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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 Twenty-fourth day of this instant November, to be then here holden.
Session 1976-77

The Forty-Seventh Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

[No. 1.]

Wednesday, 24th November, 1976.

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 he 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 Sergeants 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 Richard Douglas Barlas, Esquire, C.B., O.B.E., the Clerk of the 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 or laid upon the Table (see Appendix).

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 Wigg to attend to be examined before Sub-Committee C appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries.—(Mr. Russell Kerr.)

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

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

My Husband and I look forward to the events being prepared to mark the 25th Anniversary of My Accession to the Throne. We welcome the opportunities which these will offer for meeting people in many parts of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth during the tours which we shall undertake.

My Government will maintain their firm support for the United Nations and the principles of its Charter, and for the North Atlantic Alliance as the guarantee of the collective security of its members and of stability between East and West. They have invited the North Atlantic Council to hold its spring Ministerial meeting in London.

My Government look forward to a renewal of fruitful exchanges on world problems at the meeting of Commonwealth Heads of Government in London.

My Government will continue to take part in international efforts to promote a more stable world economic order, and a fairer distribution, within an expanding world economy, of the world’s wealth between rich and poor nations. Overseas aid will continue to give increasing emphasis to the needs of the poorest developing countries.

My Government will continue to play a full part in the activities and development of the European Communities, and look forward to holding the Presidency of the Council of Ministers in the first six months of 1977.

My Government will introduce legislation to provide for the election of United Kingdom members of the European Assembly.

My Government will continue to contribute modern and effective forces to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

My Ministers will continue to attach great importance to the further improvement of relations between East and West and to the full implementation of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe. They will work closely with their Allies in seeking progress in the negotiations to reduce forces in Central Europe, and towards general disarmament and the prevention of the spread of nuclear weapons.

My Government will also continue to work for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East and for further improvement in the relations between the United Kingdom and all the countries of the region. They will maintain their efforts to secure a political settlement in Cyprus.

My Government will continue to work for a negotiated settlement in Rhodesia which will provide a secure future on the basis of majority rule for people of all races in the territory.

My Government will continue to strive for a just solution to the problems of Northern Ireland and for the improvement of economic and social conditions. They are determined to combat terrorism and to maintain the rule of law. Legislative provision will be made to introduce an independent element into consideration of complaints against the police on lines already adopted in England and Wales.

My Government attach particular importance to the further development of cooperation on security with the Government of the Republic of Ireland.

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 are pledged and determined to continue the attack on inflation, working to this end in close conjunction with the Trades Union Congress and the Confederation of British Industry. Success in this joint effort is essential for creating more jobs and for achieving the aim, to which My Government remain firmly committed, of a lasting reduction in the present level of unemployment.

My Ministers are convinced that the key to a better economic future for the British people lies in improved levels of industrial output and productivity, a higher level of industrial investment, and being more competitive thus securing a greater share of world markets. They will pursue these objectives through continued development of the industrial strategy in co-operation with both sides of industry. This will give the highest priority to the physical and financial needs of manufacturing industry on which our standards of living depend. The National Enterprise Board, the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Development Agencies, and the Planning Agreements system, provide essential instruments for this industrial regeneration. The achievement of our national objectives will be possible only if the inter-related problems of inflation, unemployment and industrial performance are tackled successfully.

My Government will continue to co-operate with other countries in their efforts to maintain an orderly and sustained growth in world economic activity. They intend to ratify the Second Amendment to the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund and the Sixth General Review of Quotas.

My Government will re-introduce the Bill to bring into public ownership the aircraft and guided weapons, shipbuilding, ship-repairing and marine engine building industries.

Further opportunities for the exploration and development of the nation’s valuable petroleum resources will arise from the grant of further licences following the very satisfactory response to the recent round of offshore licensing.

Legislation will be introduced to provide for the addition to the employers’ national insurance contribution and to give effect to other measures which were announced in July.

My Government will continue to encourage the expansion of home food production in the interests of consumers, processors and producers, and will seek further improvements in the operation of the Common Agricultural Policy. Legislation will be laid before you for the purpose of enabling the United Kingdom to extend fishing limits to 200 miles at the beginning of 1977. My Government are seeking adaptation of the Common Fisheries Policy to new circumstances. They will aim to secure conditions in which the British fishing industry can plan ahead and make its proper contribution to the food supplies and economy of the nation.

My Government attach great importance to strengthening the democratic processes of our society. A Bill will be introduced for the establishment of Assemblies to give the Scottish and Welsh people direct and wide-ranging responsibilities for their domestic affairs within the economic and political framework of the United Kingdom.

Legislative proposals for the extension of industrial democracy in the private and public sectors of the economy will be brought forward as soon as possible after the Committee on Industrial Democracy has reported and the necessary consultations have taken place.

Legislation will be introduced to give effect to the job release scheme, and My Government will not hesitate to add as necessary to this and other manpower measures already introduced for the reduction of unemployment. They will continue to promote the development of industrial training.

My Government will pay special attention to the maintenance and improvement of performance in education, and will seek to ensure that the resources available are deployed in the best interest both of extending educational opportunity and of satisfying the productive needs of the nation.

My Ministers will also pay special attention to housing and the needs of inner city areas. Proposals arising from My Government’s review of housing policy will be brought before you.

It will remain My Government’s aim to promote good working relationships within the National Health Service and to make the best use of the resources available to the service for the benefit of patients and with due concern for the aspirations of those who work in it.

There will be an annual increase in pensions and other social security benefits in order to protect the living standards of the most vulnerable members of the community.

My Government will continue to attach high priority to safeguarding the interests of consumers.

A Bill will be introduced to restrict the payment of unemployment benefit for certain occupational pensioners; to determine the level of earnings at which retirement pension is affected; and to adjust the national insurance scheme in certain other respects.
My Government, following their widespread consultations on transport, will bring before you proposals for developing a transport policy best suited to economic and social needs.

Legislation will be introduced to remove unnecessary restrictions on the powers of the local authorities to undertake construction work by direct labour.

Legislation will be introduced to provide for greater equality in average charges for unmeasured water supply between different water authorities in England and Wales. Proposals will be brought before you for strengthening the national organisation of the water industry.

