 557 and 558].

Weights and Measures.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Weights and Measures (Additional Metric Weight) Order 1976 [by Act].
Mr. Frederick Peart:

Apples and Pears,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Apple and Pear Development Council for the year ended 31st March 1976 [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 1976, and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 611].

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 1976, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 612].

National Savings Bank,—Accounts of the National Savings Bank Investment Account Fund for 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 613].

National Savings Bank,—Accounts with respect to ordinary deposits and expenses of the National Savings Bank for 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 614].

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 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 615].

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 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 616].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/923/76 relating to Stamp Duty on Securities, viz.: Mr. John Cope, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Harry Lamborn, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Bryan Magee, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. George Park, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. Michael Shaw, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. John Watkinson, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Bread) Order 1976, the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Tea) Order 1976, the draft Weights and Measures (Flour and Oat Products) (Exemption) Order 1976, and the draft Weights and Measures (Potatoes) (Exemption) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. John Cartwright, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mr. Jane Evans, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Robert Maclean, Mr. Tim Salisbury, Mr. Giles Shaw, and Mr. Dennis Skinner.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1100), viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. Stanley Crawford, Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Neil Kinlock, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 28th July 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1100).
Methodist Church Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Methodist Church Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday next.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords];

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

Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next at Seven o'clock.

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

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Sir Edward Brown reported from the Committee on the Hampshire County Council (Haslar Bridge) (re-committed) Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned until Monday next at Two o'clock.

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 (Eighth Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 622].

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. 604].

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. 621].

Procedure (Sessional Committee).—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Sessional Committee on Procedure, That they had considered the matter of the procedure for establishing the order of oral questions, referred to them on 8th July, 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. 618].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 618].

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 29th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-xix].

Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee C. That they had gone through the Companies (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 220].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 620].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Protection of Birds (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the British Railways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Strangers,—Notice being taken that Strangers were present, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 115 (Withdrawal of strangers from House), put forthwith the Question, That Strangers do withdraw:—It was negatived.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill [3rd allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal.

Another Amendment (No. 220) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 3, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4A) Where a company named in Schedule 2, of whose property a receiver has been appointed, the Corporation shall purchase from the receiver its existing assets at a value to be determined by agreement between the Corporation and the receiver as on the date of the coming into operation of this Act".—(Mr. Kevin McNamara.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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:

5. River Medway (Flood Relief) Act 1976.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and on re-committal.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 220) be made.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. John Prescott: 42.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Ted Graham: 248.

Other Amendments (Nos. 39 to 123 and 324) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 290) proposed to the Bill, in page 50, line 32, after the word "means" to insert the words "whichever of the days hereinafter specified the stockholders' representative may elect, namely, either the nearest Wednesday to the 15th day of each of the months in the period of 12 months beginning with March 1973 or".—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 124 and 125) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 293) proposed to the Bill, in page 51, line 8, to leave out from the word "the" to the end of line 14 and insert the words "fair price to pay for such securities taking into account all the circumstances of the acquired company, the base value of whose securities falls to be determined, including the future prospect and the trading record of that company and its net assets".—(Mr. Tom King),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Carol Mather: 276.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 329.

And it being after Six o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [20th July] and the Resolution [27th July], to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded.

Other Amendments (Nos. 126 to 153, 155 to 173, 325, 175 to 177, 326, 179 to 190, 327, 191 to 196 and 328) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 239) proposed to the Bill, in page 75, to leave out lines 15 to 17.—(Mr. Peter Viggers.)

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

And it being twenty minutes to Eight o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [20th July] and the Resolution [27th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 313.

Another Amendment (No. 258) proposed to the Bill, in page 75, to leave out lines 19 to 26.—(Mr. Tom King.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Jim Lester: 304.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 310.

Another Amendment (No. 247) proposed to the Bill, in page 75, to leave out line 20.—(Mr. Tom King.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. W. Benyon: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. John Ellis: 311.

Another Amendment (No. 259) proposed to the Bill, in page 75, to leave out lines 28 to 30.—(Mr. Tom King.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Michael Roberts: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Ted Graham: 310.

Another Amendment (No. 219) proposed to the Bill, in page 77, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

"and

(2) on 21st November 1975 the number of persons employed by that company in any city or town engaged exclusively in the business of repairing, refitting, converting or maintaining ships exceeded 300, provided that the company is not a member of the same group of companies as a shipbuilding company falling within the description in paragraph 2 above.".—(Mr. Tom King.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, Mr. Douglas Crawford: 304.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. James Tinn: 311.

Other Amendments (Nos. 197 to 208) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 245) proposed to the Bill, in page 91, line 41, at the end, to add the words—

"14. The decisions of an Arbitration Tribunal, and the reasons therefor, as to the value of the compensation to be issued for any security shall if the relevant stockholders' representative agrees be made available to the stockholders' representative for any other security.".—(Mr. Neville Trotter.)

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

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. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 308.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
European Communities,—Resolved, That the European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 15th July, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Service (Vocational Training) 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 (Committee of Bills).

National Health Service (Vocational Training) [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to National Health Service (Vocational Training) [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to require medical practitioners seeking to provide general medical services under the National Health Service Act 1946 or the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947 to be suitably experienced, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session in the sums so payable under any other Act.—(Mr. Eric Deakins.)

Tax Exemptions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/2688/1/75 and R/2689/1/75 relating to Tax Exemptions—(Mr. David Stoddart):—It was agreed to.

Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 8th July, be approved—(Mr. David Stoddart):—It was agreed to.

Atomic Energy and Radioactive Substances.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the British Nuclear Fuels Limited (Payment and Loan Limit) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th July, be approved—(Mr. David Stoddart):—It was agreed to.

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, 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 minutes to Twelve o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.48 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 29th July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:


Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 29th July 1976, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Vote for Shipping Services [by Act].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th July 1976, entitled the Tobacco Products (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1197) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th July 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 15) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1200) [by Act].

Savings Banks,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th July 1976, entitled the Trustee Savings Banks (Interest-bearing Receipts) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1202) [by Act].
Taxes,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th July 1976, entitled the Development Land Tax (Disposals by Non-Residents) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1190) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Shipping (Miscellaneous No. 18, 1976),—Copy of a Resolution, adopted by the Ninth Session of the Assembly of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organisation on 12th November 1975, to amend the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (the Amendment has not been accepted by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 61, 1976),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Paris on 29th August 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic concerning the establishment of a representative assembly for the New Hebrides (with further exchange of Notes signed at London on 14th November 1975) [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Millan:

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 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 561].

Prisons,—Draft of Rules, entitled the Prisons (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1976 [by Act].

Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Manpower Services Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Manpower Services Commission for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Policyholders Protection,—Statement by the Secretary of State for Trade on the exercise of his powers under the Insurance Companies Act 1974 in relation to Fidelity Life Assurance Limited [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

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 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 619].

National Enterprise Board,—Statements by the Secretary of State for Industry—

(1) pursuant to section 5(4) of the Industry Act 1975, consenting to the transfer to the National Enterprise Board of securities held by him in Rolls Royce (1971) Ltd., British Leyland Motor Corporation Ltd., Ferranti Ltd., and the Cambridge Instrument Company Ltd., and

(2) pursuant to section 5(6) of the Act, specifying the amount of the consideration for the transfer of certain shares held by him or the Treasury Solicitor or their nominees in British Leyland Ltd. and Rolls Royce (1971) Ltd. to the National Enterprise Board

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Rees:


County Courts.—Copies of Rules, dated 14th July 1976, entitled—
(1) the County Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 208), and
(2) the County Court (Licensing) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 209)
[by Statutory Instrument].

Magistrates’ Courts.—Copies of Rules—
(1) dated 6th July 1976, entitled the Magistrates’ Courts (Amendment No. 3) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 200), and
[by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Benn:


Electricity.—Copies of the Reports and Statements of Accounts and Statistics, for the year ended 31st March 1976, of—
(1) the Central Electricity Generating Board, and
(2) the Electricity Council
[by Act].

Electricity.—Copies of the Reports and Statements of Accounts, for the year ended 31st March 1975, of—
(1) the Eastern Electricity Board,
(2) the East Midlands Electricity Board,
(3) the London 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:

Counter-Inflation.—Copies of Orders, dated 26th July 1976, entitled—
(1) the Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Prices and Charges) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1171), and
(2) the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1170)
[by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:

Agriculture.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Agricultural Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Eggs Authority.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Eggs Authority for the year ended 31st March 1975 [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)]:—

The Tobacco Products (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1197).

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

Supreme Court of Judicature,—Copy of Rules, dated 23rd July 1976, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court, Amendment (No. 2) 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1196) [by Act]

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 29th July 1976

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

[No. 155.]

Friday, 30th July, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from London and elsewhere for a change in fuel policy for all domestic consumers was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Bray and elsewhere for the retention of hospital facilities in Maidenhead was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 17, to leave out from the word " being " to the word " either " in line 18.—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 3, at the end, to insert the words " unless that person is a spouse or former cohabitee who has moved back into the household for a period not exceeding four weeks with a view to reconciliation ".—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Regulations 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 28th June, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Ennals);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Thomas Cox: 51.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. G. F. Hall-Davies, Sir Brandon Rhys-Williams: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

Consumer Protection,—Resolved, That the Consumer Transactions (Restrictions on Statements) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 14th June, be approved.—(Mr. John Fraser.)

Consumer Protection,—Resolved, That the Mail Order Transactions (Information) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 14th June, be approved.—(Mr. John Fraser.)
Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), the Standing Committee considering Commission Document No. R/923/76 relating to Stamp Duty on Securities shall be able to sit for up to two and a half hours after the commencement of its proceedings.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.19 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 30th July 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Customs and Excise,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th July 1976, entitled the Cider and Perry Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1207) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 16th July 1976, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Solicitors' Fees) 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1119) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1971, relating to summary tables [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Atomic Energy,—Copy of the Report and Accounts, for the year ended 31st March 1976, of British Nuclear Fuels Limited [by Act].

Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th July 1976, entitled the Paraffin (Maximum Retail Prices) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1204) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th July 1976, entitled the Home-Grown Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1204) [by Act].


[No. 156.]

Monday, 2nd August, 1976.

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

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

Hampshire County Council (Haslar Bridge) (re-committed) Bill,—Sir Edward Brown reported from the Committee on the Hampshire County Council (Haslar Bridge) (re-committed) Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the 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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 13th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 236-viii].

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 (Third Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 624].
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 (Fourth Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 625].

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 2nd August.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 623].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, proceedings on the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill, set down for consideration at Seven o'clock by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, shall, instead of being considered at that hour, be considered at Ten o'clock, and may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Supply [29th allotted Day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Civil Estimates, 1976-77

Class XIII, Vote 4, Economic and Financial Administration: Treasury.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £22,829,000, 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 1977, for expenditure by the Treasury on the management of the economy, the Paymaster General's Office and certain other services including grants in aid to certain Parliamentary bodies and others;

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Sub-head B1(1) (Salaries, &c., of Ministers) be reduced by £6,500—(Sir Geoffrey Howe):—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. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 295.

So the Question was negatived.

The original Question being again proposed:—Debate arising;

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

Notice of objection having been given to a total amount on which the Question was to be put, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Business of Supply), to put forthwith the Question thereon.

Civil Estimates, 1976-77

Class XIV

And the Question being put, That a sum, not exceeding £524,957,900, 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 1977, for expenditure in respect of the services included in Class XIV of the Civil Estimates, as set out in House of Commons Papers 276 and 484;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 308.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Stokes, Mr. Michael Brotherton: 117.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Business of Supply) to put forthwith the Question, That the total amount of the Votes outstanding for the year 1976-77 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund for the services defined in those Votes.

Defence and Civil Estimates, 1976-77 (Outstanding Votes)

And the Question being put, That a sum, not exceeding £21,100,043,100, 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 1977, as set out in House of Commons Papers 266, 276, 483 and 484:—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. Secretary 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 1977, 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 214].

Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation 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, 3rd August, 1976:

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be referred to a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons—(Mr. John Wells);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mr. John Wells: 9.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Ian Campbell: 68.

So the Question was negatived.

Bill to be considered this day.

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 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 eight minutes past One o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.8 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 2nd August 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Recruitment of Mercenaries,—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Privy Counsellors appointed to inquire into the recruitment of mercenaries [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Pensions,—Copy of an Order by Her Majesty, dated 26th July 1976, 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 [by Command].

Pensions,—Copy of a Royal Warrant, dated 26th July 1976, 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 [by Command].

Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 23rd July 1976, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) (Amendment) Scheme 1976 (S.I. 1976, No. 1167) [by Act].

Public Health,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd August 1976, entitled the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1226) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Benn:

Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st July 1976, entitled the Electricity (Transfer of Transmission Assets) (Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Board) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1138) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Administration of Estates,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 23rd July 1976, entitled the Consular Conventions (Mongolian People’s Republic) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1150) [by Act].


Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 23rd July 1976, entitled—

(1) the Consular Relations (Merchant Shipping and Civil Aviation) (German Democratic Republic) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1152), and

(2) the Prevention of Oil Pollution (Convention Countries) (Additional Countries) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1160)

[by Act].

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 23rd July 1976, 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].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Ted Graham (nominated in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Bread) Order 1976, the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Tea) Order 1976, the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Flour and Oat Products) (Exemption) Order 1976, and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Potatoes) (Exemption) Order 1976) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Joseph Harper.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 2nd August 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/923/76 relating to Stamp Duty on Securities, in the place of Mr. Alan Fitch.

Tuesday, 3rd August, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

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.

British Railways Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the British Railways Bill ; and the same were agreed to.

Great Northern London Cemetery Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Great Northern London Cemetery Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 205 (Notice of Third Reading) be suspended and that the Bill now be read the third time.—The Chairman of Ways and Means.

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

Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill :

Ordered, That the Bill be considered to-morrow.
Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix).

Direct Elections to the European Assembly.—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly, 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, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table: and to be printed [No. 515]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 515].

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 Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 15th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 64-xxii].

Health Services Bill.—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Health Services Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 223].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 628].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Bread) Order 1976, the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Tea) Order 1976, the draft Weights and Measures (Flour and Oat Products) (Exemption) Order 1976, and the draft Weights and Measures (Potatoes) (Exemption) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 27th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 627].

Education (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. Christopher Price, supported by Mr. Martin Flannery and Mr. Michael Noble, presented a Bill to amend section 68 of the Education Act 1944: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 222].

National Bus Company (Denationalisation).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restore the National Bus Company and its subsidiaries to private ownership—(Mr. Ian Gow);

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. Ian Gow, Mr. Nigel Lawson: 121.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Mr. Bruce Grocott: 184.

So the Question was negatived.

Health Services Bill (Allocation of Time).—Ordered, That the Order of 20th July be varied as follows:—

(a) by substituting two allotted days for one allotted day in paragraph 2(1); and

(b) by substituting " third day " for " second day " in paragraph 2(2), and paragraph 2 shall have effect accordingly—(Mr. Secretary Ennals.)

Bail Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Bail Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Right of prosecution to apply for the withdrawal of bail)—(Mr. Roger Sims)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 1, 3 and 4) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 38, to leave out paragraph 8.—(Mr. Andrew Bennett.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Andrew Bennett: 53.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Stoddart, Mr. Donald Coleman: 102.
Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 2, to leave out paragraph 2.—(Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 10 and 12) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Rating (Charity Shops) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Rating (Charity Shops) 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.

Police Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Police Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 4 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 5, in page 7, line 34, at end, insert new Clause A (Trading near Highways).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Guy Barnett):— 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 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill and the Motion relating to the Sound Broadcasting of the Proceedings of the House may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour. (Mr. Tom Pendry.)

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

The Question being again proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in their Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill:—Debate resumed.

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

Lords Amendments Nos. 6 to 79 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. Guy Barnett, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Keith Speed, and Dr. Shirley Summerskill.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee. (Mr. Guy Barnett.)

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—Mr. Guy Barnett 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 (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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 34, for the following Reason:—

Because so far as the aims of the Amendment are desirable, they are adequately secured by existing general legislation.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Financial Assistance to Industry (British Leyland Limited),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House authorises the National Enterprise Board, on the direction of the Secretary of State, given under section 3 of the Industry Act 1975, to pay or undertake to pay by way of financial assistance under section 8 of the Industry Act 1972, as amended by section 22 of and Part I of Schedule 4 to, the Industry Act 1975, in respect of a loan to British Leyland or any of its subsidiaries sums not exceeding £30 million—(Mr. Secretary Varley);
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning;

**Wednesday, 4th August, 1976:**

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 this House authorises the National Enterprise Board, on the direction of the Secretary of State, given under section 3 of the Industry Act 1975, to pay or undertake to pay by way of financial assistance under section 8 of the Industry Act 1972, as amended by section 22 of, and Part I of Schedule 4 to, the Industry Act 1975, in respect of a loan to British Leyland Limited or any of its subsidiaries sums not exceeding £30 million.

Sound Broadcasting of the Proceedings of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House approves the recommendations in the First Report from the Joint Committee on Sound Broadcasting which relate to this House—(Mr. Ben Ford);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. John Ellis: 36.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Peter Bottomley: 9.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House approves the recommendations in the First Report from the Joint Committee on Sound Broadcasting which relate to this House.

Drought Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That in respect of the Drought Bill [Lords], 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 Foot.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes past Three o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

|Adjourned at 3.22 a.m.|

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**APPENDIX**

*Tuesday 3rd August 1976*

**Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:**

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Deposit-taking Institutions,—Copy of Government proposals for the licensing and supervision of deposit-taking institutions [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Miscellaneous (No. 26, 1976),—Copy of Government Observations on the Report from the Select Committee on Cyprus, Session 1975-76 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 63, 1976),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Copenhagen from 17th February to 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 May 1950, as previously modified [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 64, 1976),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Georgetown on 31st March 1976, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, amending and extending the Overseas Service (Guyana) Agreement 1971 (the Overseas Service (Guyana) (Continuance) Agreement 1971-76) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Museums and Galleries (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Account of Income and Expenditure of the Cutlery and Allied Trades Research Association for 1975, with Balance Sheet [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:
Devolution,—Copy of a Supplementary Statement on devolution to Scotland and Wales [by Command].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Diseases of Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th July 1976, entitled the Importation of Cattle and Sheep (Number 2) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Reg Prentice:
Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 28th July 1976, entitled the Ghana Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Fund (United Kingdom) (Amendment) Scheme 1976 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Copies of Orders, dated 7th July 1976, entitled—
(1) the Patients' Affairs (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 206), and
(2) the Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate) Fees Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 205)
[by Act].

MEMORANDA
Tuesday 3rd August 1976
In pursuance of Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Secretary Ennals, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Dr. David Owen, Mr. Tom Pendry, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, and Sir George Young, to be members of the Business Committee in respect of the Health Services Bill.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords].

[No. 158.]

Wednesday, 4th August, 1976.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.
Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be considered to-morrow.

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 (Thirty-second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 8-xxxii].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xxxii].
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 August.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 53-xi].

Health Services 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 Health Services Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House:

That the allotted days which under the Orders [20th July and 3rd August] are given to the proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading be allotted as shown in the Table below; and subject to the provisions of those Orders each part of the proceedings shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the third column of that Table.

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Report to lie upon the Table.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Commission Document No. R/923/76 relating to Stamp Duty on Securities, referred to a Committee on 22nd July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 631].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1100), referred to a Committee on 27th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 632].

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. Ted Graham.)

Films.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to apply certain provisions of the Theatres Act 1968 to films; and for related purposes: And that Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Hugh Jenkins, and Dr. Colin Phipps, do prepare and bring it in.

Films Bill.—Mr. Christopher Price accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain provisions of the Theatres Act 1968 to films; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th October and to be printed [Bill 224].

Drought Bill [Lords].—The Drought Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee to-morrow.

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 Thursday morning:

Thursday, 5th August, 1976:

Mr. John Ellis 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.
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 5 agreed to.

Schedules A, B, C and D agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 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.

European Parliament (Membership), Ordered, That, with effect from 1st October next, Mr. Russell Johnston be designated a member of the European Parliament.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. John Ellis.

Weights and Measures,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Bread) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 19th July, be approved.—(Mr. John Ellis):—It was agreed to.

Weights and Measures,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Tea) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 19th July, be approved.—(Mr. John Ellis):—It was agreed to.

Weights and Measures,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Weights and Measures (Flour and Oat Products) (Exemption) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 19th July, be approved—(Mr. John Ellis):—It was agreed to.

Weights and Measures,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Weights and Measures (Potatoes) (Exemption) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 19th July, be approved—(Mr. John Ellis):—It was agreed to.

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 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 minutes to Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 11.40 a.m.

APPENDIX

Wednesday 4th August 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkins:

Broadcasting,—Copy of a Supplemental Royal Charter, dated 13th July 1976, for the continuance of the British Broadcasting Corporation [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations—
(1) dated 20th July 1976, entitled the Labelling of Food (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1176), and
(2) dated 30th July 1976, entitled the Poultry Meat (Hygiene) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1221)

[by Act].
Public Health (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd August 1976, entitled the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1240) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th July 1976, entitled the Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Order 1973 (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1193) [by Act].

Mr. Frederick Peart:
Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th July 1976, entitled the Poultry Meat (Hygiene) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1209) [by Act].

PRAYERS.

Thursday, 5th August, 1976.

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

Methodist Church Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Methodist Church Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Monday 11th October at Seven o'clock.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 14th October.

Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday 12th October.

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

Adjournment (Summer).—Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Monday 11th October. (Mr. Peter Snape.)

Sir David Lidderdale, KCB, Rear-Admiral Sir Alexander Gordon Lennox, KCVO, CB, DSO, Mr. David Holland, CB,—Resolved, nemine contradicente, That this House, conscious of the ever-increasing range and complexity of its work and of the burden this places on its officers and staff, records its gratitude for the devoted service of Sir David Lidderdale, Clerk of the House; Sir Alexander Gordon Lennox, Serjeant at Arms; and Mr. David Holland, Librarian; and extends to them its best wishes for their retirement. (Mr. Michael Foot.)

Drought Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Drought Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Provision for meeting water shortages—general).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 2, to leave out lines 3 to 7.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 2, line 7, at the end, to insert the words "but no such direction shall prejudice the statutory functions and duties of navigation or harbour authorities".—(Mr. Nigel Spearing.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 2, line 28, after the word "authority", to insert the words "subject to any conditions specified in the order".—(Mr. Arthur Jones.)

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

An Amendment (No. 4) made.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 2, to leave out lines 40 to 42.—(Mr. Arthur Jones.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 6) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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 Tinn 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 Drought Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Drought Bill [Lords],—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Drought Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (Provision for meeting water shortages in an emergency).

Amendment (No. 32) proposed, in page 4, line 12, after the word "purposes", to insert the words "as are specified in the Order and".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 4, line 29, after the word "water", to insert the words "supplied by that authority".—(Mr. Keith Speed.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 8, 10 and 11) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Supplementary provisions as to the powers conferred under section 1 or 2).

Amendment (No. 40) proposed, in page 6, line 25, at the end, to insert the words "and shall include provisions that no entry shall be made except as authorised by a magistrates' warrant".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (General).

Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 8, line 15, at the end, to insert the words "which shall not remain in operation for longer than 28 days, unless it is approved by resolution of both Houses of Parliament".—(Mr. Keith Speed.)

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

Amendment made, in page 8, line 16, by inserting, after the first word "Order", the words "in a statutory instrument".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 (Procedure for making Orders).

Amendments (Nos. 13, 17 and 19) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 (Compensation).

Amendments (Nos. 20 to 24) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 3 (Transitional and saving provisions).

Amendment (No. 43) proposed, in page 15, line 5, to leave out from the word "effect" to the end of line 13.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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. James Tinn 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. 36 (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.

Customs and Excise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1100), a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th July, be approved—(Mr. James Tinn):—It was agreed to.

Stamp Duty on Securities,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/923/76 relating to Stamp Duty on Securities—(Mr. James Tinn):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Tinn):—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 5th August 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 5th August 1976, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Vote for the Department of Employment (Class IV, 13) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
European Communities (No. 16, 1976),—Copy of Letters, exchanged at Brussels on 26th February 1976, between the Council of the European Communities and the Council of Ministers of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States extending application of the provisions set out in paragraph 2 of the Letters exchanged on 28th February 1975 [by Command].

European Communities (No. 17, 1976),—Copy of a Supplementary Protocol, signed at Luxembourg on 15th December 1975, to the Protocol of 13th April 1962 on the setting up of European schools (with Protocol of provisional application) (the United Kingdom has not ratified the Supplementary Protocol) [by Command].

Singapore (No. 2, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Singapore on 26th March 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Singapore concerning public officers' pensions (the Public Officers' Pensions (Singapore) Agreement, 1976) (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 65, 1976),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Port Louis on 29th and 30th March 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Mauritius terminating the Agreement on mutual defence and assistance signed at Port Louis on 12th March 1968 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Museums and Galleries (Scotland),—Copy of a Memorandum on the value of indemnities for loss of objects lent to the National Museums and Galleries of Scotland [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th July 1976, entitled the Further Education (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1191) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training.—Copy of an Order, dated 27th July 1976, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Road Transport) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1181) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

National Health Service.—Copies of the Reports of—

(1) the Central Health Services Council for 1975, with a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales; and

(2) the General Practice Finance Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 570 and 626].

Nurses and Midwives.—Copy of an Instrument, dated 28th July 1976, entitled the Nurses and Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules Approval Instrument 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1188) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th July 1976, entitled the Oil Pollution (Compulsory Insurance) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1177) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

National Enterprise Board.—Statement by the Secretary of State for Industry, pursuant to section 5(4) of the Industry Act 1975, specifying the amount of the consideration for the transfer of certain shares held by him or his nominees in Herbert Ltd. and Cambridge Instruments Ltd. to the National Enterprise Board and their nominees [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary John Morris:

Education.—Copies of the Reports by the Secretary of State for Wales on schools in Wales for 1974 and 1975 [by Act].

New Towns.—Copy of the Reports of the Cwmbran and Newtown (Mid-Wales) Development Corporations for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 633].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Atomic Energy.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Radiochemical Centre Limited for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Monopolies and Restrictive Practices.—Copy of the Reports of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the supply of—

(1) accountancy services,

(2) stockbrokers’ services, and

(3) veterinary services

in relation to restrictions on advertising [by Command].

Mr. Reg Prentice:

Pensions.—Copies of Schemes, dated 5th August 1976, entitled—

(1) the Tanzania Public Officers’ Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976,

(2) the Tanzania (Tanganyika) Public Officers’ Widows’ and Orphans’ Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976,
3 the Tanzania (Zanzibar Asiatic Officers) Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976, and

4 the Tanzania (Zanzibar) Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976

[by Act].

[No. 160.]

Friday, 6th August, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Selection,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 5th November in the last Session of Parliament, relating to nomination of members of the Committee of Selection, Mr. Bryant Godman Irvine be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Ifor Davies and Mr. Donald Stewart 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 or laid upon the Table (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.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Drought Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Science and Technology,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Aldington to attend to be examined as a witness before the General Purposes Sub-Committee appointed by the Select Committee on Science and Technology.—(Mr. Arthur Palmer.)

Procedure,—Ordered, That notwithstanding the Order of the House of 15th June relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Procedure, Mr. John Peyton be discharged from the Committee and Mr. George Younger 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. Ted Graham);

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


Adjournment,—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

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. Walter Harrison.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday 11th October, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[Adjourned at 4.29 p.m.]
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APPENDIX

Friday 6th August 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th July 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 16) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1201) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Wages Councils,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th July 1976, entitled the Milk Distributive Wages Council (Scotland) (Abolition) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1199) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Food Subsidies,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th July 1976, entitled the Food Subsidies (Conditions) (Milk) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1205) [by Act].

Prices,—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 3rd August 1976, entitled the Bread Prices (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1250),
(2) dated 5th August 1976, entitled the Household Flour Prices Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1268), and
(3) dated 5th August 1976, entitled the Tea Prices Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1269) [by Act].

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

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Copy of an Order, dated 7th July 1976, entitled the Supreme Court Fees Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 215) [by Act].

[No. 161.]

Monday, 11th October, 1976.

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 General Subcommittee on 11th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 461-ii].

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 7th and 11th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 623-ii and iii].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Greater London Council (Money) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Northern London Cemetery Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provisions as regards Scotland with respect to the age of retirement of teachers; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Retirement of Teachers (Scotland) Bill [Lords].
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision as regards Scotland for the exclusion from the valuation roll of lands and heritages which be wholly or partly on, over or under the bed of the sea; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].]

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate those provisions of the Resale Prices Act 1964 still having effect, Part II of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1956, and related enactments; and to repeal the provisions of the Resale Prices Act 1964 and the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1968 which have ceased to have any effect; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Resale Prices Bill [Lords].]

Science and Technology,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Aldington to attend to be examined as a witness before the General Purposes Sub-Committee of the Select Committee on Science and Technology, if his Lordship think fit.

Retirement of Teachers (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Retirement of Teachers (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 226].

Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 227].

Resale Prices Bill [Lords].—The Resale Prices Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 223].

Expenditure,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Fulton and the Lord Crowther-Hunt to attend to be examined as witnesses before the General Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. James Boyden.)

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

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.

Methodist Church Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Methodist Church Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday at Seven o'clock.

Adjournment.—The House resumed the postponed proceeding on the Question, That this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 301.

So the Question was negatived.

Counter-Inflation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1170), a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th July, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Hattersley); 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 Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1170), a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th July, be approved.

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

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

Tuesday, 12th October, 1976:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.15 a.m.]
APPENDIX

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:

Financial Aid to Political Parties.—Copy of the Report of the Committee on financial aid to political parties.

Citizenship.—Copy of Statistics of persons acquiring citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies for 1975.

Environmental Pollution.—Copy of the Sixth Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, concerning nuclear power and the environment.

Probation and After-Care.—Copy of the Report on the work of the Probation and After-Care Department for the period 1972 to 1975.

Race Relations and Immigration.—Copy of Government Observations on the Report from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, Session 1974-75, concerning the organisation of race relations administration.

Animals (Miscellaneous No. 28, 1976).—Copy of a European Convention, signed at Strasbourg on 10th March 1976, for the protection of animals kept for farming purposes (with explanatory Report) (the United Kingdom has not ratified the Convention).

European Communities (No. 18, 1976).—Copy of a Convention, signed at Luxembourg on 15th December 1975, for the European Patent for the Common Market (Community Patent Convention) including Implementing Regulations and Final Act (the Convention has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).

European Communities (No. 19, 1976).—Copy of a Decision, made at Brussels on 23rd February 1976, by the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, extending the Decision of 24th June 1975, opening tariff preferences for products within the province of that Community originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and in the overseas countries and territories associated with the Community.

European Communities (No. 20, 1976).—Copy of a Commercial Co-operation Agreement, signed at Brussels on 1st June 1976, between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Fisheries (Miscellaneous No. 27, 1976).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Washington on 8th April 1975, to the International Convention for the North West Atlantic Fisheries, signed at Washington on 8th February 1949 (the Protocol has not been approved by the United Kingdom).

Philippines (No. 1, 1976).—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on 10th June 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged).

Republic of Ireland (No. 1, 1976).—Copy of a Convention, signed at Dublin on 2nd June 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Ireland for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains (the Convention is not in force).

Road Transport (Miscellaneous No. 25, 1976).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Geneva on 1st March 1973, on road markings, additional to the European Agreement supplementing the Convention on road signs and signals opened for signature at Vienna on 5th July 1968 (the United Kingdom has not acceded to the Protocol).


Treaty Series (No. 57, 1976).—Copy of the Universal Postal Convention, signed at Lausanne on 5th July 1974 (together with Final Protocol and detailed Regulations).


Treaty Series (No. 59, 1976).—Copy of the Postal Parcels Agreement, signed at Lausanne on 5th July 1974 (together with Final Protocol and detailed Regulations).

Treaty Series (No. 60, 1976).—Copy of the Giro Agreement, signed at Lausanne on 5th July 1974 (together with detailed Regulations).


Treaty Series (No. 74, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Prague on 23rd April 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on co-operation in the field of medicine and public health.


Treaty Series (No. 92, 1976).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Rome on 12th April 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Italian Republic concerning the extension to Jersey, the Bailiwick of Guernsey and the Isle of Man of the Convention providing for the Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters, signed at Rome on 7th February 1964, as amended by the Protocol signed at Rome on 14th July 1970 (with notification of Extension).


Fire Services (Scotland).—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Fire Services for Scotland for 1975.

Judicial Statistics (Scotland).—Copy of Civil Judicial Statistics for Scotland for 1975.


Scottish Land Court.—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Land Court as to proceedings during 1975 under the Agriculture and Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Acts, the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts 1886 to 1931 and the Crofters (Scotland) Acts 1955 and 1961.


Defence.—Copy of the Account of the United States Mutual Defence Assistance Programme Equipment Disposal Deposit Account for the year ended 31st March 1975.

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 1976 under the Dispensing Order of 14th January 1922 made under section 2 of the Air Force (Constitution) Act 1917.

Defence (Royal Navy).—List of Exceptions to the Queens' Regulations as to Pay, Non-Effective Pay and Allowances during the year ended 31st March 1976, 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.
Occupational Pension Schemes,—Copy of a Report by the Occupational Pensions Board on equal status for men and women in occupational pension schemes.

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 1976.


Bankruptcy, etc.,—Copy of the Report of the Bankruptcy Convention Advisory Committee on the EEC preliminary draft Convention on bankruptcy, winding-up, arrangements, compositions, and similar proceedings.


Ancient and Historical Monuments,—Copy of the Fourteenth Interim Report of the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments in Wales relating to pre-Norman ancient monuments of Glamorgan.


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:

9th August 1976
Administration of Estates,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 30th July 1976, entitled the Consular Conventions (Czechoslovak Socialist Republic) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1216) [by Act].

Caribbean and North Atlantic Territories,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 23rd July 1976, entitled the Turks and Caicos Islands (Constitution) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1150) [by Act].

10th August 1976
Customs and Excise,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd August 1976, entitled the Customs Duties (Deferred Payment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1223) [by Act].

11th August 1976
Housing (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd August 1976, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (Students) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1288) [by Act].


Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd August 1976, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowances (Students) (England and Wales) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1242) [by Act].

Offshore Installations,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th August 1976, entitled the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1308) [by Act].

12th August 1976
Sports Grounds,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 31st July 1976, entitled the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1264), and


Pests,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st July 1976, entitled the Prevention of Damage by Pests (Threshing and Dismantling of Stacks) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1236) [by Act].

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 30th July 1976, entitled the Health and Safety Inquiries (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1246), and
(2) 3rd August 1976, entitled the Health and Safety (Agriculture) (Miscellaneous Repeals and Modifications) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1247)

[by Act].

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd August 1976, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Footwear, Leather and Fur Skin) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1248) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd August 1976, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Operators’ Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1257) [by Act].

13th August 1976

Fire Services,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th August 1976, entitled the Firemen’s Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1273) [by Act].

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th August 1976, entitled the Police (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1274) [by Act].

Sports Grounds,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 5th August 1976, entitled the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1285), and


[by Act].

Food and Drugs,—Copies of Orders, dated—

(1) 4th August 1976, entitled the Milk (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1272), and

(2) 5th August 1976, entitled the Milk (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1271)

[by Act].

16th August 1976

Value Added Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd August 1976, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1234) [by Act].

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 5th August 1976, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Summary Cause Court Fees) 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1287) [by Act].

18th August 1976

Town and Country Planning (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 6th August 1976, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General Development) (Scotland) Amendment No. 2 Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1307) [by Act].

Northern Ireland,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 17th August 1976, entitled the Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1341) [by Act].

Seeds,—Copies of Regulations, dated 6th August 1976, entitled—

(1) the Fodder Plant Seeds Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1283), and

(2) the Oil and Fibre Plant Seeds Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1284)

[by Act].

19th August 1976

Cinematograph and Cinematograph Films,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th August 1976, entitled the Cinematograph (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1315) [by Act].

Probation and After-Care,—Copy of Rules, dated 7th August 1976, entitled the Probation (Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1314) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th August 1976, entitled the Herring (North Yorkshire Coast) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1311) [by Act].

20th August 1976


Sea Fisheries,—Copies of Orders, dated 11th August 1976, entitled—

(1) the Fishing Nets (North East Atlantic) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1324),

(2) the Herring (Isle of Man) Licensing Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1323),
(3) the Herring (Isle of Man) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1325), and

(4) the Herring (North Irish Sea) Licensing Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1322)

[by Act].

23rd August 1976

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st July 1976, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1256) [by Act].

Land Registration,—Copy of Rules, dated 28th July 1976, entitled the Land Registration Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1332) [by Act].

24th August 1976

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd August 1976, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Notification of Increases in Prices and Charges) Order 1976 (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1378) [by Act].

25th August 1976

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated 23rd August 1976, entitled—

(1) the Import Duties (General) (No. 6) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1382), and

(2) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 17) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1383)

[by Act].

26th August 1976


Supreme Court of Judicature,—Copy of Rules, dated 21st July 1976, entitled the Non-Contentious Probate (Amendment) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1362) [by Act].

27th August 1976

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th August 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 18) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1399) [by Act].

3rd September 1976


6th September 1976

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th August 1976, entitled the Civil Aviation Authority (Charges) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1396) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd September 1976, entitled the Oil Pollution (Compulsory Insurance) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1440) [by Act].

7th September 1976

Arms and Ammunition,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th August 1976, entitled the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1400) [by Act].

Criminal Procedure,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th August 1976, entitled the Fixed Penalty (Procedure) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1401) [by Act].

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 3rd September 1976, entitled—

(1) the Seafield Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1445), and

(2) the Wolstanton Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1444)

[by Act].

9th September 1976

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th September 1976, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1471) [by Act].

Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th September 1976, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1470) [by Act].
Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th September 1976, entitled the Rate Rebate (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1458) [by Act].

Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd September 1976, entitled the Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931 (Suspension of Operation) (England and Wales) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1459) [by Act].

10th September 1976

Arms and Ammunition,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd September 1976, entitled the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1446) [by Act].

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st September 1976, entitled the Residential Special Schools and Orphanages (Scotland) Grant Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1431) [by Act].


National Health Service,—Copies of—

1. an Order, dated 7th September 1976, entitled the National Health Service (Transfer of Trust Property—Liverpool) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1464), and

2. Regulations, dated 31st August 1976, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1407)

(by Act).

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st September 1976, entitled the Local Government Agency Arrangements (Staff Transfer and Protection) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1421) [by Act].


13th September 1976

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st August 1976, entitled the Police (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1433) [by Act].

Offshore Installations,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th September 1976, entitled the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (No. 4) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1497) [by Act].

14th September 1976

Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th September 1976, entitled the Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931 (Suspension of Operation) (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1491) [by Act].

16th September 1976

Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st September 1976, entitled the Rent Book (Forms of Notice) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1469) [by Act].


Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th September 1976, entitled the Pensions Increases (Approved Schemes) (National Health Service) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1451) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 2nd September 1976, entitled—

1. the Drivers' Hours (Keeping of Records) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1447),

2. the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval and Approval Marks) (Fees) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1465), and

3. the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Fees) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1466)

(by Act).

County Courts,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th September 1976, entitled the County Court Fees (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1479) [by Act].

17th September 1976

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th September 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 20) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1527) [by Act].
21st September 1976

Civil Aviation,— Copies of Orders, dated 31st August 1976, entitled—
(1) the Aerodrome Traffic (Gatwick) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1494),
(2) the Aerodrome Traffic (Heathrow) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1495), and
(3) the Aerodrome Traffic (Stansted) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1496)
[by Act].

Juvenile Courts and Offenders,— Copy of Rules, dated 9th September 1976, entitled the

22nd September 1976

Pensions,— Copy of Regulations, dated 13th September 1976, entitled the
Overseas Service (Pensions Supplement) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1519)
[by Act].

Road Traffic,— Copy of Regulations, dated 6th September 1976, entitled the Motor
Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1507) [by Act].

23rd September 1976

Continental Shelf,— Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th September 1976, entitled the
Continental Shelf (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1517) [by Act].

24th September 1976

Import Duties,— Copies of Orders, dated—
(1) 14th September 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and
Exemptions) (No. 19) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1525),
(2) 24th September 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and
Exemptions) (No. 21) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1568),
(3) 24th September 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and
Exemptions) (No. 22) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1569), and
(4) 24th September 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and
Exemptions) (No. 23) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1570)
[by Act].

Supreme Court of Judicature,— Copy of Rules, dated 13th September 1976, entitled the
Crown Court (Amendment) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1532) [by Act].

27th September 1976

Offshore Installations,— Copy of Regulations, dated 20th September 1976, entitled the
[by Act].

29th September 1976

Tribunals and Inquiries,— Copy of Rules, dated 16th September 1976, entitled the
Compulsory Purchase by Public Authorities (Inquiries Procedure) (Scotland) Rules 1976
(S.I., 1976, No. 1559) [by Act].

30th September 1976

National Debt,— Copy of Regulations, dated 15th September 1976, entitled the
Premium Savings Bonds (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1543) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,— Copy of an Order, dated 21st September 1976, entitled the Herring
(Specified North Sea Waters) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1563)
[by Act].

1st October 1976

National Health Service (Scotland),— Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd September
1976, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services)
(Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1574) [by Act].

4th October 1976

Industrial Development,— Copy of an Order, dated 23rd September 1976, entitled the
Regional Development Grants (Qualifying Activities) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1573) [by Act].
Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 29th September 1976, entitled—
(1) the Bilston Glen Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1609),
(2) the Brynlliw Mine (No. 2 Upcast Shaft) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1611),
(3) the Cardowan Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1612),
(4) the Killoch Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1608),
(5) the New Hucknall Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1610), and
(6) the Solsgirth Nos. 1 & 2 Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1607)

5th October 1976

Prevention of Fraud,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th September 1976, entitled the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act Licensing (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1600) [by Act].

6th October 1976

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th September 1976, entitled the Police Cadets (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1595) [by Act].

7th October 1976

Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th September 1976, entitled the Opencast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) (No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1586) [by Act].

Exchange Control,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd September 1976, entitled the Exchange Control (Purchase of Foreign Currency) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1564) [by Act].

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 5th October 1976, entitled—
(1) the Frances Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1655), and
(2) the Yorkshire Main Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1654)

[by Act].

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th October 1976, entitled the Bread Prices (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1658) [by Act].

8th October 1976

Cinematograph and Cinematograph Films,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th September 1976, entitled the Cinematograph (Safety) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1621) [by Act].

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 28th September 1976, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Alteration of Sheriff Court Fees) 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1620) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st October 1976, entitled the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1628) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 11th October 1976:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated 11th October 1976, entitled—
(1) the Import Duties (General) (No. 7) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1677), and
(2) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 24) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1678)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

European Communities (No. 23, 1976),—Copy of a Decision of the Council of the European Communities, made at Brussels on 20th September 1976, with annexed Act concerning the election of the representatives of the Assembly by direct universal suffrage (the Decision is not in force) [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Millan:

Census,—Copies of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to—

(1) Fertility Tables, Part II (Ten per cent. sample), and

(2) the Strathclyde Region, as constituted on 16th May 1975

[by Act].

National Galleries (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Board of Trustees of the National Galleries of Scotland for 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copies of Orders, dated—

(1) 4th August 1976, and

(2) 22nd September 1976

providing for Amendments to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Defence (Royal Air Force Reserve),—Copy of an Order, dated 4th September 1976, further amending in certain respects the regulations appended to the Order of his late Majesty King George the Sixth, dated 21st June 1950, providing for the government, discipline, pay and allowances of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for England and Wales, Qualified Manpower Tables (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].

Census,—Copies of the New County Reports of the Census 1971, relating to—

(1) Avon,

(2) Buckinghamshire,

(3) Clwyd,

(4) Devon,

(5) Essex,

(6) Gwent,

(7) Kent,

(8) Lancashire,

(9) Norfolk,

(10) Northamptonshire, and

(11) Suffolk

as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Weights and Measures,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th October 1976, entitled the Weights and Measures (Equivalents for dealing with drugs) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1664) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Civil Aviation,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—

(1) the British Airways Board (Borrowing Powers) Order 1976, and

(2) the British Airways Board (Government Investment) Order 1976

[by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Copies of the Reports and Accounts of—

(1) the British Airways Board, and

(2) the Civil Aviation Authority

for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Companies,—Copy of the Report on Companies for 1975 by the Department of Trade [by Act].

Pilotage,—Returns of pilotage authorities for 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Weights and Measures,—Copies of Orders, dated 22nd June 1976, entitled—

(1) the Weights and Measures (Biscuits and Shortbread) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 198), and
(2) the Weights and Measures (Dried Fruits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 197)

[by Act].


Magistrates’ Courts,—Copies of Orders, dated 2nd September 1976, entitled—
(1) the Petty Sessions District (Carrickfergus) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 264),
(2) the Petty Sessions District (Dromore, Co. Down) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 267),
(3) the Petty Sessions District (Newtownabbey) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 265),
(4) the Petty Sessions Districts Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 266), and
(5) the Petty Sessions Juries Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 263)

[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 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Weights and Measures,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th October 1976, entitled the Units of Measurement Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1674) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Transport,—Statement of the salary payable on appointment to a member and the Chairman of the National Bus Group [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Diseases of Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd August 1976, entitled the Importation of Cattle, Sheep and Pigs (No. 1) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Reg Prentice:

Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 14th September 1976, entitled—
(1) the Indian Civil Service Family Pension Fund (Transferred) Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1976,
(2) the Indian Military Service Family Pension Fund (Transferred) Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1976,
(3) the Indian Military Widows' and Orphans' Fund (Transferred) Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1976,
(4) the Superior Services (India) Family Pension Fund (Transferred) Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1976
[by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Imprisonment of a Member,—Copy of a letter to Mr. Speaker from the Honourable Mr. Justice Eveleigh concerning the imprisonment of John Thomson Stonehouse, Esquire, former Member for Walsall North.

Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communications 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 Overseas Service (Pensions Supplement) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1519),
PRAYERS.

Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday.

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 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. 55-xxviii].

Industry (Amendment) Bill,—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from Standing Committee G, That they had gone through the Industry (Amendment) Bill, and made an Amendment 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. 661].

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

Expenditure,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Fulton and the Lord Crowther-Hunt to attend to be examined as witnesses before the General Sub-Committee of the Expenditure Committee, if their Lordships think fit.

Estate Agents (Regulation) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Estate Agents (Regulation) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd October.

Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Countervailing Duty Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1179) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Roads (Speed Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 182) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures (Additional Metric Weight) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Children and Young Persons,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to children and young persons: And that Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. J. W. Rooker, and Mrs. Renée Short, do prepare and bring it in.
Children and Young Persons Bill,—Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law relating to children and young persons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 229].

Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Bill,—Resolved, That, in pursuance of the Parliament Act 1911, this House directs that the provisions of section 1(1) of that Act shall not apply to the Parliamentary and other Pensions and Salaries Bill.—(Mr. John Ellis.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Business Committee (Health Services Bill).—Ordered, That the Report of 4th August from the Business Committee be now considered—(Mr. John Ellis):—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.

Health Services Bill [1st allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Health Services Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Amendment of provisions about registration of nursing homes and private hospitals)—(Mr. Secretary Ennals)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Complete withdrawal of NHS beds from resident private patients and transfer of Board’s functions to Secretary of State)—(Mr. Laurie Pavitt)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second 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:


Health Services Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Health Services Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Complete withdrawal of NHS beds from resident private patients and transfer of Board’s functions to Secretary of State) be read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Miss Jo Richardson : 50.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Ted Graham : 144.

Another Clause (Commencement of Part II of Act)—(Mr. Patrick Jenkin)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. W. Benyon : 148.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. A. W. Stallard : 182.

Another Clause (Compensation for loss of income or reduction in earning capacity)—(Mr. Paul Dean)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Carol Mather : 137.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Donald Coleman : 185.

And it being Eleven o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be further considered to-morrow.

Direct Elections to the European Assembly.—Ordered, That Mr. Secretary Hattersley be discharged from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly and that Mr. Brynmor John be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
Retirement of Teachers (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Retirement of Teachers (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee—(Mr. Frank R. White);

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.

Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee—(Mr. Frank R. White);

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,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.-(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.21 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 12th October 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Aliens,—Copy of a Civil Service Department Minute, dated 12th October 1976, relating to aliens employed in a civil capacity under the Crown during the year ended 31st March 1976, with a list giving particulars of certificates of employment issued under section 1 of the Aliens' Employment Act 1955 [by Act].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—

(1) 2nd, 5th, 6th and 9th July 1976,

(2) 12th, 13th and 14th July 1976,

(3) 16th, 19th, 20th and 21st July 1976,

(4) 26th, 27th, 28th and 30th July, and 3rd and 4th August 1976, and

(5) 6th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 17th and 18th August 1976

relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 642 to 646].

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 25th August 1976 on loans raised by the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 647].

Coal Industry,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

(1) on 12th July 1976 on loans raised by the National Coal Board,

(2) on 30th July 1976 on loans raised by the National Coal Board, and

(3) on 10th September 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 648 to 650].

Electricity,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

(1) on 14th July 1976,

(2) on 14th July 1976,

(3) on 2nd August 1976, and

(4) on 2nd August 1976

on loans raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 651 to 654].

National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 16th July 1976 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Committee [by Act]; to be printed [No. 655].
Post Office,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th July 1976 on loans raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 656 and 657].

Transport,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 19th July 1976 on a loan raised by the British Railways Board,
(2) on 27th July 1976 on loans raised by the British Railways Board, and
(3) on 3rd September 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Railways Board
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 658 to 660].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Broadcasting,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Independent Broadcasting Authority for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Treaty Series (No. 95, 1976),—Copy of a Cultural Convention, signed at Helsinki on May 1976, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Finland [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training,—Copies of Orders, dated 1st October 1976, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Training Levy (Ceramics, Glass and Mineral Products) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1633),
(2) the Industrial Training Levy (Chemical and Allied Products) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1632), and
(3) the Industrial Training Levy (Rubber and Plastics Processing) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1634)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Cinematograph Films,—Copy of the Report of the Cinematograph Films Council for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 638].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

National Enterprise Board,—Copy of the Interim Statement of Accounts of the National Enterprise Board for the period 20th November 1975 to 30th June 1976 [by Act].

Trade,—Copy of an analysis of overseas trade in terms of industries [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 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 634].

Mr. Michael Foot:

(1) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Family Pensions) Order 1976, and
(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions Increase) Order 1976
[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 Sandwich Port and Haven Commissioners (Constitution) Revision Order 1976, and the London Borough of Barnet (Lyttleton Playing Fields) Appropriation Order 1976 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 12th October 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 67 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Retirement of Teachers (Scotland) Bill [Lords] and the Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.
Wednesday, 13th October, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Coity Wallia Commons Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Coity Wallia Commons Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read the third time.

Cromarty Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Milian presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Cromarty Harbour: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 225].

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

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 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 October and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-ninth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xlii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xlil].

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. 8-xxxiii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xxxiii].

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 13th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-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 General Purposes Sub-Committee on 13th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 623-iv and v].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Race Relations and Immigration.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Pitt of Hampstead to attend to be examined as a witness before the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration.—(Mr. Frederick Willey.)

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

The Lords have agreed to the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Bill, without Amendment.

Race Relations and Immigration.—The Lords give leave to the Lord Pitt of Hampstead to attend to be examined as a witness before the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, if his Lordship think fit.

Cinematograph Films (Prevention of Blasphemy) Bill.—Mr. Marcus Kimball presented a Bill to prohibit the production of certain cinematograph films: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 232].
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1234), be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Prohibition of Speculation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit speculation in currencies or commodities; and for connected purposes—(Mr. J. W. Rooker);

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. Russell Kerr, Mr. Dennis Skinner: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Peter Hordern: 139.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mrs. Audrey Wise, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Neil Kinnoch, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Joan Evans, and Mr. Andrew Bennett, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Prohibition of Speculation Bill,—Mr. J. W. Rooker accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit speculation in currencies or commodities; 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 231].