A Bill will be introduced to amend the criminal law, particularly in relation to conspiracy, and to improve its administration.

A Bill will be introduced to provide a comprehensive reform of patent law and enable ratification of international agreements, including the European Patent Convention.

My Government will continue their programme of law reform as opportunity permits.

Measures will be introduced relating to Scotland, including housing subsidies, reform of the law on marriage, and the introduction of an independent element in the procedure for handling complaints against the police.

In all their policies for social reform it will remain My Government's aim to promote justice and equality for all the people of the United Kingdom.

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. J. P. W. Mallalieu):—Debate arising:

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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. Donald Coleman.)

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

1. Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command after the Prorogation of Parliament on 22nd November 1976 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:

European Communities (No. 25, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement on cane sugar in the form of letters, exchanged at Brussels on 14th July 1976, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India.

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

23rd November 1976

Customs and Excise,—Copies of Orders, dated—

(1) 15th November 1976, entitled the Bingo Duty (Exemptions) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1926),
(2) 15th November 1976, entitled the Gaming Machine Licence Duty (Exemptions) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1925), and
(3) 23rd November 1976, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (No. 4) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1969)

[b]by Act[/b].

National Debt,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd November 1976, entitled the Savings Certificates (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1962) [by Act].

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copies of Orders, dated 12th November 1976, entitled—

(1) the Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) (Scotland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1923), and
(2) the Gaming (Small Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1922)

[b]by Act[/b].

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copies of Regulations, dated 12th November 1976, entitled—

(1) the Gaming Act (Registration under Part II) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1924), and
(2) the Gaming Clubs (Hours and Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1921)

[b]by Act[/b].

Fugitive Criminal,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th November 1976, entitled the Fugitive Offenders (Designated Commonwealth Countries) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1918) [by Act].

3. Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Wednesday 24th November 1976:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Capital Transfer Tax,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Capital Transfer Tax (Relief for Agricultural Property) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 10th November 1976, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [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)]:


_Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:_


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

PRAYERS.

Scottish Transport Group (Castle Bay Pier) 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 Scottish Transport Group (Castle Bay Pier): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Wednesday next and to be printed [Bill 4].

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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 9th November 1976 in the last Session of Parliament.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 19-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 25th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-i].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the 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].

Nationalised Industries.—The Lords give leave to the Lord Wigg to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee C appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, if his Lordship think fit.

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.

Private Bills [Lords].—The Standing Orders of 11th November 1976 relating to the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords], suspended in the last Session of Parliament, being read; Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a Certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office that the Declaration required by the Standing Order of 11th November 1976 in respect of the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords] had been duly deposited.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings during Session 1975-76 of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments be printed [No. 16].

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings during Session 1975-76 of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments be printed [No. 17].

Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Millan, supported by Mr. Harry Ewing, presented a Bill to make provision as respects Scotland regarding returning officers for parliamentary elections, the staff of such officers, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 1].
Covent Garden Market (Financial Provisions) Bill,—Mr. John Silkin, supported by Mr. Secretary Shore, Mr. Secretary Hattersley, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. E. S. Bishop, and Mr. Gavin Strang, presented (under Standing Order No. 91 (Procedure upon Bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to make fresh provision in relation to the finances and the financial duties of the Covent Garden Market Authority and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 2].

Fishery Limits Bill,—Mr. John Silkin, supported by Mr. Secretary Crosland, Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. E. S. Bishop, and Mr. Hugh D. Brown, presented a Bill to extend British fishery limits and make further provision in connection with the regulation of sea fishing: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 3].

Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Evans, supported by Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Secretary Booth, Mr. Stanley Orme, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Alfred Morris, and Mr. Eric Dockins, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to social security and to regulate the manner of providing for certain benefits connected with service in the armed forces: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 5].

Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Rodgers, supported by Mr. Secretary Shore, Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. John Horam, presented (under Standing Order No. 91 (Procedure upon Bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to provide for grants to the British Railways Board and the National Freight Corporation; to increase the borrowing powers of the British Waterways Board; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 6].

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1976 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) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1870) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the draft Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) Amendment (Scotland) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the draft Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Amendment (Scotland) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) (No. 2) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the draft Regional Employment Premium (Variation of Amounts) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Welsh Affairs, Ordered, That the matter of Health Services in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for their consideration.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

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 28th January, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th February, 4th March, 22nd and 29th April, 6th, 13th and 20th May and 15th July;

(3) Private Members’ Notices of Motions shall have precedence over Government business on 14th and 21st January, 11th, 18th and 25th March, 1st April, 27th May and 17th June and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on Wednesday 22nd December, Wednesday 12th January, Wednesday 23rd February, Wednesday 2nd March, Wednesday 9th March, Wednesday 16th March, Wednesday 11th May and Wednesday 1st June;

(4) On Monday 20th December, Monday 7th February, Monday 16th May and Monday 11th July, Private Members’ Notices of Motions shall have precedence until Seven o’clock and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on Thursday 22nd December, Thursday 20th January, Thursday 28th April and Thursday 23rd 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. Michael Foot.)

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. Joseph Harper.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Expenditure.—Ordered, That the Order of the House of 18th November 1974 relating to the nomination of members of the Expenditure Committee be amended, by leaving out Mr. Nigel Lawson and inserting Mr. Fred Silvester.—(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 at Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 25th November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

European Communities (No. 21, 1976).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Brussels on 4th March 1976, laying down certain provisions relating to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Malta with Financial Protocol and Final Act (with Association Agreement of 5th December 1970 and Final Act) (the Financial Protocol is not in force) [by Command].

European Communities (No. 22, 1976).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 27th February 1976, extending the provisions governing the first stage of the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Malta [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages.—Copy of an Order, dated 5th November 1976, entitled the Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 330) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Prices.—Copy of an Order, dated 24th November 1976, entitled the Bread Prices (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1975) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:


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 [9th November 1976] from Dorset praying that the House do all in its power to ensure that the Wessex Water Board withdraw its proposed sewerage scheme [by Standing Order]; to be printed.


Sugar.—Accounts of the Sugar Board, showing Revenue and Expenditure attributable to the year ended 31st December 1975 and Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 18].

PRAYERS.