Health Services Bill [2nd allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Health Services Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, to leave out the word "five" and insert the word "seven"—(Mrs. Jill Knight)—instead thereof.

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

Amendments (Nos. 2 and 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 23, to leave out subsection (1) and insert the words—

"(1) The Board shall exercise its functions under Parts II and III of this Act with the object of—

(a) making available in Great Britain the best possible facilities for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of illness, both at premises vested in the Secretary of State and under private arrangements; and

(b) to that end securing the availability of sufficient accommodation and services of a satisfactory standard at both National Health Service and other hospitals for use in connection with the treatment of persons at such hospitals as resident and non-resident patients"—(Mr. Patrick Jenkin)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Fred Silvester: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Tom Pendry: 220.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 1, to leave out Clause No. 3.—(Dr. Gerard Vaughan.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. W. Benyon: 185.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ted Graham: 212.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 2, to leave out the words "one thousand" and insert the words "eight hundred and seventy-six"—(Sir George Young)—instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 2, to leave out the words "one thousand" and insert the words "nine hundred and forty-six"—(Mrs. Jill Knight)—instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 2, to leave out the words "one thousand" and insert the words "nine hundred and sixty-seven"—(Dr. Gerard Vaughan), instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 2, to leave out the words "one thousand" and insert the words "nine hundred and eighty-eight"—(Mr. Paul Dean), instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 2, to leave out the words "one thousand" and insert the words "nine hundred and ninety-one"—(Mr. Wyn Roberts), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being half-past Nine o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Orders [20th July and 3rd August] and the Resolution yesterday, to put forthwith the Question on the Amendment already proposed from the Chair.

Question put and negatived.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded, pursuant to the said Orders and Resolution, 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. 28, 59, 61, 62, 65, 70, 71, 114, 115 and 108 were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 116) proposed to the Bill, in page 32, line 25, column 3, to leave out "30" and insert "33"—(Mr. Secretary Ennals), instead thereof.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. John Ellis: 219.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Fred Silvester: 193.

Another Amendment (No. 113) made to the Bill.

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

Mr. Secretary 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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. Thomas Cox: 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, 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. Ted Graham.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.41 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 13th October 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bulgaria,—Accounts of the Administrator of Bulgarian property in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, for the two years ended 31st March 1974 [by Command].

Hungary,—Accounts of the Administrator of Hungarian property in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, for the two years ended 31st March 1974 [by Command].

Romania,—Accounts of the Administrator of Romanian property in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, for the two years ended 31st March 1974 [by Command].

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Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 13th October 1976, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Vote for central administration (Department of the Environment) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th October 1976, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 8) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1687) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation,—Copy of the Report of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for 1975 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Industrial Injuries,—Copy of the Report of the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council on vinyl chloride monomer [by Command].

Medicines,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th September 1976, entitled the Medicines (Child Safety) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1643) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Industry,—Copy of a Statement by the Secretary of State for Industry on financial assistance to Mobil Oil Company Ltd. pursuant to section 8(8) of the Industry Act 1972 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Public Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st October 1976, entitled the Control of Pollution (Repeal of Local Enactments) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1638) [by Act].

Town and Country Planning,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th December 1975, entitled the Metropolitan Borough of North Tyneside (Langley Park Playing Field Whitley Bay) Appropriation 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 Mason:

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

Children and Young Persons,—Copies of Rules, dated 4th October 1976, entitled—
(1) the Adoption (County Court) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1644), and
(2) the Adoption (High Court) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1645)
[by Act].


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords], viz.: Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. J. S. Crowther, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Kenneth Lomas, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. George Thompson, and Dr. Gerard Vaughan.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Roads (Speed Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 182), viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. John Farr, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. McCusker, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Frank Maguire, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. Wm. Ross, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Stan Thorne, and Mr. van Straubenzee.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures (Additional Metric Weight) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. H. Boardman, Mr. John Cartwright, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mr. John Cope, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Ben
Ford, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Tom Torney, and Mr. Richard Wainwright.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Countervailing Duty Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1179), viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Christopher Brodie-Fowler, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Iain Evans, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Harry Selby, and Mr. Dafydd Thomas.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1234), viz.: Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. R. B. Cant, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Ifor Davies, Sir John Hall, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. David Howell, Mr. John Loveridge, Mr. John Nott, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. John Ryman, Mr. David Stoddart, and Mr. Neville Trotter.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Roads (Speed Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 182) to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Weights and Measures (Additional Metric Weight) Order 1976 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Countervailing Duty Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1179) to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

PRAYERS.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords]:

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

Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday next at Seven o'clock.

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

Direct Elections to the European Assembly,—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 14th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 462-xii].

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 13th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 322-viii].

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 14th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-xx].

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, to which this House has disagreed, but propose certain Amendments in lieu thereof; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Bill, in lieu of one of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 233].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Fishing Nets (North East Atlantic) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1324) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft British Airways Board (Borrowing Powers) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)
Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Question put pursuant to S.O. No. 39 (Closure of Debate).

Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Question not decided in the affirmative because it was not supported by the majority prescribed by Standing Order No. 31 (Majority for closure).

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft British Airways Board (Government Investment) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

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.

Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

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.

Methodist Church Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Methodist Church Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Monday next at Seven o'clock.

Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill [Lords].—The House resumed the postponed proceeding on the Question, That the Bill be now read the third time.

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Ted Graham: 115.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Ronald Bell: 4.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Armed Forces Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Armed Forces Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Public Lending Right Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 26th May, That the Public Lending Right Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

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.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Government Business may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr. Ted Graham):

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Alf Bates: 123.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Ronald Bell: 13.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Government Business may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.

Public Lending Right Bill [Lords].—The Question being again proposed, That the public Lending Right Bill [Lords] be now read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

Mr. Joseph Harper 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. A. W. Stollard, Mr. Joseph Harper: 99.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Ronald Bell: 7.

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).
The Question being again proposed, That the Public Lending Right Bill [Lords] be now read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning;

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And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. A. W. Stallard : 99.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Roger Moate : 0.

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).

Public Lending Right [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Public Lending Right [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide public lending right for authors, it is expedient to authorise

(a) payments out of money provided by Parliament to and in respect of a Registrar of Public Lending Right, by way of remuneration, allowances and superannuation benefits;

(b) payments out of money so provided into a Central Fund (from which there would be made payments in respect of public lending right and other payments for purposes of the Act and any scheme having effect under it) but so that, in respect of the Fund’s liabilities in any financial year, the total of such payments is not to exceed £1 million less the total sums paid in that year under paragraph (a) above;

(c) power for the Secretary of State to increase the limit in paragraph (b) above by Order made with Treasury consent; and

(d) payments into the Consolidated Fund. (Mr. John Ellis.)

Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment proposed on 25th June, on consideration of the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Which Amendment was, in page 1, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

“ (c) notwithstanding the generality of paragraph (b) shall prescribe that exception be made on such medical grounds as may be prescribed ”;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until this day.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to Two o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.54 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 14th October 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 14th October 1976, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Vote for community services (Home Office) (Class IX, 11) and the Vote for other environmental services, &c., Scotland (Class VIII, 4) [by Act].

Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 28th September 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 663].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Southern Rhodesia,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Army),—List of Exceptions to the Army Regulations as to pay, non-effective pay and allowances for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Shore:

New Towns,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th February 1975, entitled the Peterborough New Town No. 24 (Paston and Gunthorpe Commons) 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].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th October 1976, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1657) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Monopolies and Mergers,—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the existing and proposed mergers of Eurocanadian Shipholdings Limited, and Furness, Withy & Company Limited and Manchester Liners Limited [by Act]; to be printed [No. 639].

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Roads (Speed Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 182); and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures (Additional Metric Weight) Order 1976.

Friday, 15th October, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Walsall North Writ,—Ordered, That Mr Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a New Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Walsall North, in the room of John Thomson Stonehouse, Esquire, who since his election for the said Borough Constituency hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

Workington Writ,—Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County Constituency of Workington, in the room of the Right Honourable Thomas Frederick Peart, called up to the House of Peers.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

Newcastle upon Tyne Central Writ,—Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a New Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Newcastle upon Tyne Central, in the room of the Right Honourable Edward Watson Short, who since his election for the said Borough Constituency hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

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

Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 19, after the word "trial", to insert the words "before any conviction".—(Mr. John Lee.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. John Lee was appointed Teller for the Ayes, but no Member being willing to act as a second Teller for the Ayes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Noes had it.

Another Amendment (No. 29) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 44) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 43, to leave out the words "any editor and any publisher" and insert the words "and any editor"—(Mr. John Lee)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. John Lee was appointed Teller for the Ayes, but no Member being willing to act as a second Teller for the Ayes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Noes had it.

Another Amendment (No. 47) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 9, to leave out "£500" and insert "£100"—(Mr. John Lee)—instead thereof.

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

Another Amendment (No. 49) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, to leave out lines 12 and 13.—(Mr. John Lee.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 33) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 58) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 45, to leave out the words "or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of".—(Mr. John Lee.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 43 and 34 to 37) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House proceeded to a Division.

Miss Jo Richardson and Mr. Robin Corbett were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, and Mr. John Lee was appointed a Teller for the Noes, but no Member being willing to second Teller for the Noes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

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

Endangered Species (Import and Export) Bill [Lords].—The Endangered Species (Import and Export) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee upon Monday next.

Endangered Species (Import and Export) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Endangered Species (Import and Export) [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of this Session to restrict the importation and exportation of certain animals, plants and items (the Act), it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) any sums so payable under any provision of the Act authorising the Secretary of State to defray or contribute towards the expenses of any scientific authority established under the Act;

(b) the expenses of any government department in respect of the administration of the Act;

(c) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under any other Act;

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums received by the Secretary of State under the Act.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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

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. Ted Graham.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.2 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Friday 15th October 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
    National Assistance Services,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th October 1976, entitled the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1659) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

MEMORANDA

Friday 15th October 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft British Airways Board (Borrowing Powers) Order 1976 and the draft British Airways Board (Government Investment) Order 1976 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the Fishing Nets (North East Atlantic) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1324) to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1234).

Monday, 18th October, 1976.

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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 18th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 368-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 General Purposes Sub-Committee on 18th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 623-vi].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Race Relations Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Maplin Development Authority (Dissolution) Bill, without Amendment.

Race Relations Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Race Relations Bill to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 234].

Weights and Measures &c. (No. 2) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Weights and Measures &c. (No. 2) 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, while recognising the necessity for an orderly change-over to metrification where this is essential for commercial reasons, declines at a time of continuing high inflation and economic crisis to give a Second
Reading to a Bill for which there has been inadequate preparation on the part of the Government and which takes powers to phase out certain imperial measures beyond the requirements of the European Community Directive No. 76/770"—(Mrs. Sally Oppenheim)—instead thereof.

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Carol Mather : 171.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Hamilton : 194.

So the Question was negatived.

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. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Ted Graham : 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Max Madden : 21.

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).

Methodist Church Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Methodist Church Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

'(3) In the event of there being any amendment made to the Deed of Union whereby the doctrinal standards as they existed at the passing of this Act are affected such amendment shall not prevent any minister, deaconess or local preacher ordained or admitted to such office in the church before the passing of this Act from preaching, expounding or otherwise maintaining the doctrinal standards as they existed at the passing of this Act'. —(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Richard Wainwright : 30.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Ron Lewis : 134.

Bill to be read the third time.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, the Trinidad and Tobago Republic Bill [Lords] and the Resale Prices Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Trinidad and Tobago Republic Bill [Lords].—The Trinidad and Tobago Republic 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:

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 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.

Resale Prices Bill [Lords].—The Resale Prices 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 30 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 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.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.33 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 18th October 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 5th October 1976, entitled—

(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 3) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1660), and

(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1661)

(by Act).

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Police,—Copy of the Report of a Committee appointed by the Home Secretary on the feasibility of an experiment in the tape-recording of police interrogations [by Command].

Cabs,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th October 1976, entitled the Southampton Corporation Act 1971 (Variation of Charges) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1675) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 13th October 1976, entitled—

(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1706),

(2) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976, and

(3) the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976

(by Act).

National Assistance Services,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th October 1976, entitled the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1670) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Population Censuses and Surveys,—Copy of the Review of the Registrar General on deaths attributed to accidental and violent causes in England and Wales for 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th October 1976, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1712) [by Act].
Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the British Tourist Authority for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Weights and Measures,—Copies of Orders, dated 4th October 1976, entitled—
(1) the Weights and Measures (Beer and Cider) (Exemption) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 289), and
(2) the Weights and Measures (Edible Fats) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 288)
[by Act].

Mr. Reg Prentice:

Commonwealth Scholarships Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission in the United Kingdom for the year ended 30th September 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 636].

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

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copies of Regulations, dated 12th October 1976, entitled—
(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1681),
(2) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976,
(3) the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976
[by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 18th October 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Public Lending Right Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A.

[No. 1671

Tuesday, 19th October, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Coity Wallia Commons Bill [Lords].—The Coity Wallia Commons Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Cromarty Harbour Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Cromarty Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (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 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 19th October and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirtieth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 54-xlili].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 54-xliv].

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 19th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 426-vii].
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-fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-xxix].

Violence in the Family,—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed her 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. 666].

National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment 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. 668].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to sexual offences in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House (Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill [Lords]).

Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 215].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1440) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1446) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1226) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1240) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

National Service,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require local authorities to prepare schemes for encouraging young people to create their own jobs for community betterment; to provide for national publicity of the need for employers to make available on-the-job training opportunities; to authorise the provision of assistance for residential placements in public and voluntary establishments; and for connected purposes—(Mr. Anthony Steen); 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. Anthony Steen, Mr. Jonathan Aitken: 138.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. J. W. Rooker: 144.

So the Question was negatived.

Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 5, line 25, at end insert new Clause A (Aquaculture deemed to be agriculture).

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. E. S. Bishop); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. James Tinn: 175.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. W. Benyon: 160.
So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 2 and 3 were agreed to.
A consequential Amendment was made to the Bill, in page 22, line 36, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr. Gavin Strang.)

Lords Amendment No. 4, in page 21, line 12, leave out paragraph (d).
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gavin Strang);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. David Stoddart : 178.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Carol Mather : 126.
So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 5 and 6 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 7, in page 21, line 38, leave out “and without prejudice to section 20 of this Act”.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gavin Strang);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart : 173.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather : 120.
So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 8, in page 22, line 28, after “course”, insert “in agriculture or in a subject which would improve his qualification for farming”.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gavin Strang);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. David Stoddart : 178.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather : 120.
So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 9, in page 23, line 36, after “if”, insert “either (a)”.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gavin Strang);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Joseph Harper : 171.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 128.
So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 10 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 11 was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 12 and 13 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 14 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 15 was disagreed to.
The words so restored to the Bill were amended, in page 27, line 18, by leaving out the word “some” and inserting the words “a material”, instead thereof, and in page 27, line 35, by leaving out from the word “person” to the end of line 41.—(Mr. Gavin Strang.)

Lords Amendments Nos. 16 to 19 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 20, in page 31, line 43, at end insert new Clause C (Notice to quit over twenty-five years).
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gavin Strang):—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 at this day’s sitting the Lords Amendments to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill and the Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr. Alf Bates);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper: 174.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 124.
So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Lords Amendments to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill and the Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.

Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in their Amendment (No. 20) proposed to the Bill:—Debate resumed.

And the Question being put:—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: And the Committee was nominated of Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Francis Pym, Mr. David Stoddart, and Mr. Gavin Strang.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. E. S. Bishop.) Committee to withdraw immediately.

Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—Mr. E. S. Bishop reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Agriculture (Miscellaneous 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 Amendment made by the Lords in page 5, line 25, for the following Reason:—

Because it would involve charges 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 Amendments made by the Lords in page 21, line 12, and page 22, line 28, for the following Reason:—

Because they would unduly restrict the class of persons eligible to apply for a direction giving entitlement to a tenancy of the holding.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 21, line 38, for the following Reason:—

Because the words left out are needed in view of the restoration to the Bill of Clause 20 (Application by not fully eligible person to be treated as eligible).

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 23, line 36, and page 24, line 5, for the following Reason:—

Because they would unduly restrict the operation of the provisions about succession in Part II of the Bill.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 25, line 44, and page 26, line 9, for the following Reason:—

Because the selection of the most suitable person to be the subject of a direction giving entitlement to a tenancy of the holding ought to be left to the impartial judgment of the Agricultural Land Tribunal.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 31, line 43, for the following Reason:—

Because it would enable landlords to exclude Part II of the Bill at will.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Appointment and removal of auditors)—(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 proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Alf Bates: 120.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. Richard Wainwright: 14.

Clause added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Supplementary provisions relating to appointment and removal of auditors) (Mr. Clinton Davis) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Auditors of body which is both a company and a trade union, etc.) (Mr. Clinton Davis) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Contents of prospectus) (Mr. Clinton Davis) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Duty of company to notify recognised stock exchange of acquisition etc. of its securities by director) (Mr. Clinton Davis) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Directors to have regard to employees' interests) (Sir Brandon Rhys Williams) 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 (Small business exemption) (Mr. David Mitchell) brought up, and read the first time.

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

Motion made, and Question put, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned: (Mr. Terence L. Higgins.)

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Michael Shersby: 11.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Joseph Harper: 75.

Another Clause (Duty of the registrar of companies) (Mr. Terence L. Higgins) brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 1, 4, 7, 9 and 11 to 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 33, to leave out the word “all.” (Mr. John Loveridge.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 85) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 10, after the word “company”, to insert the words “or in the case of companies of a particular class or description, by notice laid before the Commons House of Parliament.” (Mr. Peter Morrison.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 17 and 19 to 23) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 31, to leave out paragraph (a). (Mr. David Mitchell.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 26, 28 and 31) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 7, at the end, to insert the words “The British Association of Accountants and Auditors Ltd.” (Mr. Michael Shersby.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 7, at the end, to insert the words—

“(2A) (a) If on the request of a body that it be added to subsection (1) above the Secretary of State refuses, or delays for a period exceeding six months, to comply with the request he shall, if required by that body, state in writing the reason for the refusal or delay, and the body may appeal to the Privy Council.

(b) On any such appeal the Privy Council, after communication with the Secretary of State, may dismiss or uphold the appeal, and if the appeal is upheld the Secretary of State shall make regulations under this section to give effect thereto.

—(Mr. Ben Ford.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 36 to 44) made to the Bill.

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Another Amendment (No. 45) proposed to the Bill, in page 23, line 15, after the word "company", to insert the words "other than a private company".—(Mr. Peter Morrison.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 47 to 54, 95 to 98, 101, 99, 100, 61 and 62) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 64) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 41, after the word "persistently", to insert the words "and unreasonably".—(Mr. John Loveridge.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 89) proposed to the Bill, in page 34, line 46, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) Regulations made under subsection 1 of this section shall not come into force earlier than one year after their publication in the London and Edinburgh Gazettes."—(Mr. Peter Morrison.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 92) proposed to the Bill, in page 36, line 17, at the end, to insert the words "provided that such fees shall not in total, taking one year with another, be likely to exceed the costs to the Government of the Companies Registration Office."—(Mr. David Mitchell.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 67 to 69 and 71 to 82) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fifteen minutes past Six o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 6.15 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 19th October 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to Migration Tables, Part III (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th October 1976, entitled the National Health Service (Appointment of Consultants) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1679) [by Act].

Mr Secretary Dell:

National Film Finance Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Film Finance Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Command].

Prevention of Fraud,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Protection of Depositors (Accounts) Regulations 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

National Research Development Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Mr Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th October 1976, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1680) [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 [30th July] from Bray and elsewhere for the retention of hospital facilities in Maidenhead [by Standing Order]; to be printed.
MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 19th October 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Weights and Measures &c. (No. 2) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B.

[No. 168.]

Wednesday, 20th October, 1976.

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).

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-fourth Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xxxiv].

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 20th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-xi].

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 C, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 672].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Appendices, to be printed [No. 672].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 672].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Roads (Speed Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 182), referred to a Committee on 12th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 671].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Weights and Measures (Additional Metric Weight) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 12th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 670].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1234), referred to a Committee on 13th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 669].

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 Coity Wallia Commons Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Offshore Installations (Emergency Procedures) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1542) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Paraffin (Maximum Retail Prices) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1204) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Employment Protection Act (Amendment) (No. 2)—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Employment Protection Act 1975 with reference to the certification of trade unions; 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 proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Ron Thomas and Mr. Doug Hoyle 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 Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Frederick Willey, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Russell Kerr, and Dr. Oonagh McDonald, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Employment Protection Act (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—Mr. Stan Thorne accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Employment Protection Act 1975 with reference to the certification of trade unions; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 29th October and to be printed [Bill 237].

Southern Rhodesia,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 14th October, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Crosland); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Frank R. White: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. Stephen Hastings: 20.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 14th October, be approved.

Procedure,—Ordered, That the matters of the rules governing the tabling of Questions and access to the Table Office, and of Motions relating to the Business of the House which direct the Chair to bring specified business to a conclusion at certain times, be referred to the Sessional Committee on Procedure.—(Mr. All Bates.)

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

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

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes past Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.8 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 20th October 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 20th September 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 673].
Mr. Secretary Rees:


Horserace Betting Levy Board,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the Horserace Totalisator Board for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th October 1976, entitled the Pensions Increase (Approved Schemes) (National Health Service) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1690) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Science Research Council,—Copy of the Report of the Science Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 635].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th October 1976, entitled the Welfare Food (Amendment No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1682) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Rates,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th October 1976, entitled the Rate Rebate (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 302) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Fair Trading,—Copy of a Report by the Director General of Fair Trading reviewing the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 [by Command].

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1976, entitled the Household Flour Prices (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1737) [by Act].

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

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on matrimonial proceedings in magistrates’ courts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 637].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Public Lending Right Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. John Hannam, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Hugh Jenkins, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Ernest Perry, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. David Walder, and Mr. Phillip Whitehead.

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Weights and Measures &c. (No. 2) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Jim Lester, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Timothy Sainsbury, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. George Thompson, and Mr. Michael Ward.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order (S.I., 1976, No. 1400) and the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order (S.I., 1976, No. 1446), viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Michael Alison, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mr. Marcus Lipton, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. Peter Rost, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, and Mr. James Tinn.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1226), and the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976,
No. 1240), viz.: Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. S. Crowther, Mr. Eric Deakins, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Malcolm Rijkind, Mr. George Thompson, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Mr. James White, Mr. Alexander Wilson, and Sir George Young.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Countervailing Duty Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1179), the draft British Airways Board (Borrowing Powers) Order 1976, and the draft British Airways Board (Government Investment) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Michael Noble, Mr. Harry Selby, and Mr. Dafydd Thomas.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Offshore Installations (Emergency Procedures) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1542) and the Paraffin (Maximum Retail Prices) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1204), viz.: Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. Thomas Cox, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Hamish Gray, Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. John Mendelson, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. David Price, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. Christopher Tugendhat, Mr. Gordon Wilson, and Mr. Robert Wool.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Nets (North East Atlantic) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1324), viz.: Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. John Ellis, Sir Raymond Gower, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Neville Trotter, 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 allocated the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1400) and the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1446) to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1226) and the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1240) to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the Offshore Installations (Emergency Procedures) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1542) and the Paraffin (Maximum Retail Prices) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1204) to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Public Lending Right Bill [Lords], Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Weights and Measures &c. (No. 2) Bill [Lords], Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1400) and the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1446), Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft British Airways Board (Borrowing Powers) Order 1976, the draft British Airways Board (Government Investment) Order 1976 and the Countervailing Duty Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1179), and Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Nets (North East Atlantic) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1324).

Thursday, 21st October, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Methodist Church Bill [Lords].—The Methodist Church Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords] be considered upon Tuesday next.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords];

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

Cromarty Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—The Cromarty Harbour Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

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 21st October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-xxi].

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 21st October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 623-vii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 Amendments made by this House to the Methodist Church Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Energy Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Energy Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Energy conservation)—(Mr. Peter Rost)—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. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Anthony Berry: 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Ted Graham: 154.

An Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

"This power is exercisable at any time in the case of petroleum products, but otherwise is exercisable only when an Order in Council under section 3 is in force."—(Dr. J. Dickson Mabon.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. W. Benyon: 129.

Other Amendments (Nos. 4 to 6, 9 and 11 to 15) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 28, to leave out the words "in particular"—(Mr. T. H. H. Skeet).

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 17 to 24) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 26, to leave out the words "it appears to him expedient" and insert the words "he reasonably considers he needs them"—(Mr. Hamish Gray), instead thereof.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 29, 30, 33, 35, 36, 38 and 40 to 46) made to the Bill.

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.
Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for considering the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now considered:—Debate arising;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Energy Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Energy Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded further to consider the Energy Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 47) proposed to the Bill, in page 27, line 1, to leave out lines 1 to 4.—(Mr. Norman Fowler.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 48 and 49) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Weights and Measures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Weights and Measures (Additional Metric Weight) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 28th July, be approved—(Mr. Alf Bates):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Alf Bates):—Debate arising:

And the House have continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning:

Friday, 22nd October, 1976:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Thursday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order; it being then one minute past Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.1 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 21st October 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

European Communities (No. 24, 1976).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Brussels on 26th July 1976, concerning commercial and economic co-operation between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and Canada, of the other part (with Final Act) (the Protocol is not in force) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th October 1976, entitled the Milk and Meals (Education) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1702) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Royal Air Force) (Auxiliary),—Copy of an Order, dated 9th October 1976, 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. John Silkin:

Fees and Charges.—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th October 1976, entitled the Agricultural or Forestry Tractors (Type Approval) (Fees) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1701) [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 Miss Jo Richardson (nominated in respect of the Public Lending Right Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael English.

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Mike Thomas (nominated in respect of the Weights and Measures &c. (No. 2) Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Ryman.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Ian Gow (nominated in respect of the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1400) and the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1446)) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Farr.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Michael Meacher (nominated in respect of the Countervailing Duty Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1179) the draft British Airways Board (Borrowing Powers) Order 1976 and the draft British Airways Board (Government Investment) Order 1976) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Clinton Davis.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Dr. John Cunningham (nominated in respect of the Offshore Installations (Emergency Procedures) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1542) and the Paraffin (Maximum Retail Prices) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1204)) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Richard Kelley.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. E. S. Bishop (nominated in respect of the Fishing Nets (North East Atlantic) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1324)) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hugh D. Brown.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1226) and the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1226) and Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Offshore Installations (Emergency Procedures) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1542) and the Paraffin (Maximum Retail Prices) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1204).

[No. 170.]

Friday, 22nd October, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Brent relating to electricity prices and fuel debts was presented ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Medicines (Child Safety) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1643) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(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 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.

[Adourned at 4.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 22nd October 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 24th and 31st August and 3rd September 1976, and
(2) 22nd September 1976,
relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 676 and 677].

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 6th October 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 678].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Fire Services,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th October 1976, entitled the Firemen’s Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1708) [by Act].

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th October 1976, entitled the Police Pensions (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1707) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th October 1976, entitled the Provision of Milk and Meals (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1705) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Gas,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th October 1976, entitled the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Gas) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 308) [by Act].

Housing,—Copies of Orders, dated 6th October 1976, entitled—
(1) the Housing (Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 294), and
(2) the Housing on Farms (Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 295)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 19th October 1976, entitled—
(1) the Bolsover Mine (No. 2 Shaft) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1735),
(2) the Daw Mill Mine (No. 1 Downcast Shaft) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1732),
(3) the High Moor Mine (Diesel Vehicles) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1733), and
(4) the Markham Mine (Diesel Vehicles) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1734)
[by Act].

[No. 171.]


PRAYERS.

Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 21st October, That the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill be now considered;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day at Seven 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 General Subcommittee on 25th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 368-xiii].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 Industrial Common Ownership Bill, with Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Sound Broadcasting (Joint Committee).—The Lords propose that the Joint Committee appointed to consider the implementation of the Resolutions of both Houses in favour of the establishment of a permanent system of sound broadcasting of their proceedings and to make recommendations, do meet in Committee Room 4B on Wednesday at Four o'clock.

Industrial Common Ownership Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Industrial Common Ownership Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 238].

Local Government Act 1972 (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That the Local Government Act 1972 (Amendment) Bill be read a second time upon Friday.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That at this day's sitting, proceedings on any Bill set down for consideration at Seven o'clock by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means shall, instead of being considered at that hour, be considered as soon as a member of the Government shall have signified his intention to move, That this House do now adjourn, for the purpose of bringing the sitting to a conclusion—(Mr. Ted Graham);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. John Ellis: 149.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Nicholas Ridley: 34.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That at this day's sitting, proceedings on any Bill set down for consideration at Seven o'clock by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means shall, instead of being considered at that hour, be considered as soon as a member of the Government shall have signified his intention to move, That this House do now adjourn, for the purpose of bringing the sitting to a conclusion—(Mr. Ted Hamilton);

Committee to-morrow.

Retirement of Teachers (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Retirement of Teachers (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. James Hamilton.)

Committee to-morrow.

Retirement of Teachers (Scotland) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Retirement of Teachers (Scotland) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to make provision as regards Scotland with respect to the age of retirement of teachers 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—

(a) the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament by virtue of the Education (Scotland) Act 1962, the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 or the Superannuation Act 1972; and

(b) rate support grant.—(Mr. Secretary Millan.)

Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (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. Donald Coleman.)

Committee to-morrow.

Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Sexual Offences (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. James Hamilton.)

Committee to-morrow.

Sports Grounds,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1285), dated 5th August 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th August, be annulled—(Mr. Hector Munro):—Debate arising:

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Sports Grounds,—The Question being again proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1285), dated 5th August 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th August, be annulled:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was negatived.

Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 21st October, That the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill be now considered;—

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning:

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And the Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Ian Campbell : 43.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. John Wells : 9.

So the Question was agreed to.

An Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 25, at the end, to insert the words 'by way of long lease'.—(Mr. Roger Moate.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. John Wells : 2.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Ian Campbell : 28.

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 fifteen minutes to Three o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.45 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 25th October 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Census,—Copy of the New County Report of the Census 1971 relating to Hampshire, as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th October 1976, entitled the Rate Rebate (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1745) [by Act].
Water,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Water Council for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].
Water,—Copies of the Reports and Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1976 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].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Timothy Sainsbury (nominated in respect of the Weights and Measures &c. (No. 2) Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Page.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 25th October 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Medicines (Child Safety) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1643) to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976, the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 172.]

Tuesday, 26th October, 1976.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday.
Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (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 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 26th October and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-first Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xlv].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xlvi].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and 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. 681].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Tees Tunnel Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Royal County of Berkshire (Public Entertainment) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Sound Broadcasting.—Ordered, That the Lords Message yesterday relating to the Joint Committee on Sound Broadcasting be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1419) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Thomas Cox).

Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Motion relating to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, with the substitution of half-past Twelve o'clock or two and a half hours after it has been entered upon whichever is the later for the provisions in paragraph (1)(b) of the Standing Order.—(The Prime Minister.)

National Freight Corporation (Denationalisation).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restore the National Freight Corporation and its subsidiaries to private ownership—(Mr. Ian Gow);

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. Ian Gow, Mr. Nicholas Ridley: 165.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Kevin McNamara: 168.

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:

6. Trinidad and Tobago Republic Act 1976.

Insolvency Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Insolvency Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Advisory committee on bankruptcy and winding up rules)—(Mr. Clinton Davis)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Other provisions about administration orders)—(Mr. Solicitor General)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Fees charged for winding-up companies)—(Mr. Terence L. Higgins) —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.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 15) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment made to the Bill, in page 10, line 42, by leaving out the words “sections 10 and ” and inserting the word “ section ”, instead thereof.

Other Amendments (Nos. 19 to 44) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Michael Cocks, 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.

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1341), a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th August, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 5th August, be approved.—(Mr. Ray Carter.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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

Tuesday 26th October 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Housing (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st October 1976, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1755) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st October 1976, entitled the Rate Rebate (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1756) [by Act].
MEMORANDA

Tuesday 26th October 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Town and Country Planning Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1419) to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Wells Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Medicines (Child Safety) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1643), and Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Town and Country Planning Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1419).

[No. 173.]

Wednesday, 27th October, 1976.

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).

Tyne and Wear 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 Tyne and Wear 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.

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 Supplementary Benefits 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. 690].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 690].
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. 8-xxxv].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xxxvi].

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 27th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-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 General Sub-Committee on 27th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 686-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 27th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 687-i].

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. 136-vl].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1400) and the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1446), referred to a Committee on 19th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 688].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft British Airways Board (Borrowing Powers) Order 1976, the draft British Airways Board (Government Investment) Order 1976 and the Countervailing Duty Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1179), referred to a Committee on 14th and 12th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 691].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Offshore Installations (Emergency Procedures) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1542) and the Paraffin (Maximum Retail Prices) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1204), referred to a Committee on 20th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 689].

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 Bail Bill [Lords], with Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Bail Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendments to the Commons Amendments to the Bail Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 240].

Royal County of Berkshire (Public Entertainment) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Royal County of Berkshire (Public Entertainment) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill to be considered to-morrow.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931 Suspension of Operation (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1491) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)
Education Act 1944 (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend sections 39 and 55 of the Education Act 1944; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Fred Evans, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. John Watkinson, and Mr. William Wilson, do prepare and bring it in.

Education Act 1944 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Hal Miller accordingly presented a Bill to amend sections 39 and 55 of the Education Act 1944; 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 239].

Race Relations Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Race Relations Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 2, line 1, leave out “he cannot show to be” and insert “is not”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Brynmor John);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 213.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Jim Lester: 160.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2, in page 2, line 16, after “brought”, insert “in good faith”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Brynmor John);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. James Tinn: 198.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. John Corrie: 150.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 8 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 9 to 12 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 13, in page 8, line 2, after “applies”, insert “or any person concerned with the affairs of that organisation”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Grant);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. James Tinn: 171.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Fred Silvester: 145.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 14 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 15 and 16 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 17, in page 16, line 20, at end insert—

“(3) Section 20(1) does not apply to the provision of facilities or services by a person in his home, not being a place open (for payment or not) to members of the public generally”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Brynmor John);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Donald Coleman: 186.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Anthony Berry: 140.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 18, leave out Clause 25.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Rees):— 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 Race Relations Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)
Race Relations Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Race Relations Bill.

The Question being again proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in their Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill:—Debate resumed.

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 206.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. John Corrie: 156.

So the Question was agreed to.

The words so restored to the Bill were amended, in page 17, line 39, by leaving out from the word "section" to the word "he" in line 42 and inserting—

"(a) a person is a member of an association if he belongs to it by virtue of his admission to any sort of membership provided for by its constitution (and is not merely a person with certain rights under its constitution by virtue of his membership of some other association), and references to membership of an association shall be construed accordingly;

(b) a person is an associate of an association to which this section applies if, not being a member of it,”—(Mr. Secretary Rees),—instead thereof.

Lords Amendment No. 19 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 20 and 21 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 22 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 23 to 28 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 29 and 30 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 31 to 35 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 36, leave out Clause 65.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Brynmor John);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. David Stoddart: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Carol Mather: 152.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 37, in page 45, line 13, leave out from beginning to "be" in line 14 and insert "with the intention that hatred shall ".

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Brynmor John);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning;

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And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Donald Coleman: 175.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Carol Mather: 142.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 38 was disagreed to.

The words so restored to the Bill were amended, in line 1, by leaving out the word "its" and inserting the word "their", instead thereof; and in line 3, by leaving out the words "work towards the elimination of discrimination and" and inserting the words "make appropriate arrangements with a view to securing that their various functions are carried out with due regard to the need—

(a) to eliminate unlawful social discrimination; and

(b) "", instead thereof.—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

Lords Amendment No. 39 was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 40 to 42 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 43 was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 44 and 45 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 46 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 47 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 48 was amended, in line 2, by leaving out the words "Community Relations Commission" and inserting the words "Commission for Racial Equality", instead thereof; in line 6, by leaving out from the word "Commission" to the end of line 7; and in line 18, by leaving out the words "established as aforesaid"—(Mr. Brynmor John)—and, as amended, was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their Privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 49 was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 50 to 54 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 55 was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 56 to 59 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 60 to 65 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. Michael Alison, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. Secretary Rees, and Mr. William Whitelaw.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Race Relations Bill.—Mr. Secretary Rees reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Race Relations 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 1, for the following Reason—

Because the Commons consider it appropriate that the onus of establishing that a requirement or condition which has been shown to be discriminatory is justifiable should rest on the respondent.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords, in page 2, line 16, in page 2, line 18, in page 2, line 18, in page 2, line 21, in page 2, line 24, in page 2, line 28, and in page 2, line 30, for the following Reason:—

Because these Amendments extend the circumstances in which discrimination against persons who have had recourse to rights under the Bill is lawful beyond what the Commons consider justifiable.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords, in page 8, line 2, and in page 8, line 9, for the following Reason:—

Because the Commons do not consider it appropriate that Clause 11 should cover persons who are not acting as agents with the authority of the organisations to which the Clause applies.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords, in page 16, line 20, for the following Reason:—

Because the Commons do not consider that the fact that facilities or services are provided from a person's home justifies permitting discrimination when they are made available to the public or a section of the public.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords, to leave out Clause 26, for the following Reason:—

Because the Commons consider that, while it should be unlawful for associations of 25 or more members to discriminate, there should be an exception for associations whose main object is to confer the benefits of membership on persons of a particular racial group defined otherwise than by reference to colour.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords, in page 19, line 29, for the following Reason:—

Because the Amendment is consequential upon the Amendment made by the Lords to leave out Clause 26, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords, in page 26, line 7, for the following Reason:—

Because the Commons do not consider that the name Community Relations Commission appropriately reflects the responsibilities which the Commission established under Clause 43 will have.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords, in page 26, line 30, for the following Reason:—

Because the Amendment is consequential upon the Amendment made by the Lords, in page 26, line 7, to which the Commons have disagreed.
The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords, to leave out Clause 65, for the following Reason:—

Because the Commons consider that it is appropriate to make special provisions to enable persons who suspect that they have been discriminated against to obtain relevant information.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords, in page 45, line 13, for the following Reason:—

Because the Commons do not consider that it is appropriate to limit the offence of inciting racial hatred only to cases where the person concerned is proved to have intended to stir up hatred.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords, in page 47, line 35, in page 47, line 36, and in page 47, line 37, for the following Reason:—

Because these Amendments are consequential upon the Amendment made by the Lords to leave out Clause 25, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords, in page 51, line 8, in page 55, line 3, in page 57, line 10, in page 58, line 30, in page 58, line 34, in page 60, line 48, in page 61, line 4, in page 61, line 11, in page 61, line 24, in page 61, line 35, in page 61, line 40, and in page 61, line 41, for the following Reason:—

Because the said Amendments are consequential upon the Amendment made by the Lords, in page 26, line 7, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-minutes past Two o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 2.20 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 27th October 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th October 1976, providing for Amendments to the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Shore:

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 1976 on the control of office development [by Act]: to be printed [No. 664].

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 1976 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Medicines (Child Safety) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1643), viz.: Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Paul Dean, Mr. Charles Irving, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Christopher Price, Mrs. Renée Short, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. William Whitlock, and Mr. David Young.
Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1419), viz.: Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. R. E. Bean, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Timothy Raison, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Hugh Rossi, Mr. Keith Speed, Mr. Stan Thorne, and Mr. Dafydd Wigley.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure, viz.: Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. John Corbly, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. Bruce Grognet, Mr. Ron Lewis, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Geoffrey Patty, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. van Straubenzee, Mr. Terry Walker, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Improvement of Livestock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931 Suspension of Operation (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1491), viz.: Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Hugh McCannley, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. Harold Selby, Mr. Hamish Watt, and Mr. Alexander Wilson.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976, the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Barry Ewing, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. David Lane, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Malcolm Rijkind, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Michael Shersby, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. John Watkinson, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 27th October 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Improvement of Livestock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931 Suspension of Operation (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1491) to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Improvement of Livestock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931 Suspension of Operation (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1491); Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976, the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976, and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976; and Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure.

[No. 174.]

Thursday, 28th October, 1976.

PRAYERS.

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.
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Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords] ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Royal County of Berkshire (Public Entertainment) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill,—

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Royal County of Berkshire (Public Entertainment) Provisional Order Confirmation Bill ; and the same were agreed to.

Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday next.

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 (Eleventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 695].

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. 696].

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 12th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 692].

Weights and Measures &c. (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Weights and Measures &c. (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 241].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 697].

Strangers,—Notice being taken that Strangers were present, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 115 (Withdrawal of Strangers from House), put forthwith the Question, That Strangers do withdraw.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Nicholas Ridley : 80.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Alf Bates : 192.

So the Question was negatived.

Industry (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Industry (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that the Secretary of State shall not use any of the money authorised by this Act for the purposes of giving financial assistance in pursuance of directions under section 3 of the Industry Act 1975 to any company in which any of the shares are owned by the National Enterprise Board, and ".—(Mr. Michael Grylls.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Michael Roberts : 195.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Joseph Harper : 212.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that the Secretary of State shall not use any of the money for the acquisition of pharmaceutical firms, and ".—(Mr. Tom King.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Jim Lester: 179.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David Stoddart: 203.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) If offering such financial assistance by means of acquisition of equity capital the Secretary of State shall not acquire more than half by nominal value of the equity share capital of any company."—(Mr. Michael Grylls.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Carol Mather: 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Ellis: 195.

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. Joseph Harper, Mr. Peter Snape: 265.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 246.

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.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the consideration of the Lords Amendments to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments in lieu of one of their Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed; and the same were agreed to.

Customs and Excise,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to S.O. No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Countervailing Duty Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1179), a copy of which was laid before this House on 28th July, be approved—(Mr. James Tinn): It was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the National Association for Freedom praying that the House might dissuade Her Majesty’s Government from official recognition or reception of Mr. Boris Ponomarev during his visit to the United Kingdom was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.52 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 28th October 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Miscellaneous (No. 29, 1976),—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Phosphate Commissioners for the year ended 30th June 1974 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 97, 1976),—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 on the promotion and protection of investments [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Milian:
Community Land.—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Amendment (Scotland) Order 1976,
and
(2) the Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 1976
[by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Sex Discrimination.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1976, entitled the Rhodes Trust (Modification) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1731) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Medicines.—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th October 1976, entitled the Medicines (Labelling) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1726) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 27th October 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 5) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1786) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Weights and Measures.—Copy of an Order, dated 12th October 1976, entitled the Weights and Measures (Bread) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 306) [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 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 693].

Employment Protection.—Copy of the Accounts of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service and of the Certification Officer and the Central Arbitration Committee, for the period 1st January 1976 to 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 694].

Friday, 29th October, 1976.
PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

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 the Committee on 28th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-xxii].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to which this House has disagreed; they agree, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to words restored to the Bill; and they agree to the consequential Amendment made by this House to the Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Supplementary Benefit (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Protection of Depositors (Accounts) Regulations 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Land Drainage Bill [Lords].—The Land Drainage 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 up on Monday next.
International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs 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.

National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Endangered Species (Import and Export) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Restriction of importation and exportation of certain animals and plants).

Amendment (No. 1) made.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 2, line 25, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4A) The Secretary of State shall not grant a licence to import or export a live wild animal for the time being listed in Appendix I or Appendices I and II of the Convention to be used for the purposes of scientific research unless the scientific authority is satisfied that the species concerned cannot be bred in captivity, and that there is no alternative to the use of an animal listed in that appendix or those appendices".—(Mr. Stephen Ross.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 3) made.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 2, line 38, to leave out the words "in a material particular".—(Mr. Stephen Ross.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—

"(7A) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State—

(a) to maintain a register of licences issued under subsection (2) above, and of certificates issued in pursuance of subsection (7B) below;

(b) to secure that the register is open to inspection by the public free of charge at all reasonable hours; and

(c) to afford members of the public reasonable facilities for obtaining from the Secretary of State, on payment of reasonable charges, copies of entries in the register.

(7B) If a person who proposes to make or has made an application to the Secretary of State for any licence in pursuance of subsection (2) above—

(a) applies to the Secretary of State for a certificate providing that subsection (7A) above shall not apply to the whole or part of any licence given, or any terms imposed, in consequence of that application; and

(b) satisfies the Secretary of State that it would prejudice to an unreasonable degree some private interests by disclosing information about a trade secret,

the Secretary of State may issue a certificate to that person providing that subsection (7A) above shall not apply to such of the things mentioned in paragraph (a) of this subsection as are specified in the certificate".—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 9 and 10) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Power to modify Schedules). Amendment (No. 12) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Power to restrict ports at which live animals may be imported).
Amendments (Nos. 13 and 14) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 5 (Restriction of movement of certain live animals after importation).
Amendments (Nos. 15 to 17) made.
Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed, in page 6, line 10, at the end, to insert the words—
"(1) The Secretary of State shall keep available, for public inspection at all reasonable times, a register of directions, requirements and permissions given under subsection (1) above."—(Mr. Stephen Ross.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 19 to 23) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 6 and 7 agreed to.
Clause No. 8 (Financial provisions).
An Amendment (No. 24) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 9 (Citation, interpretation, commencement, repeals, extent, etc.).
Amendments (Nos. 25 and 26) made.

Another Amendment (No. 88) proposed, in page 10, line 1, after "1921", to insert the words "or whales or" in section 28(1)(a) of the Customs and Excise Act 1952."—(Mr. F. A. Burden.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 27 and 28) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

A Clause (Offence to sell etc. things imported contrary to section 1 or their derivatives) —(Mr. Guy Barnett)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Provisions supplementary to section 5)—(Mr. Guy Barnett)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Orders)—(Mr. Guy Barnett)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Interpretation)—(Mr. Guy Barnett)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Schedule No. 1 (Animals the importation and exportation of which are restricted).
Amendments (Nos. 29 to 54) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 2 (Plants the importation and exportation of which are restricted).
Amendments (Nos. 55 to 59) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 3 (Items the importation and exportation of which are restricted).
Amendment proposed, in page 25, line 36, to leave out the words "any rug, coverlet, coat, jacket, cape or stole" and insert "clothing or furnishings".—(Mr. Stephen Ross.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 61 to 68 and 70 to 81) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Preamble.
Amendment (No. 83) made.
Preamble, as amended, agreed to.
Title.
Amendments (Nos. 84 and 85) made.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ted Graham reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: An Act to restrict the importation and exportation of certain animals, plants and items and to restrict certain transactions in respect of them or their derivatives; to confer on the Secretary of State power to restrict by order the places at which live animals may be imported; to restrict the movement after importation of certain live animals; and for connected purposes.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Civil Aviation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the British Airways Board (Government Investment) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 11th October, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Civil Aviation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the British Airways Board (Borrowing Powers) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 11th October, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., Sir John Eden be added to the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 2.38 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 29th October 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 28th and 29th September 1976, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 698].

Colonial Loans,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 16th September 1976 on a loan to be made to the Caribbean Development Bank by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development [by Act]; to be printed [No. 700].

Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 28th September 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 699].

Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 23rd July 1976 on loans raised by the National Water Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 701].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

National Insurance,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th October 1976, entitled the National Insurance (National Health Service Superannuation (Scotland) Scheme—Modification and Non-participation) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1742) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th October 1976, providing for Amendments to the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st October 1976, entitled the Adopted Persons (Birth Records) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1743) [by Act].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Arthur Davidson (nominated in respect of the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976, the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976) and had appointed in substitution Mr. Solicitor General.

MEMORANDUM

Friday 29th October 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure in the place of Mr. Alan Fitch, and Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Nets (North-East Atlantic) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1324) in the place of Sir Stephen McAdden.

PRAYERS.


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Abortion,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Abortion, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 1st November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 702-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 1st November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 368-xiv].

Expenditure,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Alvingham to attend to be examined as a witness before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. James Boyden.)

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 International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the National Health Service (Vocational Training) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Expenditure Committee,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Alvingham to attend to be examined as a witness before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee, if his Lordship think fit.

Conduct of Members,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the conduct and activities of Members of this House in connection with the affairs of Mr. J. G. L. Poulson ; to consider whether any such conduct or activities amounted to a contempt of the House or were inconsistent with the standards which the House is entitled to expect from its Members ; and to report.—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. John Lee : 21.

So the Question was agreed to.
Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Ten Members.

And the Committee was accordingly nominated of Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Jeffrey Thomas, and Mr. Peter Thomas.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records; and to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House.

Ordered, That the Committee shall lay before the House all such oral and documentary evidence as upon consideration by them shall appear to be relevant and such as may fairly be taken into account.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General shall attend the Committee so far as the Committee may require to present evidence relevant to the subject matter of the inquiry; and may give such further assistance to the Committee as may be appropriate.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint persons to carry out such work relating to the Committee's order of reference as the Committee may determine.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Conduct of Members and the Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Conduct of Members.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That no person not being a member of the Select Committee on Conduct of Members shall be present during any of the proceedings of the Committee unless required by the Committee to be present for the purposes of their inquiry—(The Prime Minister);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question and add the words " the Committee shall conduct its proceedings in public"—(Mr. Dennis Skinner),—instead thereof.

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. John Lee : 35.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham : 256.

So the Question was negatived.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That no witness summoned to appear before the Committee shall claim Crown Privilege as a justification for refusing to answer questions asked by the Committee—(Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop : 45.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David Stoddart : 143.

So the Question was negatived.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Committee shall at their discretion sit in public if they consider that at any stage of the inquiry the requirements of justice or of the public interest require them to do so notwithstanding any of the foregoing—(Mr. David Steel);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Stephen Ross : 63.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Ted Graham : 219.

So the Question was negatived.

Ordered, That the Orders relating to the Select Committee on Conduct of Members be Standing Orders of the House until the end of this Parliament.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the conduct and activities of Members of this House in connection with the affairs of Mr. J. G. L. Poulson; to consider whether any such conduct or activities amounted to a contempt of the House or were inconsistent with the standards which the House is entitled to expect from its Members; and to report.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Ten Members.

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Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records; and to sit notwithstanding any Adjournment of the House.

Ordered, That the Committee shall lay before the House all such oral and documentary evidence as upon consideration by them shall appear to be relevant and such as may fairly be taken into account.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General shall attend the Committee so far as the Committee may require to present evidence relevant to the subject matter of the inquiry; and may give such further assistance to the Committee as may be appropriate.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint persons to carry out such work relating to the Committee's order of reference as the Committee may determine.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General shall attend the Committee so far as the Committee may require to present evidence relevant to the subject matter of the inquiry; and may give such further assistance to the Committee as may be appropriate.

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House until the end of this Parliament.

Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Relations between the Board and the Agency)—(Sir Raymond Gower)—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 (Delegation of functions to the Board)—(Sir Raymond Gower)—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. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 31, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr. Nicholas Edwards)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment (No. 4) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, to leave out lines 35 to 40. (Mr. Barry Jones)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 86.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 80.

Another Amendment (No. 7) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 44, at the end, to insert the words "which is essential for the economic and social development of the area and which the Board is satisfied after consultation with the Council cannot be provided in any other way".—(Mr. Nicholas Edwards)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Question put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 4, at the end, to insert the words "(i) to provide financial assistance by way of grant or loan or partly by grant or partly by loan or by taking of equity in a company, to assist any person or persons proposing to carry out any activity in a manufacturing, extractive, agricultural, fisheries, forestry, land-use, recreation, tourist, or service industry which will contribute to the economic and social development of the area for which it is responsible".—(Mr. Dafydd Thomas)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, Mr. Dafydd Wigley: 6.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Alf Bates: 78.
Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 5, after the word “include”, to insert the words “in so far only as they are incidental to the Board’s other functions”.—(Mr. Nicholas Edwards.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 6, at the end, to insert the words “but this shall not empower the Board to acquire by agreement, hold and dispose of land in their area for the purpose of effecting amalgamation of agricultural land or the reshaping of agricultural units”.—(Mr. Nicholas Edwards.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Michael Roberts: 10.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 72.