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

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.—Mr. Secretary Varley, supported by the Prime Minister, Mrs. Secretary Williams, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Secretary Mulley, Mr. Secretary Booth, Mr. Secretary Dell, Mr. Reginald Prentice, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, and Mr. Les Huckfield, 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 upon Monday next and to be printed [Bill 8].

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24th 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.

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

Debate to be resumed upon Monday 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.

Ordered, That Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. John Biffen, Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mrs. Lena Jeger, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. John Mendelson, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. Nicholas Scott, Mr. Cyril Smith, and Mr. Nigel Spearing, be members of the Committee.

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

Ordered, That Four be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence reported from the Sessional Committee on Procedure on 18th November, in the last Session of Parliament, and ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

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 Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, and Mrs. Audrey Wise, be members of the Committee.

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

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence referred to the Select Committee on Violence in the Family on 12th March 1976 in the last Session of Parliament, and the Minutes of the Evidence taken before that Committee in the last Session of Parliament, together with Memoranda laid before them, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Privileges.—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Committee of Privileges be amended, by leaving out Sir Peter Rawlinson and Mrs. Margaret Thatcher and inserting Sir Michael Havers and Mr. William Whitelaw.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.15 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 26th November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Taxes.—Accounts of the appointment of—

(1) Andrew Louis Potez, Esquire, and

(2) Hugh Gordon Watson, Esquire,

as Commissioners with salaries for the special purposes of the Income Tax Acts [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons.—Copy of a Statement by the Secretary of State for Scotland concerning the separation of younger from older patients in hospital in 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 2].
Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes, made by—

(1) the Governing Body of Nuffield College, Oxford, on 12th July 1976, amending the Statutes of the College,
(2) the Governing Body of St. John Baptist College, Oxford, on 7th June 1976, amending the Statutes of the College,
(3) the Governing Body of Wadham College, Oxford, on 30th July 1976, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(4) the University of Cambridge, on 16th June 1976, amending the Statutes of the University

[by Act].

_Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:_


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**MEMORANDUM**

_Friday 26th November 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 Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

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**[No. 41]**

_Monday, 29th November, 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).

**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 November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 25-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 29th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 29-i].

**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 29th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 334].

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

**Scotland and Wales Bill.**—Mr. Michael Foot, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Secretary Shore, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Attorney General, the Lord Advocate, and Mr. John Smith, presented a Bill to provide for changes in the government of Scotland and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 7].

**Water Charges Equalisation Bill.**—Mr. Secretary Shore, supported by Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. John Silkin, Mr. Secretary Hattersley, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. Denis Howell, presented a Bill to provide for the payment of equalisation levies and payments by and to water authorities in England and Wales; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 10].
Police (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Milian, supported by the Lord Advocate and Mr. Harry Ewing, presented a Bill to establish a Police Complaints Panel with functions relating to complaints from members of the public against constables of police forces in Scotland; to amend section 26(7) of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967; 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].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Child Benefit (Miscellaneous Minor Amendments) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1758) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1764) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1825) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1866) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1906) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24th 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 humbly regret that the Gracious Speech does not contain measures which will inspire industrial and commercial confidence and sustain employment.”—(Mr. John Biffen.)

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. Carol Mather: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 277.

So the Question was negatived.

The Main Question being again proposed:—Debate arising:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/1746/73 and R/2268/74 on Value Added Tax—(Mr. Robert Sheldon);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn: 86.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. Max Madden: 37.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/1746/73 and R/2268/74 on Value Added Tax.
Tuesday, 30th November, 1976:
Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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

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

Adjourned at 12.28 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 29th November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Coal Industry,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 4th November 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 22 and 23].

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 5th November 1976 on a loan raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 24].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th November 1976, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 9) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2014) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Rees:
Gambling,—Copy of an Interim Report of the Royal Commission on Gambling [by Command].

Race Relations,—Copy of the Report of the Race Relations Board for the period 1st January 1975 to 30th June 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 3].

Mr. John Silkin:
Diseases of Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th November 1976, entitled the Importation of Cattle and Sheep (Number 3) Order 1976 [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th November 1976, entitled the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1976 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 29th November 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1976 and the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1976 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Regional Employment Premium (Variation of Amounts) Order 1976, the draft Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 and the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1976 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1976, the draft Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) Amendment (Scotland) Order 1976 and the draft Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Amendment (Scotland) Order 1976 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 5.]

Tuesday, 30th November, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords] 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 Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table and to be printed [No. 31-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 30th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 37-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 30th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-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 30th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 36-i].

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 (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 32-i].

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24th 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 provides no grounds for confidence in the economic policies of Her Majesty's Government'.—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. James Tinn: 276.

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.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Ways and Means may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
Ways and Means.—National Insurance Surcharge.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That a surcharge, payable into the Consolidated Fund be imposed on secondary Class I contributions under the Social Security Act 1975 and the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975, being a surcharge—

(a) payable together with the contribution by every person who pays or is liable to pay such a contribution; and

(b) equal in every case to 2 per cent. of the amount of the earnings in respect of which the contribution is paid or payable—(Mr. Robert Sheldon);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank R. White: 232.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Corrie, Sir George Young: 195.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That a surcharge, payable into the Consolidated Fund, be imposed on secondary Class I contributions under the Social Security Act 1975 and the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 11].

National Insurance Surcharge Bill.—Mr. Robert Sheldon accordingly presented a Bill to impose a surcharge, payable into the Consolidated Fund, on secondary Class I contributions under the Social Security Act 1975 and the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 11].

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill, notices of Amendments, new Clauses or new Schedules to be moved in Committee and suggested Amendments pursuant to the Parliament Acts 1911 and 1949 to be moved in the House, may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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

Wednesday, 1st December, 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 Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.15 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 30th November 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:


Mr Secretary Crosland:


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Mr. Secretary Milian:

Criminal Statistics (Scotland),—Copy of Statistics relating to police apprehensions and criminal proceedings in Scotland for 1975 [by Command].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th November 1976, entitled the Herring Industry Board (Exchequer Loans) (No. 2) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Medicines,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 18th November 1976, entitled the Medicines (Certificates of Analysis) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1970), and
(2) 19th November 1976, entitled the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Application for Registration and Fees) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1961) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th November 1976, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Fees for Seamen's Documents) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2015) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Morris:

Roads,—Copy of the Report for 1974 of the Secretary of State for Wales on roads in Wales [by Act].