Other Amendments (Nos. 13 to 15, 20, 21, 23, 25 and 27 to 30) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords] 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.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Expenditure,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November in the last Session of Parliament, relating to nomination of members of the Expenditure Committee, Sir John Eden and Mr. A. E. P. Duffy be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Neville Trotter and Mr. Robin Corbett 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.)

Procedure,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 15th June relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Procedure, Mr. Nicholas Ridley be discharged from the Committee and Mr. William Shelton 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.)

Science and Technology,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 21st November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on Science and Technology, Dr. John Cunningham be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Ken Weetch 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 Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 18th November in the last Session of Parliament relating to nomination of members of the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., Dr. J. Dickson Mabon be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Ron Thomas 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.)

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of the House of 3rd December relating to nomination of members of the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, Mr. Bob Cryer be discharged from the Committee and Mr. Terry Walker 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. Alf Bates.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes past Two o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.12 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Monday 1st November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes.—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 8th, 10th, 14th and 15th September 1976, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 703].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Social Security.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd October 1976, entitled the Child Benefit (Miscellaneous Minor Amendments) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1758) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Iron and Steel.—Statement of the determination of the pension payable to the Chairman of the British Steel Corporation [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, the Crown Court, County Courts and other Civil Courts, for 1975 [by Command].

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Protection of Depositors (Accounts) Regulations 1976 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

PRAYERS.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

Tees Tunnel Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Tees Tunnel Bill; and the same were agreed to.

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Amendments made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

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 A on 2nd November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 704].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Violence in the Family.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, That they had directed her to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 2nd November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 350-xii].
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Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Motor-Cycle Crash-Helmets (Religious Exemption) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Licensing (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Cromarty Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the East Kilbride District Council Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Supplementary Benefit Acts 1966 to 1975 and related enactments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Supplementary Benefits Bill [Lords].

Supplementary Benefits Bill [Lords].—The Supplementary Benefits Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 243].

Licensing (Scotland) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Licensing (Scotland) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 244].

Local Government Act 1972 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Local Government Act 1972 (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 19th November.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, Standing Order No. 4 (Statutory Instruments, &c. (procedure)) shall not apply to the Motions relating to Food and Drugs, but that the said Motions may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or for one and a half hours after they have been entered upon, whichever is the later, and if such Motions are then under consideration Mr. Speaker shall forthwith put any Question which may be requisite to bring to a decision any Question already proposed from the Chair.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Marriage (Amendment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Marriage Act 1949; and for related purposes—(Mrs. Jill Knight);

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. Jill Knight, Mr. Peter Rost: 140.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Christopher Price, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun: 148.

So the Question was negatived.

Weights and Measures &c. (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Weights and Measures &c. (No. 2) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Pre-packed and other goods: temporary restrictions on removal of permitted imperial quantities)—(Mr. John Fraser)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Saving for existing contracts)—(Mr. R. Graham Page)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Consultations)—(Mr. R. Graham Page)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 9, to leave out the words “transitional or other supplemental or incidental” and insert the words “consequential, incidental or supplementary”—(Mr. R. Graham Page), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 17) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 5, after the first word "the," to insert the words "classes of."—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 39, at the end, to insert the words "and for the word 'twenty' there is substituted the word 'fifty'."—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 8) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 22, to leave out the words "certificates or other documents" and insert the words "or certificates"—(Mr. R. Graham Page).—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 18 and 19) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 7, after the word "amending", to insert the words "or suspending."—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment made to the Bill, in page 11, line 17, by leaving out from the word "sections" to "3" and inserting the words "(prepacked and other goods), 6 and 7 and Schedules (prepacked and other goods) and", instead thereof.

A Schedule (Pre-packed and other Goods: Permitted imperial quantities in Schedule 4 to the Act of 1963)—(Mr. John Fraser)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 15 and 20) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Secretary 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. Secretary 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, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates: 159.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Stanley Newens: 35.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

New Towns (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the New Towns (Amendment) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3, in page 5, line 5, after "scheme", insert "in addition to the matters referred to in section (Right of tenants to purchase dwelling houses) of this Act."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Guy Barnett);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Ted Graham: 171.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. John Corrie: 160.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 4 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 5 to 24 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 25 and 26 were disagreed 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. Guy Barnett, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Ted Graham, and Mr. Michael Morris.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Guy Barnett.)

Committee to withdraw immediately.

New Towns (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Guy Barnett reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the New Towns (Amendment) 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 5, line 5, page 5, line 33, page 15, line 24, and in line 4 of the Title, for the following Reason:—

Because new Clause A (Right of tenants to purchase dwelling houses) in the Amendment in page 5, line 33, is irrelevant to the scheme of the Bill.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Bail Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to several of the Amendments made by this House to the Bail Bill [Lords]; and the same were agreed to.

Food and Drugs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Poultry Meat (Hygiene) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1209), dated 29th July 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th August, be annulled—(Mr. Michael Jopling):—Debate arising:

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Richard Body: 108.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 115.

So the Question was negatived.

Arms and Ammunition.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1400), dated 26th August 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th September, be annulled—(Mr. Marcus Kimball):

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Farr, Mr. James Scott-Hopkins: 130.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Peter Snape: 144.

So the Question was negatived.

Arms and Ammunition.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1446), dated 2nd September 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th September, be annulled—(Sir John Gilmour):

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. John Farr: 90.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper: 137.

So the Question was negatived.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

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 2nd November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
   Treaty Series (No. 98, 1976),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at London on 8th November 1974, on revised arrangements for the payment of certain debts due from the Government of the Republic of Chile to Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
   Weights and Measures,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th October 1976, entitled the Weights and Measures (Flour and Oat Products) (Exemption) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 305) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
   Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th October 1976, entitled the Agriculture Act 1967 (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1771) [by Act].

   Agriculture,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority for the year ended 31st July 1976 [by Act].

   Agriculture,—Drafts of Schemes, entitled—
      (1) the Farm Amalgamations (Variation) Scheme 1976, and
      (2) the Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) Scheme 1976 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Tom Pendry (nominated in respect of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1419)); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Joseph Harper.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Alf Bates (nominated in respect of the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976, the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ted Graham.

[No. 178.]  

Wednesday, 3rd November, 1976.

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 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-sixth Report).

   Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 8-xxxvii].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xxxvii].

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 Subcommittee on 3rd November.

   Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-xiii].

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 3rd November.

   Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 686-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 3rd November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 687-ii].

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 had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 705].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Appendices, to be printed [No. 705].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 705].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Wells reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Medicines (Child Safety) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1643), referred to a Committee on 22nd October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 708].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1226) and the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1246), referred to a Committee on 19th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 707].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1419), referred to a Committee on 26th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 709].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976, referred to a Committee on 25th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 711].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure, referred to a Committee on 27th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 706].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fishing Nets (North-East Atlantic) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1324), referred to a Committee on 14th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 710].

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 245].

Adjournment (Delivery of Post Office mails),—Mr. John Gorst, Member for Barnet, Hendon North, 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 action of Post Office workers in failing to deliver mail to Grunwick Processing Laboratories in contravention of the Post Office Act 1953; and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) until the commencement of public business to-morrow.
Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Richard Wainwright, and Mr. Geraint Howells, do prepare and bring it in.

Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. John Pardoe accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971; 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 242].

Retirement of Teachers (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Retirement of Teachers (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Age of retirement of teachers).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed in page 1, line 8, to leave out the words "or by the managers of a grant-aided school".—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 138.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 163.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 1, line 11, to leave out paragraphs (a) and (b) and insert the words—

"(a) on the date on which he attains the age of 65, or
(b) in the case of a teacher who has attained the age of 65 before the commencement of this Act, on the date of such commencement".—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 2 and 4) made.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 1, line 16, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) For avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that the date of the teacher's attaining age 65 and 31st December 1976 shall be the last dates of teaching service of the teachers specified in heads (a) and (b) respectively in subsection (1) above.

(3) In the case of teachers specified in head (b) of subsection (1) above, an education authority or managers of a grant-aided school shall make to a teacher payment in lieu of salary and of notice of termination of employment to which he would otherwise have been entitled but for the application of the provisions of this Act.".—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 2, line 11, at the end, to add the words—

"(3B) In exercising their discretionary powers under subsection (2) above, the education authority shall take into account representations from teachers' professional organisations.".—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Citation, commencement, and extent).

Amendment (No. 9) made.
Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed, in page 2, line 16, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3A) This Act shall expire on 1st March 1980, but may be further extended to 1st March 1982 by an order approved by both Houses of Parliament."—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 12) made.

Clause, as amended, 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 Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Exclusion from valuation roll of subjects below low water mark).

Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 1, line 7, after the word "lie", to insert the words "float or are suspended".—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 1, line 7, to leave out the words "or partly".—(Mr. Grimond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Russell Johnston: 18.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Thomas Cox: 104.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 1, line 8, after the word "sea", to insert the words "within three miles of the lowest point to which the tide ebbs at ordinary spring tides".—(Mr. Grimond.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words "and all bridges over estuarial tidal waters shall be automatically exempt without the need for an order by the Secretary of State".—(Sir John Gilmour.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 1, line 19, at the end, to insert the words—

"In making any such order the Secretary of State shall have regard to the nature and extent of the services provided by local authorities to the owners, occupiers or users of the lands and heritages concerned".—(Mr. Grimond.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 2, line 19, at the end, to add the words "The Secretary of State shall in any case consult with the local authorities affected if they so desire.".—(Mr. Grimond.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed, in page 2, line 23, to leave out subsection (8).—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 2, line 36, at the end, to add the words—

"(11) Notwithstanding the provisions of the above subsections the Secretary of State shall, within six months of the passing of this Act, make an order to delete from valuation rolls all lands and heritages which fall under the criteria of section 1(1) above and which relate to fish farming."—(Mr. Teddy Taylor)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Provisions supplementary to section 1).

Amendment (No. 15) proposed, in page 3, line 13, after the word "possible", to insert the words "and not later than six months".—(Mr. Teddy Taylor)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed, in page 3, line 18, at the end, to add the words—

"(4) The Secretary of State shall, at least once each year, send to each assessor a statement setting out the directions he has given under subsection (1) above and of the orders which he has made under section 1 above".—(Mr. Teddy Taylor)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 and 4 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Hamilton 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, without Amendment.

Licensing (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Licensing (Scotland) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3, in page 4, line 35, leave out paragraphs (h) and (i).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Millan):—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. James Hamilton.)

Licensing (Scotland) Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Licensing (Scotland) Bill.

The Question being again proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in their Amendment (No. 3) to the Bill:—Debate resumed.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates: 90.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Mr. Hugh McCartney: 36.

So the Question was agreed to.

The words so restored to the Bill were amended, in page 4, line 36, at the end, by inserting the words "other than an application under paragraph 11A of the Schedule where no objection is made in relation to the application".—(Mr. Secretary Millan.)

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 to 28 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 29 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 30 to 41 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 42, in page 72, line 36, leave out Clause 113 and insert new Clause B (Power of police to enter clubs).
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Milian);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Ted Graham: 74.

Tellers for the Noes, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. George Thompson: 8.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 43 to 45 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 46 was disagreed to.

The words so restored to the Bill were amended, in page 91, line 32, at the end, by inserting the words "4A. Section 10(2)(b) and section 10(5) of this Act shall, with any necessary modifications, apply in relation to an application for Sunday opening as they apply in relation to an application for the grant of a new licence"; in page 91, line 43, after the word "that", by inserting the words "except as otherwise provided by this Act"; in page 92, line 16, at the end, by inserting the words "11A. An application for the renewal of a public house licence or refreshment licence under section 10 of this Act shall state whether the applicant is making an application for Sunday opening"; in page 92, line 17, by leaving out "5 to 9" and by inserting "4A to 10", instead thereof; in page 92, line 18, after "11", by inserting "or 11A"; and in page 92, line 20, at the end, by inserting the words—

"12A. The grant of an application for Sunday opening under paragraph 2 or 11 above shall come into effect on the making of the grant except that where there were objections at the hearing the grant shall not come into effect until—

(a) the time within which an appeal may be made has elapsed; or

(b) where an appeal has been lodged, the appeal has been abandoned or determined in favour of the applicant for the grant.

12B. The grant of an application for Sunday opening under paragraph 11A above shall come into effect on the renewal of the licence to which the application relates.

12C. If an application for Sunday opening is made under paragraph 11A above any existing grant of such an application shall continue to have effect—

(a) until the first mentioned application is granted by the board;

(b) if the first mentioned application is refused, until the time within which an appeal may be made has elapsed, or if an appeal has been lodged, until the appeal has been abandoned or determined.

12D. The grant of an application for Sunday opening shall cease to have effect when the licence to which it relates ceases to have effect."—(Mr. Secretary Millan.)

Lords Amendments Nos. 47 to 53 were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons 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. Frank McElhone, Mr. Secretary Millan, and Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Secretary Millan.)

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Gross indecency between males).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

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Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Cox: 37.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mrs. Margaret Bain: 27.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 8 to 22 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ted Graham 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.

Licensing (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Millan reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Licensing (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 38, line 6, for the following Reason:—

Because it is necessary to include a procedure under which applications for Sunday opening are made to licensing boards.

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. Ted Graham.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes to One o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 3rd November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Cable and Wireless,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of Cable and Wireless Limited for the year ended 31st March 1976 [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—

(1) the Metropolitan Borough of North Tyneside (Langley Park Playing Field Whitley Bay) Appropriation Order 1975, and

(2) the Peterborough New Town No. 24 (Paston and Gunthorpe Commons) Compulsory Purchase Order 1974

[by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Protection of Depositors (Accounts) Regulations 1976, viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. Joan Evans, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. Kenneth Lewis, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. Neville Trotter, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

[No. 179.]

Thursday, 4th November, 1976.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further considering the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday next.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Procedure (Sessional Committee).—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Sessional Committee on Procedure, that they had considered the matter of the order of precedence of Private Members' Bills, referred to them on 8th July, 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. 712].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 712].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Improvement of Livestock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931 Suspension of Operation (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1491), referred to a Committee on 27th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 713].

Adjournment (Delivery of Post Office Mails).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn (Mr. John Gorst): 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 proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Fred Silvester and Mr. Carol Mather 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.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes past Seven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow:

[Adjourned at 7.11 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 4th November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Income Tax.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Philippines) Order 1976, and

(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) (No. 2) Order 1976

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Treaty Series (No. 100, 1976).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at San José on 17th May 1976 and at Managua on 15th June 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Nicaragua, further amending the United Kingdom/Nicaragua Loan No. (1) 1974 (United Kingdom/Nicaragua Loan No. (1) 1974 Amendment No. 2) [by Command].

Fugitive Criminal.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Fugitive Offenders (United Kingdom Dependencies) (Amendment) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary John Morris:

Ancient Monuments.—Copy of the Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Wales for 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 675].
Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th October 1976, entitled the Motorways Traffic (Lengths of the M4) (Restriction of Overtaking) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1824) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Electoral Law (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Reports of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for the three years ended 31st March 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 662].

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 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 640].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Civil Aviation,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 27th October 1976, entitled—

(1) the Air Navigation Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1783), and
(2) the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1776)
[by Act].

Copyright,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 27th October 1976, entitled the Copyright (International Conventions) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1784) [by Act].

Greenwich Hospital,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 27th October 1976, entitled the Greenwich Hospital School (Regulations) Amendment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1774) [by Act].

Ministers of the Crown,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 27th October 1976, entitled the Secretary of State for Transport Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1775) [by Act].

Northern Ireland,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 27th October 1976, entitled the Supplementary Benefits (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1781) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


Magistrates' Courts,—Copies of Rules, dated 25th October 1976, entitled—

(1) the Justices' Clerks (Amendment) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1767), and
(2) the Magistrates' Courts (Adoption) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1768)
[by Act].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Sixth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1975-76 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 665].

Welsh Language,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th October 1976, entitled the Adoption Orders (Welsh Courts) (Revocation) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1766) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 4th November 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Protection of Depositors (Accounts) Regulations 1976.

[No. 180.]

Friday, 5th November, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Great Wyrley for the House to take steps for encouraging a modification of the Staffordshire County Structure Plan was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
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)—Debate arising;

And it being Four 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 Supplementary Benefits Bill [Lords] and the Land Drainage Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Supplementary Benefits Bill [Lords].—The Supplementary Benefits 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.)

Committee on Monday next.

Land Drainage Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Land Drainage Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 28 agreed to.

Clause No. 29 (Structures in, over or under water courses).

Amendment (No. 1) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 30 and 31 agreed to.

Clause No. 32 (Power of water authorities to provide flood warning systems).

Amendments (Nos. 2 to 4) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 33 to 55 agreed to.

Clause No. 56 (Amendments as respects drainage charges).

Amendment (No. 5) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 57 to 63 agreed to.

Clause No. 64 (Assessment of drainage rates on the basis of annual value).

Amendment (No. 6) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 65 to 95 agreed to.

Clause No. 96 (Power to hold inquiries).

Amendment (No. 7) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 97 to 111 agreed to.

Clause No. 112 (Protection of nationalised undertakings etc.).

Amendment (No. 8) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 113 to 118 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 (Members and proceedings of regional and local land drainage committees).

Amendments (Nos. 9 to 11) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 2 to 5 agreed to.

Schedule No. 6 (Transitional provisions).

Amendment (No. 12) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 7 (Consequential amendments).

Amendment (No. 13) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 8 (Repeals).
Amendment (No. 14) made.
Schedule, as amended, 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 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.

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 Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th October, be approved—(Mr. Attorney General):—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) Regulations 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th October, be approved—(Mr. Attorney General):—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 (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th October, be approved—(Mr. Attorney General):—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 Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th October, be approved—(Mr. Attorney General):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes to Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 5th November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 25th October 1976, entitled—

(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 4) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1798), and

(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1800)

[by Act].

Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th October 1976, entitled the Opencast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) (No. 4) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1799) [by Act].

Taxes,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Regional Employment Premium (Variation of Amounts) Order 1976 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Millan:

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th October 1976, entitled the Shetland Islands (Sella Ness) Compulsory Purchase Order Confirmation Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1797) [by Act].

Camps (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Scottish National Camps Association Limited for the period 1st January 1975 to 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Children and Young Persons,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th October 1976, entitled the Adoption Agencies Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1796) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Iron and Steel,—Statement on the appointment of—
(1) the Chairman,
(2) the Deputy Chairman, and
(3) a part-time member
of the British Steel Corporation [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Benn:

Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th November 1976, entitled the Paraffin (Maximum Retail Prices) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1840) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Cambridge, on 19th May 1976, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

PRAYERS.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Procedure,—Sir David Renton reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 8th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 714-i].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Dock Work Regulation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Dock Work Regulation Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Dock Work Regulation Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 248].

New Members sworn,—

Robin Granville Hodgson, Esquire, Member for Walsall North, was sworn.

Richard Lewis Page, Esquire, Member for Workington, was sworn.

Harry Lowes Cowans, Esquire, Member for Newcastle upon Tyne Central, was sworn.

Companies (Non-Executive Directors and Audit Committees),—Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, supported by Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. John Cope, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Robert Edwards, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Tom Normanton, Mr. David Price, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Sir John Rodgers, and Mr. Sydney Bidwell, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the appointment and duties of non-executive directors; to provide for the appointment and functions of audit committees in major public companies; to require the preparation of certain data and estimates for consideration by audit committees; 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 247].
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Medicines (Labelling) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1726) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—
(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Rent (Agriculture) Bill and Education Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order of 20th July relating to Rent (Agriculture) Bill and Education Bill (Allocation of Time) be supplemented as follows:

Lords Amendments

1. The proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments to either Bill shall be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of the proceedings.

2. 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 agree with the Lords in a Lords Amendment,
      (iii) put forthwith, with respect to each remaining Amendment designated 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;
   (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 Amendments.

Stage subsequent to first consideration of Lords Amendments

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on either Bill shall be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of the proceedings.

4.—(1) For the purpose of bringing those proceedings to a conclusion Mr. Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has already been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided, and shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown which is related to the Question already proposed from the Chair.
   (2) Mr. Speaker shall designate such of the remaining items in the Lords Message as appear to him to involve questions of Privilege and shall—
      (a) put forthwith the Question on any Motion which is made by a Minister of the Crown on any item,
      (b) in the case of each remaining item designated by Mr. Speaker, put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in their Amendment, or other Proposal,
      (c) put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.
   (3) So soon as the House shall have agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Proposals, Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith a separate Question on any other Motion made by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the Proposal.

Supplemental

5.—(1) In this paragraph “the proceedings” means proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments, or on any further Message from the Lords on either Bill.
   (2) Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown under paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 57 (Lords Amendments) that the proceedings shall be considered forthwith.
   (3) Paragraph 1 of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.
(4) No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a member of the Government, and the Question on such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(5) If the proceedings are set down on any day as first Government Order of the day paragraph 4 of the Order of 20th July (Private Business) shall apply as if that day were an allotted day.

(6) If the proceedings are interrupted by a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration), a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on the Motion shall be added to the period at the end of which the proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion—(Mrs. Secretary Williams);

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Order [20th July], to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of them.

The Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 312.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 296.

So the Question was agreed to.

Health Services Bill and Dock Work Regulation Bill (Allocation of Time),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order of 20th July relating to Health Services Bill and Dock Work Regulation Bill (Allocation of Time) be supplemented as follows:

Lords Amendments

1. The proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments to either Bill shall be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of the proceedings.

2. 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 Amendment designated 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;

(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 Amendments.

Stage subsequent to first consideration of Lords Amendments

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on either Bill shall be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of the proceedings.

4.—(1) For the purpose of bringing those proceedings to a conclusion Mr. Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has already been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided, and shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown which is related to the Question already proposed from the Chair.

(2) Mr. Speaker shall designate such of the remaining items in the Lords Message as appear to him to involve questions of Privilege and shall—

(a) put forthwith the Question on any Motion which is made by a Minister of the Crown on any item,
(b) in the case of each remaining item designated by Mr. Speaker, put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in their Amendment or other Proposal,

c) put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

(3) So soon as the House shall have agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Proposals, Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith a separate Question on any other Motion made by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the Proposal.

Supplemental

5.—(1) In this paragraph "the proceedings" means proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments, or on any further Message from the Lords on either Bill.

(2) Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown under paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 57 (Lords Amendments) that the proceedings shall be considered forthwith.

(3) Paragraph 1 of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

(4) No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a member of the Government, and the question on such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(5) If the proceedings are set down on any day as first Government Order of the day paragraph 7 of the Order of 20th July (Private Business) shall apply as if that day were an allotted day.

(6) If the proceedings are interrupted by a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration), a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on the Motion shall be added to the period at the end of which the proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion—(Mr. Secretary Ennals);

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Order [20th July], to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of them.

The Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart : 310.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 307.

So the Question was agreed to.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order of 20th July relating to Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill (Allocation of Time) be supplemented as follows:

Lords Amendments

1. The proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of the proceedings.

2. 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 Amendment designated 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;
(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 Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to such Lords Amendments.

Stage subsequent to first consideration of Lords Amendments

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of the proceedings.

4.—(1) For the purpose of bringing those proceedings to a conclusion Mr. Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has already been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided, and shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown which is related to the Question already proposed from the Chair.

(2) Mr Speaker shall designate such of the remaining items in the Lords Message as appear to him to involve questions of Privilege and shall—

(a) put forthwith the Question on any Motion which is made by a Minister of the Crown on any item,

(b) in the case of each remaining item designated by Mr. Speaker, put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in their Amendment or other Proposal,

(c) put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

(3) So soon as the House shall have agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Proposals, Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith a separate Question on any other Motion made by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the Proposals.

Supplemental

5.—(1) In this paragraph “the proceedings” means proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments, or on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill.

(2) Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown under paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 57 (Lords Amendments) that the proceedings shall be considered forthwith.

(3) Paragraph 1 of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

(4) No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a member of the Government, and the question on such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(5) If the proceedings are set down on any day as first Government Order of the day paragraph 4 of the Order of 20th July (Private Business) shall apply as if that day were an allotted day.

(6) If the proceedings are interrupted by a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration), a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on the Motion shall be added to the period at the end of which the proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion—(Mr. Secretary Varley);

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Order [20th July], to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of them.

The Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 310.

So the Question was agreed to.

Proposed New Highway Code.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Paper on a Proposed New Highway Code.—(Mr. John Horam.)

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 Resolutions of the House of 17th November 1955, 7th March 1957, 17th May 1961, 9th March 1965, 4th May 1971, 1st August 1972,
29th November 1974 and 27th November 1975 be varied as from 1st December 1976 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 £970 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £1,765 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 £1,880 or such sum as, in their opinion, will bring his income up to £2,675 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 her being a widow of a past Member of the House of Commons shall not exceed £485 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring her income up to £1,280 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 £940 or such sum as, in their opinion of the trustees, will bring her income up to £1,735 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 £485 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £1,280 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 £940 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £1,735 per annum, whichever is the less."—(Mr. George Strauss.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Alf Bates);

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. Alf Bates.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 8th November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Church Commissioners,—Copies of the Reports with Accounts of the Church Commissioners for England for the years ended—

(1) 31st March 1975, and

(2) 31st March 1976

[by Measure].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th November 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 6) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1860) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Shore:

Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th October 1976, entitled the Housing Finance (Rent Allowance Subsidy) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1802) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Weights and Measures,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st November 1976, entitled the Weights and Measures (Testing and Adjustment Fees) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1807) [by Act].

[No. 182.]

Tuesday, 9th November, 1976.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords],—A Motion being made, that the County of South Glamorgan 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.

Tyne and Wear Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the Tyne and Wear Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords],—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Promoters of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend any further proceeding thereon in order to proceed with that Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of their intention to suspend further proceedings not later than Five o’clock on the day before the close of the present Session and that all Fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means):—Debate arising;

And objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (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 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 9th November and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-second Report). Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xlvi].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xlviii].

Direct Elections to the European Assembly,—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Select Committee on Direct Elections to the European Assembly, 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. 715].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xxxvii].
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-seventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-xxxi].

Public Lending Right Bill [Lords],—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Public Lending Right Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 246].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 716].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries 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 Amendments made by this House to the County of South Glamorgan Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 249].

Urban Aid (Affirmative Action),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restore the status of voluntary work by ensuring that a percentage of at least 50 per cent. of each phase of the Urban Aid Programme is apportioned to voluntary and community organisations (Mr. Anthony Steen);

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. Anthony Steen, Mr. Peter Bottomley : 188.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. Michael McGuire : 234.

So the Question was negatived.

Regional Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of North West Affairs be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs. (Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Education Bill [allotted Day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Education Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 1, line 6, at beginning, insert “Without prejudice to the general principle that pupils are to be educated in accordance with the wishes of their parents as provided for in section 76 of the Education Act 1944 and subject to the duty of local education authorities to secure provision of secondary schools sufficient in number, character and equipment to afford for all pupils opportunities for education offering such variety of instruction and training as may be desirable in view of their different ages, abilities and aptitudes as provided for in section 8 of the Education Act 1944 and “.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment (Mrs. Secretary Williams);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. David Stoddart : 308.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. John Corrie : 292.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2, in page 1, line 11, leave out “or partly”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment (Mrs. Secretary Williams);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. James Hamilton : 320.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Anthony Berry : 280.

So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 3, in page 1, line 21, at end insert "or such other ability or aptitude as the Secretary of State may from time to time by order designate".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Miss Margaret Jackson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Frank R. White: 306.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Cyril Smith: 291.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 4, in page 1, line 21, at end insert ‘; or

(c) the provision of education in any school where the arrangements for the admission of pupils are based partly on selection to ensure the most effective use of qualified teachers of mathematics.”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Miss Margaret Jackson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Joe Ashton: 320.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Jim Lester: 282.

So the Question was agreed to.

It being six hours after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order yesterday, designated Lords Amendment No. 11 as appearing to him to involve questions of Privilege.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded, pursuant to the Order yesterday, to put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.

Lords Amendments Nos. 5 to 7 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 8, in page 2, line 6, after “specify”, insert “not being less than 18 months”.

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order yesterday;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Joe Ashton: 308.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. W. Benyon: 294.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 9 to 11 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 12, in page 3, line 40, at end insert new Clause A (Provision of information by local education authorities about local schools).

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order yesterday;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Joe Ashton: 321.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Anthony Berry: 281.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 13, in page 3, line 40, at end insert new Clause B (Committee of Inquiry).

A Motion was made, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order yesterday;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. David Stoddart: 308.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 294.

So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 14, in page 4, line 5, at end insert—
“provided that the necessary resources for building and equipment have been made available to give full effect to the Secretary of State's approval of the proposals.”

A Motion was made, That this House does disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Mr. Alf Bates)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order yesterday:
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 307.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Anthony Berry: 294.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 15 and 16 were disagreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the remaining Lords Amendments (Nos. 17 and 18), being put forthwith pursuant to the Order yesterday:—It was agreed to.

Church of England (General Synod) Measures,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Church of England (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):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Dorset for the withdrawal by the Wessex Water Board of its proposed sewerage scheme was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Manchester and elsewhere for the alleviation of the plight of unemployed young people was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Anglian Water Authority,—A Petition of George Leigh Sturgess of Diploma House, Huntingdon, in the County of Cambridge, Solicitor, on behalf of the Anglian Water Authority of that address the Defendants in an action in the Chancery Division Group High Court of Justice 1974 C. No. 9445 at the suit of Sir John Ernest Michael Conant, Baronet, which said action may be heard in the Michaelmas Sittings this year, was presented and read; setting forth, first, that the Plaintiff claims the sum of £7707.83 by way of interest on the purchase money paid to him in respect of the purchase by the Defendants of freehold properties in the Parish of Hambleton in the County of Leicester for the construction of Empingham Reservoir in the exercise of compulsory purchase powers conferred on the Defendants, as successors to the Welland and Nene River Authority, by the Welland and Nene (Empingham Reservoir) and Mid-Northamptonshire Water Act 1970; and, second, that during the course of the consideration of the Welland and Nene (Empingham Reservoir) and Mid-Northamptonshire Water Bill by a Select Committee of this House reference was made to the way in which the Promoters, the Welland and Nene River Authority, would seek to mitigate the hardship which might be suffered by those whose land the Promoters were seeking to acquire by the exercise of the compulsory powers contained in the said Bill; and, third, that reference is desired to be made during the course of the action to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee of this House which considered the Welland and Nene (Empingham Reservoir) and Mid-Northamptonshire Water Bill on Tuesday 29th April 1969, Wednesday 30th April 1969, Thursday 1st May 1969, Tuesday 6th May 1969, Wednesday 7th May 1969, Thursday 8th May 1969, Tuesday 13th May 1969, Wednesday 14th May 1969, Thursday 15th May 1969; and praying that the House will be graciously pleased to give leave for the said references to be made, and to the proper Officers of the House to attend the trial of the said action and to produce the said Minutes of Evidence and formally to prove the same before the Court according to their competence.

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 Minutes of Evidence; and that leave be given for reference to be made to the said Minutes.—(Sir David Renton.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alf Bates):—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 eighteen minutes to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.
APPENDIX

Tuesday 9th November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Income Tax,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of America) (No. 2) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Medicines,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th November 1976, entitled the Medicines (Bal Jivan Chamcho Prohibition) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1861) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Public Health,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th November 1976, entitled the Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1860) [by Act].
Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th October 1976, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1764) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Industrial Relations (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Monopolies and Mergers,—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the supply in the United Kingdom of frozen foodstuffs for human consumption [by Act]; to be printed [No. 674].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 9th November 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Medicines (Labelling) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1726) to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 183.]

Wednesday, 10th November, 1976.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That the Promoters of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend any further proceeding thereon in order to proceed with that Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of their intention to suspend further proceedings not later than Five o'clock on the day before the close of the present Session and that all Fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid, be resumed to-morrow.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some 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 (Thirty-seventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 8-xxxvii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xxxvii].
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 10th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-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 Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 10th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 687-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 A on 9th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 426-viii].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Protection of Depositors (Accounts) Regulations 1976, referred to a Committee on 29th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 717j].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the New Towns (Amendment) Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Licensing (Scotland) Bill to which this House has disagreed, and they agree, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to words so restored to the Bill.

The Lords agree to the Amendments made by this House to the Retirement of Teachers (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Farm Amalgamations (Variation) Scheme 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) Scheme 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Fugitive Offenders (United Kingdom Dependencies) (Amendment) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That for the remainder of this Session, any Questions necessary to dispose of Motions moved by a Minister of the Crown, and any Amendments thereto selected by Mr. Speaker, relating to Committees to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to Amendments to Bills shall be decided forthwith, and proceedings on such Motions, though opposed, may be decided after the expiration of the time for opposed business—(Mr. Michael Foot);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 5, to leave out from the word “Bills” to the word “though”—(Mr. John Peyton.)

And 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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart: 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Anthony Berry: 303.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Carol Mather: 307.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart: 310.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:—It was agreed to.
Ordered, That, for the remainder of this Session, any Questions necessary to dispose of Motions moved by a Minister of the Crown, and any Amendments thereto selected by Mr. Speaker, relating to Committees to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to Amendments to Bills shall be decided forthwith, and proceedings on such Motions, though opposed, may be decided after the expiration of the time for opposed business.

Shops (Sunday Trading).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Sunday Trading—(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. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Geraint Howells: 93.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. E. Fernyhough: 197.

So the Question was negatived.

Dock Work Regulation Bill [allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Dock Work Regulation Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 6 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 7 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 8, in page 3, line 38, leave out “ in draft ” and insert “ and publish in accordance with the provisions of Schedule (Public Inquiries (Notices and Procedures)) to this Act ”.

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: 309.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 309.

Whereupon, the numbers being equal, Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that he ought to vote for the provisions of the Bill as it left this House, and he accordingly declared himself with the Ayes.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 9 and 10 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 11, in page 4, leave out lines 11 and 12 and insert “ but the whole of any area so designated must be comprised within a definable dock area ”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Booth);

And the House having continued to sit until after Twelve o’clock on Thursday morning;

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And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 308.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Anthony Berry: 310.

So the Question was negatived.

Lords Amendment No. 12, in page 4, line 12, at end insert—

“(2A) A definable dock area shall comprise any place in Great Britain which is within half a mile (in a direct line) of a harbour to which this Act applies or of the nearest harbour land adjacent to such a harbour.

(2B) For the purposes of this section, ‘harbour’ and ‘harbour land’ have the meanings assigned to them by section 57 of the Harbours Act 1964 ”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Booth);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. David Stoddart: 308.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Carol Mather: 311.

So the Question was negatived.
Lords Amendment No. 13, in page 4, line 12, at end insert—

“(2C) A definable dock area shall not include any small harbour or any place within half a mile (in a direct line) of a small harbour, being a place which is not also within a similar distance of a harbour to which this Act applies.

(2D) In subsection (2C) above ‘ small harbour ’ means a harbour or wharf—

(a) at which the hours worked in the twelve months ended 3rd December 1975 by a person in loading cargo into, or unloading cargo from, ships did not exceed (on being averaged with the hours so worked by other persons so engaged during that period) 1,350 ; or

(b) which cannot, at mean high water, accommodate ships of a gross registered tonnage more than 1,000 tons ; or

(c) where the labour force is employed substantially on a permanent basis and where the terms and conditions of service are not less favourable than the national terms laid down for ports affiliated to the National Joint Council ; and for the purposes of this subsection ‘ cargo ’ and ‘ ship ’ mean the same as in Schedule 3 to this Act.”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Booth) ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Frank R. White : 310.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. W. Benyon : 310.

Whereupon, the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker stated that he would vote in accordance with precedent, and declared himself with the Ayes.

So the Question was agreed to.

It being after six hours after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Order [8th November], proceeded to put forthwith the Questions specified in that Order.

Lords Amendment No. 19, in page 5, line 41, at end insert—

“(5A) The Scheme shall not impose any obligations on dock employers who do not for the time being employ workers on classified work.”

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 3, to leave out the words “ for the time being ”.—(Mr. Secretary Booth.)

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made :—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment, as amended.—(Mr. Secretary Booth.)

And the Question being put forthwith :—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 52, in page 26, line 18, leave out paragraph 11 and insert—

“11. Driving any vehicle whose use is mainly on public roads, whether inside or outside any definable dock area ; supervision of loading and unloading such a vehicle ; seeing to the security of its load ”.

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 3, to leave out the words “ any definable dock area ” and insert the words ” the cargo-handling zone ”—(Mr. Secretary Booth),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made :—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment, as amended.—(Mr. Secretary Booth.)

And the Question being put forthwith :—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 14 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 15, leave out subsections (3) to (7).

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Harold Walker) ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman : 310.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Cecil Parkinson : 310.

Whereupon, the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker stated that he would vote in accordance with precedent, and declared himself with the Ayes.

So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 16 to 18, 20, 23, 25, 27 to 31 and 33 to 44 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 46, in page 24, line 37, leave out from "workers" to end of line 40 and insert—

"(a) provision for training and welfare in so far as provision does not exist apart from the Scheme;

(b) the administration of any severance in accordance with the terms of any national agreement of the National Joint Council or other relevant joint industrial negotiating body."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Harold Walker);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Joe Ashton: 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Cyril Smith: 310.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 47 to 51 and 53 to 58 were disagreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth agree with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments (Nos. 21, 22, 24, 26, 32 and 45):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments—(Mr. Secretary Booth):—It was agreed to.

A Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Secretary Booth, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. James Prior, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, and Mr. Harold Walker, be members of the Committee—(Mr. Secretary Booth);

An Amendment was proposed to the Motion, in line 2, at the end, to insert the words "Mr. Stephen Ross".—(Mr. Alan Beith.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Cyril Smith: 310.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Peter Snape: 311.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. Secretary Booth):—It was agreed to.

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Education Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day, that a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments—(Mrs. Secretary Williams):—It was agreed to.

A Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Dr. Rhodes Boyson, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas, Mr. Frank R. White, and Mrs. Secretary Williams be members of the Committee—(Mrs. Secretary Williams);

An Amendment was proposed to the Motion, after the word "That", to insert "Mr. Alan Beith".—(Mr. John Peyton.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Peter Snape: 308.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day:—It was agreed to.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mrs. Secretary Williams):—It was agreed to.

Committee to withdraw immediately.

Education Bill.—Mrs. Secretary Williams reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Education Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly which they had directed her 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 6, for the following Reason:—

Because the Commons consider that the words added by the Amendment are without operative effect.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords, in page 1, line 11, for the following Reason:—

Because the Commons do not consider that the provision of secondary education in schools where the admission arrangements are partly based on selection can be justified.

The Commons disagree to the first three Amendments made by the Lords, in page 1, line 21, for the following Reason:—

Because these Amendments extend the exceptions to the comprehensive principle beyond what the Commons consider justifiable.

The Commons disagree to the fourth Amendment made by the Lords, in page 1, line 21, for the following Reason:—

Because the Amendment is unnecessary.

The Commons disagree to the fifth Amendment made by the Lords, in page 1, line 21, for the following Reason:—

Because the Amendment is consequential upon the first Amendment made by the Lords, in page 1, line 21, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords, in page 2, line 6, for the following Reason:—

Because the Amendment involves 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 first Amendment made by the Lords, in page 3, line 40, for the following Reason:—

Because the Commons do not consider it appropriate that the publication of information about schools should be the subject of subordinate legislation.

The Commons disagree to the second Amendment made by the Lords, in page 3, line 40, for the following Reason:—

Because the Commons do not consider it appropriate that statutory provision should be made for the appointment of a Committee of Inquiry into the operation and results of secondary schools.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords, in page 4, lines 5 and 12, for the following Reason:—

Because the Amendments are unnecessary.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords to leave out Clause No. 5, for the following Reason:—

Because the Commons consider that the Secretary of State should have power to control the exercise by local education authorities of their functions in relation to the provision of education in non-maintained schools.
The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes to Three o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.  

[Adjourned at 2.34 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 10th November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th October 1976, entitled the Honey (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1818) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Census,—Copy of the New County Report of the Census 1971, relating to Cleveland as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].
National Health Service,—Copies of Regulations, dated 1st November 1976, entitled—
(1) the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1821), and
(2) the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1823) [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 13, relating to retail organisation tables and service trades [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Post Office,—Copy of the Report of the Post Office Users’ National Council for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 682].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Road Traffic,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th November 1976, entitled the 60 miles per hour and 50 miles per hour (Temporary Speed Limit) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1872) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st November 1976, entitled the Immature Bass Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1826) [by Act].

Mr. Reg Prentice:
Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd November 1976, entitled the Overseas Service (Pensions Supplement) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1830) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Tribunals and Inquiries,—Report of the Council on Tribunals for the year ended 31st July 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 679].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Medicines (Labelling) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1726), viz.: Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Cowans, Mr. J. S. Crowther, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, and Sir George Young.
Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Fugitive Offenders (United Kingdom Dependencies) (Amendment) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Christopher Brecklebank-Fowler, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Edward Lyons, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Christopher Tugendhat, and Mr. Patrick Wall.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Farm Amalgamation (Variation) Scheme 1976 and the draft Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) Scheme 1976, viz.: Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Farr, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Hamish Watt, and Mr. Jerry Wiggins.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 10th November 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Fugitive Offenders (United Kingdom Dependencies) (Amendment) Order 1976 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Farm Amalgamations (Variation) Scheme 1976 and the draft Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) Scheme 1976 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 184.]

Thursday, 11th November, 1976.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 9th November, That the Promoters of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend any further proceeding thereon in order to proceed with that Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of their intention to suspend further proceedings not later than Five o'clock on the day before the close of the present Session and that all Fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid:

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Promoters of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend any further proceeding thereon in order to proceed with that Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of their intention to suspend further proceedings not later than Five o'clock on the day before the close of the present Session and that all Fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid.

Ordered, That if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the next Session, the Agents for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration, signed by them, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the Lords in the present Session.

Ordered, That 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 time and shall be ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That all Petitions against the Bill presented in the present Session which stand referred to the Committee on the Bill shall stand referred to the Committee on the Bill in the next Session.
Ordered, That no Petitioners shall be heard before the Committee on the Bill, unless their Petition has been presented within the time limited within the present Session, and their locus standi has not been disallowed.

Ordered, That no further Fees shall be charged in respect of any proceeding on the Bill in respect of which Fees have already been incurred during the present Session.

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

To be communicated to the Lords.

Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Cromarty Petroleum Order Confirmation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday next.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Dock Work Regulation Bill.—Mr. Secretary 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 Dock Work Regulation 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, lines 12, 18, 21 and 22, for the following Reason:—

Because they are inappropriate having regard to the functions of the Board.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 3, line 38, for the following Reason:—

Because provision for a public inquiry procedure is unnecessary, Mr. Deputy Speaker having cast his vote to retain the Bill in the form in which it left the Commons.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 3, line 41, page 4, line 4, page 6, line 37, page 14, lines 22 and 29 and page 30, line 11, for the following Reason:—

Because provision for a public inquiry procedure is unnecessary.

The Commons disagree to the second Amendment made by the Lords in page 4, at the end of line 12, and to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 4, line 13, for the following Reason:—

Because they would exclude areas within which work should be capable of being considered for classification, Mr. Speaker having cast his vote to retain the Bill in the form in which it left the Commons.

The Commons disagree to the third Amendment made by the Lords in page 4, at the end of line 12, and to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 5, lines 30, page 8, lines 7 and 16, page 9, lines 32 and 33, page 10, line 32, page 12, line 28, page 14, line 3, page 17, line 36, and page 26, line 35, for the following Reason:—

Because they would exclude areas within which work should be capable of being considered for classification.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 5, lines 8 and 9, for the following Reason:—

Because they impose undesirable restrictions respecting the transfer of an existing work force from one register to the other.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 9, lines 39, 40 and 43, for the following Reason:—

Because it is undesirable to restrict the Board in the manner proposed in relation to its recommendations concerning classification.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 10, lines 31 and 37, for the following Reason:—

Because they introduce criteria for classification which would be difficult to interpret and could give rise to anomalies.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 11, lines 18, 20 and 26, for the following Reason:—

Because it is undesirable to restrict the Board in the manner proposed in relation to its recommendations concerning classification.
The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 13, line 22, for the following Reason:—
Because the Bill already provides adequate procedures for determining whether or not work should be classified as dock work.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 24, line 37, for the following Reason:—
Because it is undesirable to restrict the matters which may be dealt with in the scheme.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 25, line 21, for the following Reason:—
Because it may be desirable to classify work which is within the terms of the Amendment.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 25, lines 38 and 40, for the following Reason:—
Because work done by employees of the National Freight Corporation ought not to be classifiable.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 26, line 12, for the following Reason:—
Because work done by employees of the National Freight Corporation ought not to be classifiable.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 26, line 17, for the following Reason:—
Because it may be desirable to consider work for classification without agreement of both parties to a collective agreement.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 26, lines 22 and 23, for the following Reason:—
Because it may be desirable to classify work which is within the terms of the Amendment.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 27, line 5, for the following Reason:—
Because it imposes undesirable restrictions on the classes of work which can be classified.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 28, line 40, for the following Reason:—
Because the right to object to classification should be confined to trade unions recognised in respect of the work at least since September 1967.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

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. 718].

Procedure (Sessional Committee),—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Sessional Committee on Procedure, That they had considered the matter of the rules governing the tabling of Questions and access to the Table Office, referred to them on 20th October, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 719].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 719].

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 11th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47-xxiii].

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 4 was amended, in line 2, by leaving out the words “and systems” —(Mr. Gerald Kaufman)—and, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 5 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 6, in page 4, line 24, leave out subsections (5) to (7).

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. Frank R. White, Mr. Donald Coleman: 324.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 293.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 7, in page 5, line 11, after “form”, insert “in which all employees have the right to participate”.

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. James Hamilton, Mr. James Tinn: 309.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. W. Benyon: 309.

Whereupon, the numbers being equal, Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that he would support the Bill as passed by the House of Commons, and declared himself with the Ayes.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 8 to 15 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 16 was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 17 to 25 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 26 to 32 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their Privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 23 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 34 was disagreed to.

An Amendment (No. 25) was made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 31, line 26, by leaving out from the second word “of” to the word “the” in line 29 and inserting the words “such amounts as to ensure that the aggregate payments of dividend for that period on those securities are equal to the maximum amounts permitted under section 24 above or, if larger amounts have been approved under section 23(1) above, to”—(Mr. Frank R. White)—instead thereof.

Lords Amendment No. 25 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their Privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 36 to 42 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 43 was disagreed to.

An Amendment (No. 27) was made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 41, line 37, by leaving out from the word “repaid” to the word “or” in line 42 and inserting the words “any sum the right to payment of which, if the sum had been repaid, would, following the service of a notice under section 21 above, have been treated as a security or part of a security under subsection (6) of that section”—(Mr. Frank R. White)—instead thereof.

Lords Amendments Nos. 44 and 45 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 46 was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 47 to 49 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 50 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their Privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 51, in page 52, line 41, at end insert “taking into account all factors which the arbitration tribunal consider relevant in order to ensure that the compensation in respect of the securities shall be fair”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Alf Bates);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Peter Snape: 309.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. John Corrie: 304.

So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 52 to 54 were disagreed to.

An Amendment (No. 37) was made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 57, line 4, by leaving out from the word "of" to the end of line 8 and inserting the words "any sum the right to repayment of which, if the sum had not been repaid, would, following the service of such a notice, have been treated as a security or part of a security under section 21(6) above"—(Mr. Alf Bates)—instead thereof.

Lords Amendment No. 55 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their Privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 56, in page 64, line 26, leave out from "in" to end of line 27 and insert "one or more of the activities specified in section 2(1) or (2) above, other than—

(a) Corporation, or ".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Alf Bates);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Joe Ashton: 309.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Carol Mather: 306.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 57 to 65 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 66 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 67, in page 65, line 45, at end insert—

"(2) In carrying out their obligations the Corporations shall make available to the bodies corporate referred to in subsection (1) above any information or facilities which the said bodies corporate—

(a) could reasonably expect to have had access to as members of their respective United Kingdom industries before vesting date; and

(b) will be made available by each Corporation to their wholly owned subsidiaries after vesting date.

(3) The information or facilities made available pursuant to subsection (2) above may be the subject of such reasonable charges as are agreed between the parties."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Alf Bates);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Ted Graham: 309.

Tellers for the Noes, the Reverend Robert Bradford, Mr. John Carson: 295.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 68 to 73 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 74 and 75 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 76, in page 81, leave out lines 15 to 17.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Alf Bates);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joe Ashton: 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 305.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 77, in page 81, leave out lines 19 to 30.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Alf Bates);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. David Stoddart: 309.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 308.

So the Question was agreed to.

It being six hours after the commencement of the proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments, Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order [8th November], proceeded to put forthwith the Questions specified in that Order.

Lords Amendments Nos. 78 to 82 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 83 to 85 were agreed to.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order yesterday, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman):—It was agreed to.

A Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Michael Heseltine, Mr. Les Huckfield, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Tom King, and Mr. Tom Pendry, be members of the Committee—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman);

An Amendment was proposed to the Motion, after the word "Pendry", to insert the words "and Mr. Dafydd Wigley"—(Mr. A. J. Beith).

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order yesterday, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Richard Wainwright: 309.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Hamilton: 310.

So the Question was negatived.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order yesterday:—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order yesterday, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order yesterday, That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman):—It was agreed to.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill,—Mr. Gerald Kaufman reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries 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 6 and in page 2, line 21, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendments would prevent the effective constitution of either Corporation.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 4, line 7, for the following Reason:

Because it is unnecessary, since there is nothing in the Bill that would restrict the powers of British Airways or any other British airline in the manner implied by the Amendment.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 4, line 24, for the following Reason:

Because it is desirable that the Secretary of State should be able, subject to Parliamentary control, to provide for adjustments to the duties of the Corporations as envisaged by the subsections which the Amendment leaves out.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 5, line 11, for the following Reason:

Because it is undesirable further to qualify the concept of industrial democracy, Mr. Deputy Speaker having cast his vote to retain the Bill in the form in which it left the Commons.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 5, line 14 and in page 5, line 15, the first Amendment in page 9, line 16, and the first Amendment in page 10, line 14, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendments unduly extend the duty to consult.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 5, line 18, for the following Reason:

Because it is undesirable that the duties imposed by or by virtue of Clause 2 should be the subject of legal proceedings.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 6, line 3, for the following Reason:

Because it would greatly restrict the Corporations' ability to respond quickly to new commercial opportunities.

The Commons disagree to the first Amendment made by the Lords in page 7, line 8, for the following Reason:

Because a limitation of the function of repairing or maintaining ships to specified existing companies is unduly restrictive.
The Commons disagree to the second Amendment made by the Lords in page 7, line 8, for the following Reason:—
Because it represents an undesirable restriction on British Shipbuilders' activities.