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

Mr. Reg Prentice:

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th November 1976, entitled the Overseas Service (Pensions Supplement) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2013) [by Act].

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 30th November 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr Speaker allocated the draft Regional Employment Premium (Variation of Amounts) Order 1976 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (transferred from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), the Child Benefit (Miscellaneous Minor Amendments) Regulations 1976 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 3) Order 1976 and the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

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 Police (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 6.]

Wednesday, 1st December, 1976.

PRAYERS.

Scottish Transport Group (Castle Bay Pier) Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Scottish Transport Group (Castle Bay 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 (see Appendix).

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 (First Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-i].

European Secondary Legislation, &c.—Mr. Julius Silverman reported from the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 1st December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-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 November, in the last Session of Parliament.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 19-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 1st December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 35-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 1st December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-iii].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 1st December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 42-i].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Philippines) Order 1976 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 put, That—

(1) in view of the serious consequences of uncertainty for the industries concerned and for those employed in them, this House affirms the opinion expressed in its Resolution of 27th May 1976 in relation to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill introduced in the last Session of this Parliament that there should be no delay in the passage of legislation to provide for the vesting in bodies corporate established by authority of Parliament of the securities of certain companies engaged in manufacturing aircraft and guided weapons and of certain companies engaged in shipbuilding and allied industries, and accordingly the Order of 29th November that the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill of this Session is discharged and in relation to the proceedings on that Bill any Standing Orders relating to private business and consideration of the application of any such Standing Orders are dispensed with;

(2) in the event of the Bill being read a second time, it shall stand committed to a Committee of the whole House, and when the Order of the day is read for the House to resolve itself into the Committee on the Bill, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair without putting any Question, notwithstanding that Notice of an Instruction may have been given, and in the Committee on the 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 forthwith.—(Mr. Michael Foot);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Peter Snape : 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 268.

So the Question was agreed to.
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;

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 Second Reading of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries 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. James Hamilton, Mr. Joe Ashton : 301.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 256.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Second Reading of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill be now read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

And the Question being put;

The House proceeded to a Division.

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

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. A. W. Stallard : 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 279.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and was committed to a Committee of the whole House, pursuant to Order.

Committee this day.

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 proposed, 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 public 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 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) it is a loan guaranteed under section 10 of that Act; or

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

(v) the purpose of the loan is to pay off a previous loan which was itself an excluded loan by virtue of sub-paragraph (iv) 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. Secretary Varley);

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. Thomas Cox, Mr. Frank R. White: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather: 261.

So the Question was agreed to.

National Insurance Surcharge Bill,—Ordered, That in respect of the National Insurance Surcharge Bill, notices of Amendments, new Clauses and 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. Donald Coleman.)

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

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes to Two o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.40 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Wednesday 1st December 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Roads,—Copy of the Report for 1975 on roads in Scotland [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport,—Statement of determination of the salary payable on appointment to a member of the National Bus Company [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Eggs Authority,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Eggs Authority for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 106 (Chairmen’s Panel), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. A. P. Costain, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Ifor Davies, Mr. Peter Doig, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Alan Fitch, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Victor Goodhew, Mr. Arthur Jones, Sir Stephen McAdden, Mr. John Spence, and Sir Thomas Williams, to be members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

[No. 7.]

Thursday, 2nd December, 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.

Scottish Transport Group (Castle Bay Pier) Order Confirmation Bill.—The Scottish Transport Group (Castle Bay Pier) 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).

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

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Select Committee of Seven Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons to consider:

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

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

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

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

(i) that it imposes a charge on the public revenues or contains provisions requiring payments to be made to the Exchequer or any Government Department or to any local or public authority in consideration of any licence or consent or of any services to be rendered, or prescribes the amount of any such charge or payments;
(ii) that it is made in pursuance of any enactment containing specific provisions excluding it from challenge in the courts, either at all times or after the expiration of a specific period;
(iii) that it purports to have retrospective effect where the parent Statute confers no express authority so to provide;
(iv) that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in the publication or in the laying of it before Parliament;
(v) that there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in sending a notification under the proviso to subsection (1) of section 4 of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, where an instrument has come into operation before it has been laid before Parliament;
(vi) that there appears to be a doubt whether it is infra 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 or to be subject to proceedings in the Commons only; and that the Committee do not join with the Committee appointed by the Commons in considering any such instrument; that it be a further Instruction to the Committee that, before reporting that the special attention of the House be drawn to any instrument, the Committee do afford to any Government department concerned therewith an opportunity of furnishing orally or in writing to them or to any Sub-committee of the Committee such explanations as the department think fit; that the Joint Committee have leave to report from time to time.

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 appointment, in the next succeeding Session.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Gas) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 303) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Capital Transfer Tax (Relief for Agricultural Property) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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 that proposes to make small savings in public expenditure at the expense of increased hardship for an already disadvantaged section of society", instead thereof.—(Mr. Cyril Smith.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Stephen Ross: 26.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Joseph Harper: 172.

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. Peter Snape, Mr. Thomas Cox: 158.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Tom Litterick: 43.

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 (Commital 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 half-past Eleven o'clock or one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to social security, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State or a government department under that Act and of any increase attributable to that Act in the sums which, under any other Act, are payable out of money so provided;

(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any secondary Class I contributions under the Social Security Act 1975 which are payable in respect of an earner in consequence of his employment in an office of which the emoluments are payable out of that Fund;

(3) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums payable into it in pursuance of provisions of the said Act of the present Session relating to the payment of administrative expenses into that Fund out of the National Insurance Fund.—(Mr. Stanley Orme.)

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

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

Friday, 3rd December, 1976;

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.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Sound Broadcasting (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 25th November, relating to the 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. Donald Coleman.)

Lords Message considered accordingly.

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

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.
Procedure (Sessional Committee).—Ordered, That the matters of the calling of second Amendments, the method of raising points of order during Divisions, voting on Opposition Motions on Supply days and 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. Donald Coleman.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.30 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 2nd December 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 20th and 26th October 1976, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 48].

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th October 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 49].

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 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 45].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

European Communities (No. 26, 1976),—Copy of a Framework Agreement, signed at Ottawa on 6th July 1976, for commercial and economic co-operation between the European Communities and Canada [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1974, relating to construction [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


MEMORANDA

Thursday 2nd December 1976

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) (Philippines) Order 1976 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) Regulations 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. Peter Doig Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill, and of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) Amendment (Scotland) Order 1976 and the draft Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Amendment (Scotland) Order 1976; Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Health Services in Wales; Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1976 and the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1976; Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 and the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1976; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,
&c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1976, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) (No. 2) Order 1976, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Philippines) Order 1976 and the draft Regional Employment Premium (Variation of Amounts) Order 1976; Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Child Benefit (Miscellaneous Minor Amendments) Regulations 1976; Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) Regulations 1976, and Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 3) Order 1976.

[No. 81]
Friday, 3rd December, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Fishery Limits Bill.—The Fishery Limits Bill 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 upon Monday next.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend British fishery limits and make further provision in connection with sea fishing, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of expenses incurred by any government department in consequence of the provisions of the Act, being—
(a) expenses incurred in protecting British fisheries; or
(b) increased administrative expenses.—(Mr. E. S. Bishop.)

Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the matter of Health Services 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. Alf Bates.)

European Secondary Legislation, &c.,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th November 1974, relating to the appointment of the Select Committee on European Secondary Legislation, &c., be amended, as follows:

Line 4, leave out “ secondary ”;

Line 6, after “ Ministers ”, insert “ and other documents published for submission to the Council of Ministers or to the European Council whether or not such documents originate from the Commission ”.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

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 one minute past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Adjourned at 4.1 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 3rd December 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Miscellaneous (No. 32, 1976),—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Phosphate Commissioners for the year ended 30th June 1975 [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Millan:
Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th November 1976, entitled the North Sea Haddock (Prohibition of Fishing and Restrictions on Landing) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2023) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 1st December 1976, entitled the High Moor Mine (Cable Reel Shuttle Cars) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2052),
(2) dated 1st December 1976, entitled the Welbeck Mine (Winding) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2049), and
(3) dated 2nd December 1976, entitled the Thoresby Mine (Electric Lighting for Cinematography) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2056) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd December 1976, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2062) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

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

MEMORANDUM
Friday 3rd December 1976

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

EXAMINERS OF PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

In pursuance of Standing Order 69, Mr. Speaker appointed David Scott, Esquire, and Euan Douglas Graham, Esquire, to be Examiners of Petitions, for Private Bills.

[No. 9]

Monday, 6th December, 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 Boydén reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 6th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 25-ii].

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 6th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 29-ii].

Selection,—Mr Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Selection (Standing Committees).—Mr. Frederick Willey 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.

New Member sworn.—Robert Vidal Rhodes James, Esquire, Member for Cambridge, was sworn.

National Insurance Surcharge Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Insurance Surcharge 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. Peter Snape: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 278.

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. Joe Ashton.)

Committee to-morrow.

National Insurance Surcharge [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signed to the proposed Motion relating to National Insurance Surcharge [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to impose a surcharge, payable into the Consolidated Fund, on secondary Class 1 contributions under the Social Security Act 1975 and the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State and of any other department of the Government of the United Kingdom incurred for the purposes of that Act.—(Mr. Denzil Davies);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Peter Snape: 282.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 276.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to impose a surcharge, payable into the Consolidated Fund, on secondary Class 1 contributions under the Social Security Act 1975 and the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State and of any other department of the Government of the United Kingdom incurred for the purposes of that Act.

Quality of Water.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, recognising the existing duty of United Kingdom Water Authorities to provide sufficient and wholesome supplies of water, welcomes the EEC Draft Directive on the Quality of Water for Human Consumption (R/2098/75) and notes that it will not affect the extent to which authorities in the United Kingdom will need to enter premises to take samples—(Mr. Kenneth Marks);

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

Tuesday, 7th December, 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, recognising the existing duty of United Kingdom Water Authorities to provide sufficient and wholesome supplies of water, welcomes the EEC Draft Directive on the Quality of Water for Human Consumption (R/2098/75) and notes that it will not affect the extent to which authorities in the United Kingdom will need to enter premises to take samples.

Nationalised Industries.—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 15th November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries be amended, by leaving out Mr. Joe Ashton and inserting Mr. John Ellis.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
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-four minutes to One o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.36 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 6th December 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Supply Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1976-77,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1977 for Civil Departments [by Command]; to be printed [No. 10].

Supply Estimates (Supplementary Estimates) (Machinery of Government Changes), 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. 8].

Supply Estimates (Vote on Account), 1977-78,—Estimates showing the several services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1978 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 7].

Supply Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1976-77,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1977 for Defence Services [by Command]; to be printed [No. 9].

Supply Estimates (Vote on Account), 1977-78,—Estimate showing the several Defence Services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1978 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 6].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

National Debt,—Copy of Papers relative to the position, as at 31st March 1976, of certain funds left in trust for the reduction of the National Debt [by Command].

Value Added Tax,— Copies of Orders, dated 29th November 1976, entitled—

1. the Value Added Tax (Education) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2024),
2. the Value Added Tax (Food) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2025),
3. the Value Added Tax (Higher Rate) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2027),
4. the Value Added Tax (Machine Tools) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2026),
5. the Value Added Tax (Refund of Tax) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2028), and
6. The Value Added Tax (Sewerage Services and Water) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2029) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Fire Precautions,—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th November 1976, entitled—

1. the Fire Precautions (Application for Certificate) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2008), and


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 29th November 1976, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1976 [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of the Report on the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 13].
Mr. Secretary Shore:

Local Government,—Copies of Orders, dated 2nd December 1976, entitled—
(1) the Rate Support Grant Order 1976,
(2) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1976, and
(3) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2) Order 1976 [by Act].

Local Government,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st December 1976, entitled the Rate Support Grant Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2071) [by Act].