The Commons disagree to the second Amendment made by the Lords in page 9, line 16, the Amendment in page 9, line 39, and the second Amendment in page 10, line 14, for the following Reason:—
Because it is unnecessary to impose a statutory obligation to consult professional organisations.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 9, to leave out lines 25 to 31, for the following Reason:—
Because it would be wrong to deprive the Secretary of State of a reserve power to give directions to the Corporation in appropriate circumstances.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 10, line 13, for the following Reason:—
Because it weakens the nature of the obligation on the Corporations to consult relevant trade unions.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 10, line 32, for the following Reason:—
Because it prevents the Secretary of State from ensuring that effective corporate planning is achieved.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 11, line 18 and in page 11, line 34, for the following Reason:—
Because they are unnecessary.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 15, line 2, for the following Reason:—
Because it is unnecessary.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 42, line 12, in page 44, line 28 and in page 79, line 23, for the following Reason:—
Because they would undesirably exempt certain transactions from the safeguarding provisions of the Bill.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 42, line 39, for the following Reason:—
Because the said Amendment might involve charges 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 48, line 24, for the following Reason:—
Because it might involve charges 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 49, line 38, for the following Reason:—
Because it might involve charges 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 52, line 41, for the following Reason:—
Because it might involve charges 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 Amendments made by the Lords in page 53, line 45, for the following Reason:—
Because they might involve charges 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 Amendments made by the Lords in page 64, line 26, in page 64, line 32, in page 64, line 33, in page 64, line 35, in page 65, line 8, in page 65, line 10, in page 65, line 12, in page 65, line 17, in page 65, line 23 and in page 65, line 30, for the following Reason:—
Because the said Amendments would undesirably extend the Clause.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 65, line 45, for the following Reason:—
Because the Northern Irish companies should not be excessively integrated in the activities of the Corporations.
The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 79, line 42, for the following Reason:

Because it is important that the vesting date for the aircraft industry should not be so postponed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 81, line 15, in page 82, line 30, in page 83, line 43 and in page 84, line 5, for the following Reason:

Because it is important that the warship-building companies referred to in the said Amendments should come into public ownership.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 81, line 19, in page 82, line 12 and in page 82, line 42, for the following Reason:

Because it is important that the shiprepairing companies referred to in the said Amendments should come into public ownership.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn (Mr. Alf Bates):—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 five minutes to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 11th November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:
National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th October 1976, entitled the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1825) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Post Office,—Copies of the Reports for the year ended 31st March 1976 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. 683 to 685].

Mr. John Silkin:
Seeds,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st November 1976, entitled the Seeds (Fees) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1831) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 11th November 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Wells Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Medicines (Labelling) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1726); Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Fugitive Offenders (United Kingdom Dependencies) (Amendment) Order 1976; Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Farm Amalgamations (Variation) Scheme 1976 and the draft Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) Scheme 1976; and Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of North West Affairs.
PRAYERS.

Cambridge Writ,—Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Cambridge, in the room of David William Stennis Stuart Lane, Esquire, who since his election for the said Borough Constituency hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty’s Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on Tuesday 26th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 721].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix I).

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Sexual Offences (Amendment) 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 Insolvency Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Companies (No. 2) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to one of the Amendments made by this House to the Energy Bill [Lords], with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House, and they have agreed without Amendment to the remaining Amendments made by this House.

Energy Bill [Lords],—Lords Amendment to a Commons Amendment to be considered upon Monday next; and to be printed [Bill 251].

Supplementary Benefits Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supplementary Benefits Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 32 agreed to.

Clause No. 33 (Orders, rules and regulations).

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 34 to 36 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 8 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. A. W. Stallard 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.

Lawyers’ Services,—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/2133/75 and R/646/76 on Lawyers’ Services.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Road Worthiness Tests,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the latest proposals of the Council of the European Communities for Road Worthiness Tests following draft Directives R/1795/72 and R/1614/74 and in the light of the United Kingdom’s leading position in this field welcomes these proposals as an important step forward towards harmonising vehicle testing arrangements within the Community.—(Mr. John Horam.)
Prevention of Fraud.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Protection of Depositors (Accounts) Regulations 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 19th October, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham) :—It was agreed to.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fifteen minutes to Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

APPENDIX I

Friday 12th November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Milian:

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 9th November 1976, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1873), and
(2) the National Health Service (Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1874)

[by Act].

Provisional Orders (Scotland),—Reports by the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under section 1 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, on representations by—

(1) the Immediate Transportation Company Limited,
(2) the Australian and New Zealand Banking Group Limited,
(3) the British Railways Board, and
(4) the Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association

[by Act].

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 3rd November 1976, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Alteration of Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court No. 3) 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1848) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th November 1976, entitled the Welfare Food (Amendment No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1856) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Noxious Weeds (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford, on 14th June 1976, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th October 1976, entitled the Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marketing) (Honey) (Revocation) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1833) [by Act].

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th October 1976, entitled the Honey Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1832) [by Act].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Eric Deakins (nominated in respect of the Medicines (Labelling) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1726) ); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Roland Moyle.

[No. 86.]


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.

Tyne and Wear Bill [Lords],—A Motion being made, That the Tyne and Wear 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.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix I).

Sound Broadcasting,—Mr. Ben Ford reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Sound Broadcasting, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 23rd and 30th June, 28th July and 10th November, and 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. 723].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 723].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table.

Procedure,—Sir Thomas Williams reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 15th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 714-ii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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 Rent (Agriculture) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Dock Work Regulation Bill to which the Commons have disagreed; they do not insist on certain other of the said Amendments, but propose Amendments in lieu thereof; they have agreed without Amendment to the Amendment made by the Commons to one of the Lords Amendments, and they have disagreed to the Commons Amendment to the remaining Lords Amendment, for which disagreement they assign a Reason.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tyne and Wear Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Land Drainage Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Supplementary Benefits Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill,—Lords Amendments to be considered to-morrow; and to printed [Bill 252].
Rent (Agriculture) Bill.—Lords Amendments to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 253].

Dock Work Regulation Bill.—Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Lords Amendments disagreed to by the Commons and Lords Reason for disagreeing to a Commons Amendment to a Lords Amendment to the Dock Work Regulation Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 254].

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:


Church of England (General Synod) Measure.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Endowments and Glebe 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);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Ivor Clemitson : 75.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. John Stokes : 24.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Endowments and Glebe 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.

JET Project.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/2284/76 and of the Government’s view that Culham is the best site for JET.—(Mr. Alex Eadie.)

Regional Affairs.—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the matter of North West Affairs, the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs have leave to sit twice on Wednesday 17th November; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 64 (Meetings of Standing Committees) the second such sitting shall not commence before Five o’clock nor continue after Eight o’clock.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)
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, 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 to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.46 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 15th November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Magistrates' Courts,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th November 1976, entitled the Licensing (Fees) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1858) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd October 1976, entitled the Bulk Transport of Milk (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1857) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th November 1976, entitled the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1906) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Sea Fisheries,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 4th November 1976, entitled the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1976, and

(2) a Scheme, dated 5th November 1976, entitled the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1976 [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):—


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Gavin Strang (nominated in respect of the draft Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) Scheme 1976 and the draft Farm Amalgamation (Variation) Scheme 1976); and had appointed in substitution Mr. E. S. Bishop.

MEMORANDA

Monday 15th November 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Miss Janet Fookes an additional Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of North West Affairs.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of North West Affairs in the place of Mr. Michael English; and Mr. J. D. Spence Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Fugitive Offenders (United Kingdom Dependencies) (Amendment) Order 1976 in the place of Miss Janet Fookes.
16th November 1976

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 1975-76. (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 Debates) during Session 1975-76, (1) in the House and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:—

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and (2) in the Standing Committees 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 number of Instruments considered in Session 1975-76 by the Joint Committee 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 Committees' orders of reference upon which such special attention was invoked; the numbers of Instruments considered by a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments and by the House respectively, in Session 1975-76, showing the number where the Question on the proceedings relating thereto was put forthwith under paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.). —(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 1975-76:

Of all Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in Session 1975-76 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 1975-76, 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 1975-76, 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 Select Committees in Session 1975-76 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 expense 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 1975-76, 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 1975-76, 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 1975-76; 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 1975-76, 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 Member attended.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Accounts and Papers.—A Paper was 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 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 16th November and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-third Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-xlix].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-J].
House of Commons (Services).—Mr. Michael Foot 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, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 724].

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 16th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 426-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 the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 55-xxxii].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Industry (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill to which the Commons have disagreed; they do not insist on certain other of their Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed and agree without Amendment to Commons Amendments in lieu thereof; they do not insist on certain other of their Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed, but propose certain Amendments in lieu thereof to which they desire the concurrence of this House; they agree without Amendment to the Amendment made by the Commons to one of the Lords Amendments, and they insist on the remaining Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed, for which insistence they assign a Reason.

The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Race Relations Bill to which the Commons have disagreed; they do not insist on certain other of the said Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed and they have agreed without Amendment to the Commons Amendments to the words so restored to the Bill; and they have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by the Commons to the remaining Lords Amendments.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.—Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Lords Amendments disagreed to by the Commons and Lords Reason for insisting on certain Amendments disagreed to by the Commons to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 255].

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday, the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords] was read and discharged.

Bill to lie upon the Table.

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 19th October and 16th November to be printed [No. 63-iv].

Parliament Bill.—Mr. Michael English presented a Bill to ensure that the will of the people as expressed by the House of Commons shall prevail over the will of the hereditary peerage; and for the reformation of the House of Lords; 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 250].

Cable and Wireless Ltd. (Denationalisation).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restore Cable and Wireless Ltd. to private ownership—(Mr. Ian Gow);

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. Ian Gow, Mr. Nigel Lawson: 150.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Iain Evans, Mr. Neil Kinnock: 183.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Lending Right Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Public Lending Right Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.
An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, to leave out the word "work" and insert the word "book"—(Miss Margaret Jackson)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

But after Debate thereon it appeared to Mr. Deputy Speaker that the Amendment was not in order, and he accordingly informed the House that the Question thereon could not be put.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, to leave out the word "works" and insert the word "books"—(Miss Margaret Jackson)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Ted Graham: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Nicholas Ridley: 23.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, after the word "to", to insert the words "or referred to by".—(Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made:

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 Public Lending Right Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr. Alf Bates);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Walder, Mr. Nigel Lawson: 33.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. James Hamilton: 125.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, at the end, to insert the words "and by such other libraries as may from time to time be stipulated by the Secretary of State".—(Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising;

Wednesday, 17th November, 1976:

Question put and negatived.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill, as amended, be now adjourned.—(Miss Margaret Jackson.)

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered this day.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes before Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.41 a.m.]

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APPENDIX

Tuesday 16th November 1976

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

United States (No. 3, 1976)—Copy of a Protocol, signed at London on 26th August 1976, amending the Convention between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains, signed at London on 31st December 1975, as amended by Notes exchanged at London on 13th April 1976 (Instruments of Ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 16th November 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Farm Amalgamations (Variation) Scheme 1976 and the draft Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) Scheme 1976, in the place of Mrs. Joyce Butler.

[No. 188.]

Wednesday, 17th November, 1976.

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-eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 8-xxxviii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 8-xxxviii].

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-ninth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 8-xxxix].

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 17th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-xv].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Medicines (Labelling) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1726), referred to a Committee on 8th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 731].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Fugitive Offenders (United Kingdom Dependencies) (Amendment) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 10th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 732].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) Scheme 1976 and the draft Farm Amalgamations (Variation) Scheme 1976, referred to a Committee on 10th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 733].
Regional Affairs,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, That they had considered the matter of North West Affairs, referred to them on 9th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 726].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords],—The Lords concur with the Commons in their Message of Thursday 11th November and communicate that they have passed the following Resolution, viz.:—

That the Promoters of the Bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in this Session, 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 Five o'clock on the day before the close of the present Session;

That such Bill shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than Three o'clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the commencement of the next Session of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed by the Agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session;

That the proceedings on such Bill shall, 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 in regard 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.

Privilege,—Complaint having been made yesterday by Mr. Arthur Latham, Member for City of Westminster, Paddington, of words contained in a document circulated within the Palace of Westminster by Mr. Iain Sproat, Member for Aberdeen, South;

And a copy of the said document having been delivered in, and the passages complained of read, as follows:

"The Labour Party has clearly been infiltrated to a terrifying degree by fifth columnists who call themselves Labour, but who in fact hold views totally alien to the democratic Labour tradition. They have tricked decent Labour voters who would be horrified if they realised what certain of their MPs and others really stood for."

"And among MPs themselves there are now at least 30 whose views are, in my opinion, virtually the same as those of Communists, assorted Trotskyite groups, Marxists and the so-called New Left, etc. These MPs are perpetrating a massive fraud on the voters by standing for Labour; they are little less than the equivalent of undercover political agents for alien political creeds;"

Mr. Sproat withdrew.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges (Mr. Michael Foot):—Debate arising;

Mr. Michael Cocks 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 Tinn, Mr. Joe Ashton: 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather: 256.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Peter Snape: 370.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Ronald Bell: 110.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Firearms Act 1968 with respect to the duration of firearm certificates and shot-gun certificates: And that Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. A. J. Beth, Mr. Robert Boscowen, Mr. Michael Hamilton, Mr. Peter Rees, and Mr. Nicholas Ridley, do prepare and bring it in.
Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Marcus Kimball accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Firearms Act 1968 with respect to the duration of firearm certificates and shotgun certificates: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 256].

Rent (Agriculture) Bill [allotted Day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Rent (Agriculture) Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Lords Amendments be considered by reference to the following order of Clauses and Schedules, namely, Clause 1, Schedule 2, Clauses 2 to 8, Schedule 3, Clauses 9 to 11, Schedule 4, Clauses 12 to 16, Schedule 5, Clauses 17 to 32, Schedule 6, Clauses 33 to 35, Schedule 7, Clauses 36 and 37, Schedule 1, new Schedules, Clauses 38 to 43, Schedules 8 and 9—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong);

The Question was amended, in line 3, after the words “ Schedule 2 ”, by inserting the words “ Clause 30 ”, in line 4, by inserting, after the words “ Clauses 17 ”, the words “ to 29 ”, and, by leaving out the words “ to 32 ” and inserting instead thereof the words “ Clauses 31 and 32 ”.—(Mr. Francis Pym)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Lords Amendments be considered by reference to the following order of Clauses and Schedules, namely, Clause 1, Schedule 2, Clause 30, Clauses 2 to 8, Schedule 3, Clauses 9 to 11, Schedule 4, Clauses 12 to 16, Schedule 5, Clauses 17 to 29, Clauses 31 and 32, Schedule 6, Clauses 33 to 35, Schedule 7, Clauses 36 and 37, Schedule 1, new Schedules, Clauses 38 to 43, Schedules 8 and 9.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 1, line 9, leave out sub-paragraph (i).

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gavin Strang);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 253.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3, in page 1, line 20, leave out “ and (v) forestry ”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gavin Strang);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Fred Silvester: 248.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 and 5 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 6 was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 7 to 9 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 78, in page 34, leave out line 47 and insert “ last 208 weeks, the last 50 of which have been for the current employer ”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Gavin Strang);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Frank R. White: 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Geraint Howells: 262.

So the Question was agreed to.

And it being Ten o'clock, further proceedings stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Energy Bill [Lords], the Industrial Common Ownership Bill and the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill and the further consideration of the Public Lending Right Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)
Rent (Agriculture) Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Rent (Agriculture) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 79 and 80 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 81 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 82 was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 83 and 84 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 45 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 46, in page 24, line 10, leave out "they shall use their best endeavours to provide the" and insert "it shall be their duty to secure the provision of".

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 Tinn, Mr. Joseph Harper: 283.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 260.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the House having continued to sit until after Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning:

Thursday, 18th November, 1976:

Lords Amendment No. 47 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 48, in page 24, line 16, at end insert—

"(7A) Where the committee advises under subsection (3) above that the authority ought to provide suitable alternative accommodation as a matter of urgency, the authority shall provide such accommodation within three months from the date of that advice."

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. Thomas Cox, Mr. Joe Ashton: 283.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Carol Mather: 262.

So the Question was agreed to.

And it being after six hours after the commencement of proceedings of Lords Amendments, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Order [18th November], designated Lords Amendment No. 51 as appearing to him to involve questions of Privilege, and then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions specified in that Order.

Lords Amendment No. 40, in page 19, line 44, at end insert—

"(1A) Subsection (1) above shall not apply in relation to accommodation which would, apart from this subsection, be deemed to be a dwelling-house subject to a protected occupancy if—

(a) the accommodation consists of only one room, and

(b) at the time when the tenancy was granted, not less than three other rooms in the same building were occupied as residential accommodation by separate occupiers, or were available for such occupation, on such terms as are mentioned in subsection (1)(a) above."

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 8, to leave out from the word "were" to the word "on" in line 10 and insert the words "let, or were available for letting, as residential accommodation to separate tenants"—(Mr. Alf Bates), instead thereof.

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment, so amended.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

And the Question being put forthwith:—It was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 77, in page 34, line 38, at end insert new Schedule 1A—

"SCHEDULE 1A

MEANING OF 'RELEVANT LICENCE' AND 'RELEVANT TENANCY'

Relevant licence

1. In this Act 'relevant licence' means any licence for the exclusive occupation of a dwelling-house which—
   (a) if it were a tenancy, and
   (b) if the provisions of the Rent Act 1968 mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4 below were modified as mentioned in those paragraphs, would be a protected tenancy for the purposes of that Act.

Relevant tenancy

2. In this Act 'relevant tenancy' means any tenancy of a dwelling-house which—
   (a) is not a protected tenancy for the purposes of the Rent Act 1968, but
   (b) would be such a tenancy if the provisions of that Act mentioned in paragraphs 3 and 4 below were modified as mentioned in those paragraphs, other than a tenancy to which Part I or Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 applies and a tenancy of an agricultural holding within the meaning of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1948.

Supplemental

3.—(1) Section 2 of the Rent Act 1968 (tenancies excepted from the definition of 'protected tenancy') is modified as follows.

(2) In subsection (1) omit paragraph (a) (tenancy at a low rent) and paragraph (d) (tenancy of a dwelling-house comprised in any agricultural holding etc.).

(3) For paragraph (b) of subsection (1) (tenancy of a dwelling-house bona fide let at a rent which includes payments in respect of board or attendance) substitute the following paragraph—

' (b) it is a bona fide term of the tenancy that the landlord provides the tenant with board or attendance '.

(4) For subsection (3) (payments in respect of attendance to form a substantial part of the whole rent) substitute the following subsection—

' (3) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that meals provided in the course of a person’s employment in agriculture do not constitute board for the purposes of subsection (1)(b) above; and a term that the landlord provides the tenant with attendance shall not be taken to be a bona fide term for those purposes unless, having regard to its value to the tenant, the attendance is substantial.'

4.—(1) Section 102 of the Rent Act 1968 (tenant sharing accommodation with persons other than landlord) is modified as follows.

(2) In subsection (1) (separate accommodation deemed to be dwelling-house let on or subject to protected or statutory tenancy) immediately before the words ' the separate accommodation ', in the last place where they occur, insert the words ' then subject to subsection 1(a) below ' and for the words ' the following provision of this section ' substitute the words ' subsections (2) to (7) below '.

(3) After subsection (1) insert the following subsection—

' (1A) Subsection (1) above shall not apply in relation to accommodation which would, apart from this subsection, be deemed to be a dwelling-house subject to a protected tenancy if—

(a) the accommodation consists of only one room, and
(b) at the time when the tenancy was granted, not less than three other rooms in the same building were occupied as residential accommodation by separate occupiers, or were available for such occupation, on such terms as are mentioned in subsection (1)(a) above '.

5. The other provisions of the Rent Act 1968 which are relevant for the purposes of the above definitions, and which are therefore also applied by this Schedule, include—

section 1 (definition of 'protected tenancy');
section 4 (no protected or statutory tenancy where landlord's interest belongs to Crown);
section 5 (no protected or statutory tenancy where landlord's interest belongs to local authority, etc.);

section 5A (no protected tenancy in certain cases where landlord's interest belongs to resident landlord);

section 6 (rateable value and appropriate day);

section 103 (rateable sub-lettings not to exclude any part of sub-lessee's premises from protection).

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 6, to leave out the words "for the exclusive occupation of a dwelling-house" and insert the words "under which a person has the exclusive occupation of a dwelling-house as a separate dwelling and"—(Mr. Alf Bates),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 9, to leave out from the word "if" to the end of line 11 and insert the words "section 2 of the Rent Act 1968 (tenancies excepted from the definition of 'protected tenancy') were modified as mentioned in paragraph 3 below"—(Mr. Alf Bates),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 13, to leave out the words "of a dwelling-house" and insert the words "under which a dwelling-house is let as a separate dwelling and"—(Mr. Alf Bates),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 15, to leave out from the word "if" to the end of line 20 and insert the words "section 2 of that Act were modified as mentioned in paragraph 3 below"—(Mr. Alf Bates),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 21, to leave out from the beginning to the word "as" in line 22 and insert the words "For the purposes of this Schedule the modifications of section 2 of the Rent Act 1968 are"—(Mr. Alf Bates),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 38, to leave out paragraph 4.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 65, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 66.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment, so amended.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

And the Question being put forthwith:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 121, in page 61, line 17, at end insert

"27A. In section 122(8) of the Housing Act 1974 (duty to inform tenant of assignment of landlord's interest) after the words 'Rent (Scotland) Act 1971' insert the words 'statutory tenancy within the meaning of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976':"

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 4, after the word "words", to insert the words "and a"—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment, so amended.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

And the Question being put forthwith:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 86 was disagreed to.
An Amendment was proposed in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 40, line 45, at the end, to insert the words—

"4. If the accommodation offered is available for a limited period only, the housing authority's offer or notice under paragraph 1 above must contain an assurance that other accommodation—

(a) the availability of which is not so limited,
(b) which appears to them to be suitable, and
(c) which fulfils the conditions in paragraph 3 above,

will be offered to the tenant as soon as practicable."—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.

A further Amendment was proposed in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to, in page 60, line 42, at the end, to insert the words—

"4. If the accommodation offered is available for a limited period only, the housing authority's offer or notice under paragraph 1 above must contain an assurance that other accommodation—

(a) the availability of which is not so limited,
(b) which appears to them to be suitable, and
(c) which fulfils the conditions in paragraph 3 above,

will be offered to the tenant as soon as practicable."—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 49, in page 24, line 20, at end insert—

"(8A) Where an agriculture dwelling-house advisory committee advises that in the interests of efficient agriculture there is urgent need for the provision of suitable alternative accommodation, and the authority has been unable to provide such accommodation within three months from the date of the advice, the applicant shall have the right to use land in his occupation as a site for a caravan for agricultural worker without any requirement for a site licence under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960, and without planning permission, until such time as suitable alternative accommodation is provided by the local authority."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Alf Bates);—

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Ted Graham: 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Fred Silvester: 261.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 88, 53 to 57, 59 to 61, 72, 74, 118 and 129 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 51, in page 26, line 11, leave out from " in " to " advice " in line 12, and insert " or in connection with their giving, at the request of the committee, any " was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their Privileges.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the remaining Lords Amendments (Nos. 10 to 39, 41 to 44, 50, 52, 58, 62 to 71, 73, 75, 76, 85, 87, 89 to 117, 119, 120 and 122 to 128):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November], That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong):—It was agreed to.

A Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Francis Pym, Mr. Hugh Rossi, and Mr. Gavin Strang, be members of the Committee—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong);

An Amendment was proposed to the Motion, after " Mr. Gavin Strang ", to insert " Mr. Wm Ross ".(Mr. Alan Beith.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November], That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Stephen Ross: 259.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Joseph Harper: 282.

So the Question was negatived.
And the Main Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Order [10th November]:—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November], That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November], That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong):—It was agreed to.

Energy Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to a Commons Amendment to the Energy Bill [Lords]; And the same was agreed to.

Industrial Common Ownership Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Industrial Common Ownership Bill; And the same were agreed to.

Rent (Agriculture) Bill.—Mr. Ernest Armstrong reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Rent (Agriculture) 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 9, in page 1, line 17, and in page 1, line 20, for the following Reason:—

Because the protection of the Bill should extend to persons engaged in the activities which the Amendments seek to exclude.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 2, line 1, in page 2, line 30, in page 2, line 34, in page 2, line 39, in page 28, line 4, in page 28, to leave out line 37, in page 28, line 39, in page 29, line 3, in page 29, line 6, in page 31, line 12, in page 31, line 30, in page 31, line 32, in page 34, to leave out lines 8 and 9, in page 34, to leave out line 13, in page 37, line 28, in page 38, line 33, in page 38, line 34, in page 58, to leave out lines 26 to 31, and in page 64, line 7, for the following Reason:—

Because the Amendments are consequential upon the Amendment made by the Lords in page 1, line 20, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 2, to leave out lines 13 to 17, for the following Reason:—

Because the Amendment is consequential upon the Amendment in page 1, line 9, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 24, line 10, in page 24, line 12, and in page 24, line 16, for the following Reason:—

Because the Amendments would interfere with a housing authority's general responsibility for the allocation of housing to an unacceptable degree.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 24, line 20, for the following Reason:—

Because occupiers of agricultural land should not be exempted from statutory requirements relating to the siting of caravans.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 34, line 47, for the following Reason:—

Because the Amendment proposes too long a qualification period.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 41, line 5, for the following Reason:—

Because the tenant's behaviour as an employee should not afford a ground for possession.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes to Two o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.34 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Wednesday 17th November 1976

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 1975-76, and Abstract of Appropriation Accounts [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
- Electricity, Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th October 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 727].
- National Health Service, Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 7th October 1976 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 728].
- New Towns, Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 6th October 1976 on loans raised by a development corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 729].
- Transport, Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 6th October 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Waterways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 730].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
- Civil Aviation, Copy of the Fourth Report of the British Airways Board on organisation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 722].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
- Public Accounts, —Copy of a Memorandum by the Northern Ireland Department of Finance on the Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1975-76 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
- Prices, —Copies of Orders, dated—
  (1) 16th November 1976, entitled the Cheese Prices Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1929),
  (2) 17th November 1976, entitled the Butter Prices Order 1976 (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1937), and
  (3) 17th November 1976, entitled the Household Flour Prices (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1938) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
- Agriculture, —Copy of a Scheme, dated 8th November 1976, entitled the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1870) [by Act].
- Agriculture, —Draft of Regulations, entitled the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions, —Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [5th November] from Great Wyrley for a modification of the Staffordshire County Structure Plan [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

[No. 189.]

Thursday, 18th November, 1976.

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).
Procedure.—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Sessional Committee on Procedure the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 11th November and the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee on 21st October and 11th and 18th November.