Local Government,—Copies of Reports on—
(1) the Rate Support Grant Order 1976,
(2) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1976, and
(3) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2) Order 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 26 to 28].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 1st December 1976, entitled—
(1) the Birch Coppice (No. 3 (Wood End) Shaft) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2047), and
(2) the Comrie Mine (No. 1 Shaft) (Automatic Shaft Signalling) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2045) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Selection (Chairmen’s Panel) (Parliament Act 1911),—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That, in pursuance of section 1(3) of the Parliament Act 1911 they had appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw and Sir Stephen McAdden 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. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had appointed Twenty-five 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. Harold Boardman, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. John H. Cordle, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Anthony Fell, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. John Forrester, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. David James, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. David Knox, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Michael O’Halloran, Mr. David Penhalligon, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Edwin Watrighth, Mr. Dennis Walters, Mr. David Watkins, and Mr. Jerry Wiggin.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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. Frederick Willey 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. Jim 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. Andrew Welsh, and Mr. James White.

Standing Orders Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey 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),
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 Sea Fishing Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1976 and the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1976, viz.: Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Norman Tebbit, 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 Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 and the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1976, viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Edwin Watkinson, Mr. Andrew Welsh, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

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 Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) Amendment (Scotland) Order 1976 and the draft Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Amendment (Scotland) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. T. E. D. Galbraith, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Grimond, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Frank McElhone, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. William Small, Mr. James White, and Mr. George Younger.

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 draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1976, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) (No. 2) Order 1976, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Philippines) Order 1976 and the draft Regional Employment Premium (Variation of Amounts) Order 1976, viz.: Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. R. B. Cant, Mr. John Cope, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Jack Dunnett, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. John Nott, Mr. Wm. Ross, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. David Stoddart, and Mr. John Wakeham.

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 Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) Regulations 1976, viz.: Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. R. E. Bean, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Marcus Lipton, Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, and Mr. David Young.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Anti-Dumping Duty
Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976, viz.: Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Mr. Malcolm Rijkind, Mr. Iain Sprout, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. Alexander Wilson, and Mr. George Younger.

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 Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Michael Brotherton, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. William Clark, Mr. John H. Cordle, Sir John Eden, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Sir Anthony Royle, and Mr. Dudley Smith.

Tuesday, 7th December, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee 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 7th December and 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. 31-ii]. Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-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 7th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-iv].

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 (First Report). Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 53].

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, that they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report). Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 32-ii].

House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 7th December to be printed [No. 55-i].

Business of the House,—Ordered, that, at this day's sitting, when the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill has been reported from the Committee on the Bill, no Order for Third Reading shall be made; at the conclusion of the proceedings on the suggested Amendments to the Bill or after the interruption of business under Standing Order No. 1,
whichever is the earlier, a Minister of the Crown may move, That the Bill be now read the third time; and the Third Reading of the Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Twelve o'clock. — (Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Herring Industry Board (Exchequer Loans) (No. 2) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr James Tinn.)

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.

(In the Committee)

The Chairman, pursuant to the Order of the House [1st December], put forthwith the Question, That the Chairman do report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House:—It was agreed to.

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

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries 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 Amendments to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill:

Clause 30, page 42, line 33, after “if”, insert—

“(a) it is a transaction the effect of which is to transfer or grant to any person any property or rights belonging to the company effecting the transfer, being property or rights used by the company in connection with the business of repairing, refitting or maintaining ships carried on by it at a place which is not a shipyard or other works in which the company had an interest in the possession on the initial date, or
(b)”.

Clause 31, page 44, line 46, at end insert—

“(dd) it is a transaction the effect of which is to transfer or grant to any person any property or rights belonging to the company effecting the transfer, being property or rights used by the company in connection with the business of repairing, refitting or maintaining ships carried on by it at a place which is not a shipyard or other works in which the company had an interest in the possession on the initial date; or”.

Clause 38, page 54, line 7, at end insert—

“( ) If, pursuant to a transaction falling within section 30(2)(a) or section 31(2)(dd) above, any property or rights such as are therein mentioned have been transferred by the company in question, then, for the purpose of determining, in accordance with subsection (1) above, the base value of the securities of the company, it shall be assumed that, immediately before each of the relevant days,—

(a) the property, rights or liabilities so transferred were not vested in the company, and

(b) in place of that property, those rights or liabilities, there were vested in the company funds equal to any consideration which passed to the company as a result of the property, rights or liabilities being so transferred.”

Clause 56, page 79, line 44, at end insert “or any factory, dry-dock, graving dock, or other premises or land situated in the United Kingdom in which an acquired company was entitled to an interest in possession or a licence to occupy and which on or at any time after the initial date was being used for repairing, refitting or maintaining ships unless—

(i) that factory, dry-dock, graving dock, those premises or that land is or are wholly appurtenant to the ship-building undertaking carried on at a shipyard or other works in which the acquired company had an interest in possession on 31st July 1974 or is or are mainly appurtenant to property or rights which are wholly appurtenant to that undertaking; or

(ii) that factory, dry-dock, graving dock, those premises, that land, that property or those rights, as the case may be, cannot reasonably be severed from the ship-building undertaking.”

Schedule 2, page 82, leave out lines 19 to 30.

Schedule 2, page 83, line 8, leave out “a ship repairing company.”.

Schedule 2, page 83, line 38, leave out paragraph 3.—(Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 281.

So the Question was negatived.
Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries 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 Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill:

Schedule 2, page 84, line 4, leave out “£3.4” and insert “£3,400”, instead thereof—(Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Thomas Cox: 283.

So the Question was negatived.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries 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 Amendments to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill:

Schedule 2, page 82, leave out lines 15 to 17.

Schedule 2, page 83, leave out lines 26 to 29 and insert “15,000 gross tons”, instead thereof.

Schedule 2, page 84, line 38, leave out “except in the case of a warship”.

Schedule 2, page 84, leave out lines 45 to 49.—(Mr. Anthony Nelson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Joe Ashton: 282.

So the Question was negatived.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman);

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 277.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill, as compared with the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill sent up to the House of Lords in the last Session, contained only such alterations as represent Amendments which were made by the House of Lords in the last Session.

European Legislation, &c.,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., be amended, by leaving out Mr. John Davies and inserting Mr. David Knox.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Race Relations and Immigration,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 14th January 1975 relating to the nomination of the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration be amended by adding Sir William Elliott.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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 Tuesday 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 twelve minutes to One o’clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.48 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 7th December 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated 2nd December 1976, entitled—

(1) the Import Duties (Certain Mediterranean Countries) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2078),
(2) the Import Duties (Egypt) (Reductions) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2079), and
(3) the Import Duties (General) (No. 10) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2077)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Broadcasting,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Command].


Telegraphs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th November 1976, entitled the Wireless Telegraphy (General Licence Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2031) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Mr. Secretary Millan:


Mr. Secretary Booth:

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th November 1976, entitled—
(1) the Factories Act 1961 etc. (Repeals) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2004),
(2) the Fire Certificates (Special Premises) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2003), and
(3) the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 etc. (Repeals) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2005)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Social Security,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Civil Aviation,—Copies of Regulations, dated 3rd December 1976, entitled—
(1) the Civil Aviation (Joint Financing) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2085), and
(2) the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2084)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Proposal for a draft Order in Council under Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974, entitled the Transport (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Command].
Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Police (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Act].

Weights and Measures.—Copies of Orders, dated 19th November 1976, entitled—
(1) the Weights and Measures (Pre-packed Milk in Vending Machines) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 352), and
(2) the Weights and Measures (Tea) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 351) [by Act].

Legal Aid and Advice.—Copies of Regulations, dated 17th November 1976, entitled—
(1) the Legal Advice (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 347),
(2) the Legal Advice (Assessment of Resources) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 343),
(3) the Legal Advice (Financial Conditions No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 344),
(4) the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 345), and
(5) the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 346) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety.—Copies of Regulations, dated 1st December 1976, entitled—
(1) the Bentinck Mine (Diesel Engine Stone Dusting Machine) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2046), and
(2) the Linby Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2048) [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 Herring Industry Board (Exchequer Loans) (No. 2) Order 1976 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Gas) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Capital Transfer Tax (Relief for Agricultural Property) (Northern Ireland) 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. John Wells Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1976, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) (No. 2) Order 1976, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) (Philippines) Order 1976 and the draft Regional Employment Premium (Variation of Amounts) Order 1976, in the place of Mr. Michael English.

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 106 (Chairmen’s Panel), Mr. Speaker nominated Mrs. Lena Jeger, Sir Donald Kaberry, Mr. R. Bonner Pink, and Mr. John Wells, to be additional members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

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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 30th 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.
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.:

- City of London (Various Powers),
- Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies,
- Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited,
- Immediate Transportation (Delivery Warrants),
- International Planned Parenthood Federation,
- Kensington and Chelsea Corporation,
- Neath Borough Council,
- North West Water Authority,
- University of London,
- West Midlands County Council;

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

- Australia and New Zealand Banking Group,
- British Railways,
- British Transport Docks,
- Greater London Council (General Powers),
- London Hydraulic Power,
- London Transport,
- Merseyside Passenger Transport,
- Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge),
- St. Paul's Playing Field (Trust).

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

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-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 8th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 35-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 8th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-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 B on 8th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 52-i].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 8th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 42-ii].

Privileges,—Mr. George Strauss reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom were referred the matters of the complaint 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 of the complaint by Sir Paul Bryan, Member for Howden, of words contained in a document issued by the Social Democratic Alliance, That they had considered the matters to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 58].
Closure claimed.

Assent withheld.

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Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr. Ior Davies reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, that they had considered the matter of Health Services in Wales, referred to them on 25th November, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 63].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1976 and the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1976, referred to a Committee on 25th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 61].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 and the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1870), referred to a Committee on 25th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 60].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) Amendment (Scotland) Order 1976 and the draft Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Amendment (Scotland) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 25th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 62].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Child Benefit (Miscellaneous Minor Amendments) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1758), referred to a Committee on 29th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 59].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1866), referred to a Committee on 29th November.

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

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1906), referred to a Committee on 29th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 57].

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

Sound 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; that the Joint Committee have leave to report from time to time; and that the Proceedings of the Joint Committee on Sound Broadcasting in the last Session of Parliament be referred to the Joint Committee.

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

Business of the House (National Insurance Surcharge Bill).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, 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 National Insurance Surcharge Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting—

(Mr. James Tinn):—Debate arising.

Mr. Cyril Smith 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;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart: 256.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. John Corrie: 240.
So the Question was agreed to.

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 National Insurance Surcharge Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting.

Northern Ireland Committee.—Ordered, That the matter of the Proposal for a draft Transport (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 and other road and rail transport matters in Northern Ireland be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Surcharge on secondary Class 1 contributions).
Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 1, line 16, to leave out “2” and insert “1”.—(Mr. John MacGregor.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Corrie, Sir George Young: 229.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Peter Snape: 245.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed in page 2, line 31, to leave out subsection (6).—(Mr. John Cope.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Short title and application to Crown).
Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 3, line 24, to leave out the word “Insurance” and insert the words “Payroll Tax”.—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley.)

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

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Joe Ashton reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

A Motion being made, That the National Insurance Surcharge Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Joel Barnett, 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. Joe Ashton: 244.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. Michael Roberts: 233.
So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Money Bill within the meaning of the Mr. Speaker’s Certificate.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 10.48 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 8th December 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 6th December 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 26) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2096) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Press.—Copy of a Report of the Royal Commission on the Press, entitled Industrial Relations in the National Newspaper Industry, including a Report by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service [by Command].
Charities.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Charities (Hospital and Educational Foundation of Lady Katherine Leveson, Temple Balsall) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th November 1976, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General) (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2022) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Violence in Marriage.—Copy of Government Observations on the Report from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, Session 1974–75 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Airports Authority.—Statement of determination of the pensions payable to two former members of the British Airports Authority [by Act].

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th December 1976, entitled the Anti-Dumping ( Provisional Charge to Duty) (No. 5) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2098) [by Act].

Insurance.—Copies of Regulations, dated 30th November 1976, entitled—
(1) the Insurance Companies (Accounts and Forms) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2040), and
(2) the Insurance Companies (Valuation of Assets) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2039)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Industrial Organisation and Development.—Copy of the Accounts of the British Cast Iron Research Association for the year ended 30th June 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Development.—Copy of the Report of the Development Commissioners for the three years ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 11].