Minutes of Evidence and Minutes of Proceedings to lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Health Services Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Education Bill, to which this House has disagreed, and they do not insist on the remaining Amendment to which the Commons have disagreed but propose an Amendment in lieu thereof ; to which they desire the concurrence of the House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Development of Rural Wales Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Weights and Measures &c. (No. 2) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Education Bill.—Lords Amendment to the Education Bill, in lieu of one of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed, to be considered tomorrow ; and to be printed [Bill 258].

Health Services Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Health Services Bill to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 257].

Privilege.—Complaint having been made yesterday by Sir Paul Bryan, Member for Howden, of words contained in a document issued by the Social Democratic Alliance ;

And a copy of the said document having been delivered in, and the passages complained of read, as follows:—

"It is sad for democrats in the Labour Party to have to face the fact that many of the political sympathies displayed by members of the NEC and top trade union leaders are also reflected amongst Labour Members of Parliament.

We do not argue, as did George Orwell over 30 years ago, that there are 'underground Communists' in Parliament. We do however argue that there are Labour Members of Parliament whose views and actions would lead a reasonable man to believe that they have sympathies with the varying shades of totalitarian communism.

Indeed, Sir Harold Wilson was more specific. He argued, in an interview in The Times (2 August 1976), that the Tribune Group of Labour MPs was very different today than it was in Nye Bevan's time. Incredibly and significantly he went on to allege that 'different forms of what are called Neo-Trotskyites, and Marxism, and Maoism, IS (International Socialists) and all the rest ... some of these are represented in the House'.

This is a very serious allegation by a former Leader of our Party. We in the SDA do not know who the Maoist, IS, or Neo-Trotskyite MPs may be. Nevertheless, we feel that Sir Harold should tell us.

For our part the SDA intends to be more judicious and precise. We believe that Labour MPs should draw a clear distinction between democratic socialism, as we have known it in Britain, and ideas and organisations of the Marxist totalitarian left.

They should, in our view, not write for, nor call for financial assistance for, nor speak at the rallies of the Communist Morning Star; nor should they write for or support the Communist publication Labour Monthly; nor should they associate themselves with Communist front organisations like the World Peace Congress; nor should they associate themselves with Trotskyite and neo-Trotskyite organisations such as the Institute for Workers' Control.

The following Labour MPs, all of them intelligent enough to understand how their actions may be interpreted, have nevertheless chosen to ignore these precepts: Miss Joan Maynard MP, Mr Norman Atkinson MP, Mr Sydney Bidwell MP, Mrs Renée Short MP, Mrs Judith Hart MP, Mr Russell Kerr MP, Mr Frank Allaun MP, Miss Jo Richardson MP, Mr Douglas Hoyle MP, Mr Stan Newens MP, Mr Roy Hughes MP, Mr Eric Heffer MP, Mrs Audrey Wise MP, Mr Julius Silverman MP, Mrs Lena Jeger MP, Mr Dennis Skinner MP, Millie Miller MP, Neil Kinnock MP, Harry Selby MP, John Mendelson MP, William Wilson MP, Tom Swain MP, Tom Litterick MP, James Lamond MP, Richard Kelley MP, Dan Jones MP, Alec Jones MP, Eddie Loyden MP, Gwilym Roberts MP, Ian Mikardo MP, Michael Foot MP, Stan Orme MP, Tony Benn MP.

CONCLUSION: We believe that all these developments mentioned above, within the NEC, amongst trade union leaders, and in the PLP, provide evidence of a devastating shift of allegiance from democracy towards totalitarianism within a major wing of our party. Jim Callaghan, as Leader, should insist that fraternisation
between the NEC and Communist Parties, both at home and abroad, should stop. He should condemn the party to party contacts mentioned above. He should demand of the 33 MPs mentioned that they cease to write or lend aid and comfort to Communist or Trotskyite organisations and newspapers. He should instruct the members of his Cabinet named above to do likewise. He should insist that Mr Jones retract his appalling words in Moscow; ”

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges—(Mr. Michael Foot)—Debate arising;

Mr. Patrick Cormack 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. Peter Snape, Mr. Joe Ashton: 243.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. John Purdoe: 230.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Dock Work Regulation Bill [allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Lords Amendments disagreed to by the Commons and a Reason for disagreeing to a Commons Amendment to a Lords Amendment.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 10 were agreed to.

The Lords Reason for disagreeing to the Commons Amendment in line 3 of the Lords Amendment in page 26, line 18, was read, as follows:

Because Clause 4 of the Bill, as agreed by both Houses to be amended, does not relate to a cargo-handling zone but to definable dock areas.

Resolved, That this House doth not insist on its Amendment to the Lords Amendment to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Mr. Harold Walker.)

Lords Amendment No. 12 was agreed to.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill [allotted Day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Lords Amendments disagreed to by the Commons and a Reason for insisting on certain Amendments disagreed to by the Commons.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in lieu of their Amendment in page 42, line 12, to which the Commons have disagreed.

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. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. John Corrie: 278.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 4 disagreed to.

The Lords Reason for insisting on their Amendments in page 81, to leave out lines 19 to 30, in page 82, line 12, and in page 82, line 42, was read, as follows:

Because it is considered to be in the best interests of the shiprepairing industry that the companies referred to in the said Amendments should not be nationalised.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth insist on its disagreement with the Lords in the said Amendments—(Mr. Frank R. White);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Joe Ashton: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 278.

So the Question was agreed to.

It being after three hours after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments, Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Order [8th November], proceeded to put forthwith the Questions specified in that Order.

Amendments (Nos. 2 to 11) were made to the Bill in lieu of the Lords Amendments disagreed to.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November], That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments in lieu of certain Lords Amendments disagreed to by the Commons—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November], That Mr. Michael Heseltine, Mr. Leslie Huckfield, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Tom King, and Mr. Tom Pendry, be members of the Committee—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November], That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November], That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman):—It was agreed to.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.—Mr. Gerald Kaufman reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Bill in lieu of certain Amendments disagreed to by the Commons, 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 42, line 12, in page 44, line 28, and in page 79, line 23, for the following Reason:

Because they would undesirably exempt certain transactions from the safeguarding provisions of the Bill.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 53, line 45, for the following Reason:

Because it 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 Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 1, line 21, to leave out Clause 2 and insert new Clause A (Restrictions on evidence at trials for rape, etc.).

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Robin Corbett);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Robin Corbett and Mr. Andrew Bennett 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.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 11 were agreed to.

Privileges.—Ordered, That Mr. Michael Foot be added to the Committee of Privileges 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);

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. Walter Harrison.)

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

Thursday 18th November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Treaty Series (No. 102, 1976).—Copy of a Consular Convention, signed at Berlin on 4th May 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the German Democratic Republic [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 16th November 1976, entitled the Anti-Dumping Duty (Temporary Suspension) (No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1940) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1976 [by Act].


Mr. John Silkin:

Food and Drugs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th November 1976, entitled the Drinking Milk Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1883) [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 [16th November] 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 [16th November] for a Return relating to Closure of Debate.

Delegated Legislation,—Return to an Order [16th November] for a Return relating to Delegated Legislation.

Private Bills and Private Business,—Return to an Order [16th November] for a Return relating to Private Bills and Private Business.

Public Bills,—Return to an Order [16th November] for a Return relating to Public Bills ; to be printed [No. 734].

Select Committees,—Return to an Order [16th November] for a Return relating to Select Committees ; to be printed [No. 735].

Sittings of the House and Business of Supply,—Return to an Order [16th November] for a Return relating to Sittings of the House and Business of Supply.

Special Procedure Orders,—Return to an Order [16th November] for a Return relating to Special Procedure Orders.

Standing Committees,—Return to an Order [16th November] for a Return relating to Standing Committees ; to be printed [No. 736].

[No. 190.]

Friday, 19th November, 1976.

The House met at Eleven 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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 2nd November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 7214].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Rent (Agriculture) Bill to which this House has disagreed ; the Lords have agreed without Amendment to the Amendments made by this House to certain other of the Lords Amendments ;
the Lords do not insist on the remaining Lords Amendments to which this House has disagreed and have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendment proposed by the Commons in lieu thereof.

Expenditure,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Expenditure Committee be printed [No. 725].

Health Services Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Health Services Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 1, line 1, leave out “five” and insert “seven”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Ennals);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Cecil Parkinson: 240.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2, in page 2, line 43, at end insert—

“(3) Nothing shall be done under or by virtue of this Act, and nothing in this Act shall be construed, so as to operate to the detriment of any person (whether or not a consultant), who was on 12th April 1976 employed whole-time or part-time in one or other of the national health services or concerned with the interests of patients at NHS hospitals, whether or not such detriment occurs under, by reason or in consequence of, the terms of his employment”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Roland Moyle);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Anthony Berry: 249.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3, in page 3, line 1, leave out subsections (1) and (2) and insert—

“(1) Within 12 months after the passing of this Act the Board shall submit to the Secretary of State proposals for reducing, in the case of each Area Health Authority, Health Board and group of preserved Boards in Great Britain, the number of beds at NHS hospitals administered by that Authority, or by Boards within that group, authorised under section 1(1) of the 1968 Act to be made available to resident private patients, provided that the total number of beds proposed for such reduction shall not exceed 1,000.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to give effect to the said proposals by revoking the authorisations for those beds, and to make those beds available for use by resident patients who are not private patients”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Ennals);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Frank R. White: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Fred Silvester: 249.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 to 7 were disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment No. 7 disagreed to, in page 3, line 30, at the end, by inserting the words—

“(3A) The Secretary of State shall so far as is practicable ensure that the beds released by the reduction made under this section are made available for the use of patients other than private patients.”—(Mr. Roland Moyle)

Lords Amendment No. 8, in page 3, line 38, leave out “progressive” and insert “grant or ”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Roland Moyle);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joe Ashton: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Jim Lester: 253.

So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 9 to 20 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 21, in page 6, line 8, after “facilities”, insert “at a satisfactory standard”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Ennals);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Thomas Cox : 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Anthony Berry : 247.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 22 to 26 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 27, in page 6, line 30, at end insert—

“(4) The Board shall make no recommendation which (were it to be carried into effect) would or might require any medical or dental practitioner to disclose to any person any information obtained by him in confidence from any patient (whether resident or non-resident and whether private or not) and the Secretary of State shall not carry into effect any recommendation which would or might require any such disclosure”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Ennals);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman : 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 254.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 28 to 31 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 32 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 33, in page 8, line 45, at end insert—

“(4) The Board shall make no recommendation which (were it to be carried into effect) would or might require any medical or dental practitioners to disclose to any person any information obtained by him in confidence from any patient (whether resident or non-resident and whether private or not) and the Secretary of State shall not carry into effect any recommendation which would or might require any such disclosure”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Roland Moyle);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Joseph Harper : 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Michael Roberts : 248.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 34 to 47 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 48, in page 17, line 9, leave out from “means” to end of line 12 and insert “premises which would be controlled premises but for the fact that the number of beds which they provide or will provide is smaller than that specified in section 12(2) above”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Ennals);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Thomas Cox : 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Jim Lester : 257.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 49 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 50, in page 19, line 26, leave out “including” and insert “excluding”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Ennals);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Peter Snape : 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Carol Mather : 251.

So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 51 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 52 to 56 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 57 to 63 were disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 63 disagreed to, in page 27, line 26, by leaving out paragraph (a) and inserting the words—

"(a) a deputy chairman to act in place of the chairman of the Board and, for each other member of the Board, a deputy member to act in his place;"—(Mr. Secretary Ennals), instead thereof.

Lords Amendments Nos. 64 and 65 were disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 65 disagreed to, in page 27, line 28, by leaving out paragraph (b) and inserting the words—

"(b) a deputy chairman to act in place of the chairman of the Scottish Committee and, for each other member of that Committee, a deputy member to act in his place;"—(Mr. Secretary Ennals), instead thereof.

Lords Amendments Nos. 66 and 67 were disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 67 disagreed to, in page 27, line 31, by leaving out paragraph (c) and inserting the words—

"(c) a deputy chairman to act in place of the chairman of the Welsh Committee and, for each other member of that Committee, a deputy member to act in his place;"—(Mr. Secretary Ennals), instead thereof.

Lords Amendments Nos. 68 and 69 were disagreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November], That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments—(Mr. Secretary Ennals):—It was agreed to.

A Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Secretary Ennals, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Tom Pendry, and Dr. Gerard Vaughan, be members of the Committee—(Mr. Secretary Ennals);

An Amendment was proposed to the Motion, after "Dr. Gerard Vaughan", to insert "Mr. John Dunlop".—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November], That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Fred Silvester: 257.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Tinn: 273.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November]:—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November], That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. Secretary Ennals):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November], That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mr. Secretary Ennals):—It was agreed to.

Education Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment in lieu of an Amendment disagreed to by the Commons to the Education Bill; and the same was agreed to.

Health Services Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ennals reported from the Committee to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Health Services 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 10, for the following Reason:—

Because it would involve charges on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting the above Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 2, line 43, for the following Reason:—

Because provision against detriment is unnecessary.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 3, line 1, in page 3, line 13, in page 3, line 25, and in page 3, line 28, for the following Reason:—
Because the Amendments represent a major change in the proposals which were discussed between the Government and the medical profession, and which were announced to Parliament on 15th December 1975.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 3, line 38, in page 3, line 39, in page 3, line 41, in page 3, line 44, in page 3, line 46, in page 4, line 38, in page 5, line 6, in page 5, line 21, in page 5, line 36, in page 5, line 38, in page 6, line 42, in page 6, line 48, in page 7, line 7, and in page 7, line 7, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendments represent a significant departure from the proposals announced on 15th December 1975.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 4, line 21, and in page 3, line 30, for the following Reason:

Because it is unnecessary to require the Board to give the reasons for its proposals, having regard to the principles and factors on which the Board is required to base its proposals.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 5, line 29, for the following Reason:

Because it is desirable that there should be a time limit for the Board's report on private diagnostic out-patient facilities.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 6, line 8, in page 6, line 9, in page 6, line 10, in page 6, line 13, in page 6, line 22, in page 6, line 30, and in page 6, line 30, for the following Reason:

Because they considerably alter the four principles which were an integral part of the proposals announced on 15th December 1975.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 8, line 45, for the following Reason:

Because it is unnecessary to introduce a statutory requirement in order to ensure that confidentiality of medical records is maintained.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 9, line 19, in page 9, line 21, in page 9, line 25, and in page 9, line 28, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendments lead to a weakening of the safeguards which the Bill requires for the interests of NHS patients.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 9, line 38, in page 9, line 41, and in page 9, line 45, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendments go significantly beyond the proposals announced on 15th December 1975.

The Commons disagree to the two Amendments made by the Lords in page 10, line 10, and the Amendment in page 10, line 17, for the following Reason:

Because it is inappropriate for the Board to be concerned with the exercise by the Secretary of State of his discretionary powers under the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 10, line 42, and in page 11, line 7, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendments remove important elements contained in the proposals announced on 15th December 1975.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 13, line 41, for the following Reason:

Because it is unnecessary.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 14, line 1, for the following Reason:

Because this Amendment is consequential upon the Amendment made by the Lords in page 3, line 1, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 17, line 9, for the following Reason:

Because the definition provided by the Amendment is undesirably restrictive for the purposes of the notification system under the Bill.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 18, line 33, in page 19, line 26, and in page 19, line 27, for the following Reason:

Because they undesirably restrict the Secretary of State's regulation-making powers in relation to Part III of the Bill.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 20, line 41, for the following Reason:

Because it should remain an offence to give a notice under Clause 14 of the Bill which does not contain the prescribed information.
The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 24, line 42, for the following Reason:—
Because it creates an unacceptably long delay before Part III of the Bill can come into effect.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 25, line 10, for the following Reason:—
Because it would involve charges on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting the above Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 25, line 13, for the following Reason:—
Because it would involve charges on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting the above Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 25, line 14, for the following Reason:—
Because it affects the members of the Board in an unacceptable way.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 27, line 26, in page 27, line 28, and in page 27, line 31, for the following Reason:—
Because they are unnecessary.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 28, line 33, for the following Reason:—
Because it is undesirable to fix the Board's quorum by Statute.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords to leave out Schedule 2, for the following Reason:—
Because this Amendment is consequential upon the Amendment made by the Lords in page 3, line 1, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the Reasons, with the Bill, and Amendments.

Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) Scheme 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 2nd November, be approved—(Mr. Alf Bates):—It was agreed to.

Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Farm Amalgamations (Variation) Scheme 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 2nd November, be approved—(Mr. Alf Bates):—It was agreed to.

Fugitive Criminal,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Fugitive Offenders (United Kingdom Dependencies) (Amendment) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 4th November, be approved—(Mr. Alf Bates):—It was agreed to.

European Parliament (Membership),—Ordered, That Mr. Michael Stewart be discharged from membership of the European Parliament and that Mr. Frank Tomney be designated a member of the European Parliament.
Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes past Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 5.19 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 19th November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th November 1976, entitled the Drinking Milk (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1888) [by Act].

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Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training.—Copies of Orders, dated—
(1) 5th November 1976, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1862), and
(2) 8th November 1976, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Carpet) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1863)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Public Health.—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th November 1976, entitled the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1955) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Food and Drugs.—Copies of Regulations, dated 10th November 1976, entitled—
(1) the Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1886), and
(2) the Preservatives in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1887) [by Act].

[No. 191.]

Monday, 22nd November, 1976.

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).

Abortion,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Abortion, 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, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 737].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 737].

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 15th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 368-xvi].

Violence in the Family,—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, That they had directed her to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them not previously reported, together with several Memoranda.

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Health Services Bill, to which this House has disagreed; and the Lords agree to the Amendments proposed by the Commons in lieu of the remaining Lords Amendments to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords insist on their Amendments in lieu of certain of their Amendments to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill to which this House has disagreed; and the Lords disagree to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of certain Amendments on which the Lords have insisted, for which insistence and disagreement they assign their Reason.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill,—Lords Reason for insisting on their Amendments in lieu of certain of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed and for their disagreement to the Commons Amendments in lieu of certain of their Amendments on which they have insisted, to be printed [Bill 259].
Science and Technology,—**Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Science and Technology be printed [No. 738].**

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [8th November], That the Lords Amendments to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill be now considered—(Mr. Secretary Varley):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth insist on its disagreement with the Lords in the said Amendments, in page 42, line 12, page 44, line 28, page 53, line 45, and page 79, line 23—(Mr. Secretary Varley);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper : 276.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 268.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House doth insist on its Amendments made in lieu of certain of the Lords Amendments in pages 81 and 82 of the Bill.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November], That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for insisting on Amendments proposed by the Commons in lieu of certain Amendments on which the Lords have insisted—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November], That Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Les Huckfield, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Tom King, and Mr. Tom Pendry, be members of the Committee—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November], That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [10th November], That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman):—It was agreed to.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.—Mr. Gerald Kaufman reported from the Committee to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for insisting on Amendments proposed by the Commons in lieu of certain Lords Amendments to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries 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 insist on their Amendments in lieu of Lords Amendments in page 81, to leave out lines 19 to 30, in page 82, line 12, and in page 82, line 42, for the following Reason:

Because it is desirable that there should be power to provide a separate vesting date for the ship-repairing industry.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the Reason, with the Bill, and Amendments.

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 to a Measure passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 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 to a Measure passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919, and for proroguing this present Parliament:


Endowments and Glebe Measure 1976.

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 Command), as follows:

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

It was with great pleasure that My Husband and I visited Finland; the United States of America, where we welcomed the opportunity to join the people of the United States in the celebration of their bicentennial anniversary; Canada, where I opened the Olympic Games; and recently Luxembourg. We were very pleased to welcome President Geisel of Brazil and President Giscard d'Estaing of France on State Visits to this country.

My Government welcomed the independence of Seychelles and their decision to join the Commonwealth.

My Government have participated throughout the year in international efforts to promote a more just world economic order.

My Government have continued to make their contribution to the development of detente between East and West, and to work for the improvement of bilateral relations and economic co-operation with the Soviet Union and other countries of Eastern Europe.

My Government have worked for force reductions in Central Europe and the prevention of the spread of nuclear weapons. They have tabled a draft convention in Geneva on the prohibition of chemical weapons.

My Government have continued their efforts to promote a negotiated settlement in Rhodesia based on acceptance of early transition to majority rule.

My Armed Forces and the Royal Ulster Constabulary continue to perform with distinction their difficult and dangerous task in Northern Ireland. Steps have been taken to strengthen the role of the police and their effectiveness in maintaining the rule of law, and to make the Parliamentary procedures for the government of Northern Ireland more effective.

The Fair Employment Act has been passed, which promotes equality of opportunity in employment for people of different religious beliefs; a Northern Ireland Development Agency has been set up; and the law on industrial relations has been brought more closely into line with that of Great Britain.

My Government have continued to co-operate with the Government of the Republic of Ireland on security, and reciprocal legislation in both countries has been brought into effect to deal with fugitive offenders.

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 continued to give priority to reducing inflation. Following the success of the £6 pay policy, they agreed with the Trades Union Congress a further round of voluntary pay restraint. The Price Code was amended to encourage the expansion of industrial investment and of employment. Grants were made for the setting up of more consumer advice centres and for providing consumers with information about prices.

My Government have been deeply concerned about the high level of unemployment which we in common with most other countries have experienced; practical measures designed to alleviate the situation and to help meet the need for skilled manpower have been taken.

Legislation was enacted to remove unsatisfactory features of the Industrial Relations Act 1971.

My Government have sought to stimulate industrial regeneration, through the development of an industrial strategy with the close involvement of both sides of industry, through the work of the National Enterprise Board and the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Development Agencies, and by initiating discussion of planning agreements with major companies.
Legislation has been passed to reconstitute the National Dock Labour Board and to make further provision for regulating the allocation and performance of the work of cargo-handling.

Legislation has been passed to meet the United Kingdom's obligations under the International Energy Programme and European Economic Community obligations on energy supply and use; to control energy supplies in a domestic energy emergency; and to regulate the use of energy for the purposes of conservation.

The British National Oil Corporation has been established and has taken over the National Coal Board's Continental Shelf assets and purchased substantial interests in Burmah's North Sea holdings, including shares in the Ninian and Thistle oil fields. Participation agreements have been concluded with the Gulf, Conoco, Tricentrol and Ranger oil companies. Negotiations with other companies are proceeding.

My Government have continued to foster the development of our offshore petroleum resources. Following a recent invitation, 53 applications have been received and are now being considered for further licences for the exploration and development of offshore oil and gas, in which majority State participation will be a precondition.

Acts have been passed to improve the law relating to companies and to insolvency.

My Government have published a White Paper and a Supplementary Statement setting out their detailed proposals for the establishment of Scottish and Welsh Assemblies.

My Government have continued to work for improvements in the operation of the Common Agricultural Policy.

Legislation for England and Wales has been passed to strengthen the legal safeguards for farm tenants and their families, and to end the tied cottage system in agriculture.

My Ministers have placed special emphasis on areas of acute housing need in the public expenditure programme, and have continued to encourage new building for owner occupation.

Legislation has been passed to facilitate the transfer of housing from New Town Development Corporations and the Commission for the New Towns to elected local authorities in England and Wales.

An Act has been passed to give water authorities in England and Wales more effective powers to deal with drought.

In pursuance of My Government's comprehensive policy for development land, legislation for a development land tax was enacted.

Provision has been made for increases in social security benefits and war pensions; and new cash benefits have been introduced to help disabled people. Provision has also been made for the child benefit scheme to start on 4th April 1977.

An Act has been passed to secure the progressive withdrawal from National Health Service hospitals of facilities for private medical and dental practice and to control development of large private hospitals. A Royal Commission has been established to consider the best use and management of the resources of the National Health Service in the interests of the patients and those who work in it.

Legislation has been passed under which Local Education Authorities in England and Wales may be required to submit proposals to abolish selection in secondary education.

My Government have announced their intention to establish a Committee to enquire into the role and functioning of financial institutions in the United Kingdom, and have published proposals for strengthening and extending the system for supervision of banks and other deposit taking institutions. Acts were passed to transform the Trustee Savings Bank, to widen their banking services and to extend the facilities provided by the National Giro.

The law on racial discrimination has been strengthened.

An Act has been passed providing for the establishment of a Police Complaints Board to introduce an independent element into the procedure for handling complaints by members of the public against the police in England and Wales.

A measure was passed to repeal and re-enact with amendments the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1974.

An Act has been passed to improve the law relating to bail in England and Wales.

Royal Commissions have been established to inquire into the provision of legal services. In the meantime, My Government have continued their support for the provision of legal services to those who need them most.

Further progress has been made with the reform of the law and the improvement of the Statute Book by consolidation and the repeal of obsolete enactments.
Acts have been passed to reform and improve the law of Scotland, including the law relating to liquor licensing, crofting tenure, freshwater fisheries, education and fatal accident enquiries.

An Act has been passed to give greater impetus to the measures already being taken to stimulate the social and economic development of rural Wales.

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend you.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

By virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission which has been now read we do, in Her Majesty’s name, and in obedience to Her Majesty’s Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Wednesday the twenty-fourth day of this instant November, to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday the twenty-fourth day of this instant November.

APPENDIX

Monday 22nd November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 1st and 5th October 1976, and
(2) 6th, 11th, 13th, 15th and 19th October 1976
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Mr. Secretary Rees:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copies of Orders, dated 9th November 1976, entitled—
(1) the Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1901), and
(2) the Gaming (Small Charges) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1903) [by Act].

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copies of Regulations, dated 9th November 1976, entitled—
(1) the Gaming Act (Registration under Part II) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1902), and
(2) the Gaming Clubs (Hours and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1904) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Food and Drugs,—Copies of Regulations, dated 9th November 1976, entitled—
(1) the Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1911), and
(2) the Preservatives in Food (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1910) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:


Mr. Secretary Booth:

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th November 1976, entitled the Baking and Sausage Making (Christmas and New Year) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1908) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th November 1976, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1890) [by Act].

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_Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:_

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