Public Health.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd November 1976, entitled the Oil Fuel ( Sulphur Content of Gas Oil) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1988) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Health and Safety.—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 1st December 1976, entitled the Blidworth Mine (Winding) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2050),
(2) 1st December 1976, entitled the Brodsworth Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2051), and
(3) 7th December 1976, entitled the Markham Mine (Shafts) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2087)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Legal Aid and Advice.—Copy of the Report of the Law Society on the operation and finance of the Legal Aid Act 1974, with the Report of the Lord Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Legal Aid, for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 12].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, viz.: Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Keith Hampson, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Michael O’Halloran, Mr. Stanley Orme, Mr. David Price, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. A. W. Stallard, and Sir George Young.

Northern Ireland Committee.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Eight Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Proposal for a draft Transport (Northern Ireland) Order and other road and rail transport matters in Northern Ireland, viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. David James, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Airey Neave, and Mr. van Straubenzee.

Selection (Committee on Unopposed Bills) (Panel).—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from 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) Miss Janet Fookes; and had appointed in substitution Sir John Langford-Holt.

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 Herring Industry Board (Exchequer Loans) (No. 2) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Patrick Wall, Mr. Frank R. White, and Mr. George Younger.

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 Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Gas) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, the Reverend Robert Bradlow, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Ted Fletcher, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Airey Neave, Mr. McCusker, Mr. Michael O’Halloran, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, and Mr. Wm. Ross.

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 draft Capital Transfer Tax (Relief for Agricultural Property) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. R. B. Cant, Mr. John Carson, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. John Dunlop, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Airey Neave, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. George Park, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, and Mr. Wm. Ross.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 8th December 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 A in respect of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill; Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Herring Industry Board (Exchequer Loans) (No. 2) Order 1976; Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Gas) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976; Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Capital Transfer Tax (Relief for Agricultural Property) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976; Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1976; Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976; and Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Proposal for a draft Transport (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 and other road and rail transport matters in Northern Ireland.
Thursday, 9th December, 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.

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

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 statistics relating to Overseas Trade of the United Kingdom for each month during the year 1977. —(Mr. Michael Meacher.)

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1976, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) (No. 2) Order 1976, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Philippines) Order 1976 and the draft Regional Employment Premium (Variation of Amounts) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 25th November and 1st December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 64].

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 Appropriation (No. 3) (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. —(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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

Public Accounts,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth 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. 6654 and 6653).—(Mr. Edward du Cann.)

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 8th November 1976 in the last Session of Parliament, be approved. (Mr. James A. Dunn); And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 10th December, 1976:

And it being half-past Twelve o’clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order:—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 8th November 1976 in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Supplementary Benefits (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1781), a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th November 1976 in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn).

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Noxious Weeds (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 12th November 1976 in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn).

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Industrial Relations (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 9th November 1976 in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

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) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1976 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 5th July 1976 in the last Session of Parliament—(Mr. James Tinn):—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) (Republic of Ireland) (No. 2) Order 1976 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 4th November 1976 in the last Session of Parliament—(Mr. James Tinn):—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) (Philippines) Order 1976 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 4th November 1976 in the last Session of Parliament—(Mr. James Tinn):—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.

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 (Variation of Amounts) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 5th November 1976 in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr. James Tinn):—It was agreed to.

Sound Broadcasting.—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message yesterday as relates to the appointment of a Committee to consider the implementation of the Resolution 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 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 Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. William Price, and Mrs. Ann Taylor, be members of the Committee.

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.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence and Memoranda reported from the Joint Committee on Sound Broadcasting, on 15th November 1976 in the last Session of Parliament, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

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

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 five minutes to Two o’clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.55 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 9th December 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties.—Copies of Orders, dated 2nd December 1976, entitled—

(1) the Import Duties (Israel) (Reductions) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2053), and

(2) the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 25) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2054)

[by Act].
National Debt.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th December 1976, entitled the Post Office Register (Trustee Savings Banks) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2100) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Representation of the People,—Copies of Regulations, dated 30th November 1976, entitled—
1. the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1976, and
2. the Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Economic and Financial (Miscellaneous No. 31, 1976).—Copy of a Customs Convention, signed at Brussels on 6th October 1960, on the temporary importation of packings (the United Kingdom has not acceded to the Convention) [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Agricultural Research Council,—Copy of the Report of the Agricultural Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 14].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Building and Buildings.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th October 1976, entitled the Building Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1676) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Representation of the People,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd December 1976, entitled the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 [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 1976-77 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 46].

EXAMINERS OF PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

In pursuance of Standing Order 69, Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Robert William Arney Speed, C.B., Q.C., and Thomas George Talbot, Esquire, C.B., Q.C., to be Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

[No. 13.]

Friday, 10th December, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (British fishery limits).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 10, to leave out from the word "Council" to the word "declare" in line 12.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 22, to leave out the words "Subject to section 10(2)(b) below".—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 1, line 25, at the end, to add the words—

"(6) No Order in Council shall be made under subsection (2) unless a draft thereof has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament".—(Mr. Walter Clegg.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Access to British fisheries).

Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 2, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that no such order may be made in respect of any area within 50 miles of the baselines from which fishery limits are measured for the purposes of subsection (1) of section 1 of this Act".—(Mr. Hamish Watt.)

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

An Amendment (No. 16) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Licensing of fishing boats).

An Amendment (No. 18) made.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed, in page 4, line 10, at the end, to insert the words "and detailing any method of fishing at present held to be illegal or which may be declared illegal in future by any Order laid before Parliament".—(Sir John Gilmour.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 28) proposed, in page 4, line 40, at the end, to insert the words "but the said licensing powers shall not be used to introduce a system of general licensing of boats or skippers".—(Mr. Grimond.)

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Extension of power to regulate conduct of fishing operations).

An Amendment (No. 37) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 5 to 12 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 (Revised penalties for offences).

Amendment (No. 36) proposed, in page 9, line 10, at the end, to insert the words "and/or forfeiture of any fishing instrument used, or sea fish taken, in contravention of, or found in the possession of a person contravening, any byelaws".—(Mr. Grimond.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 2 to 4 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 amended, in page 3, line 1, by leaving out the words “for fishing by
such boats”, and in page 3, line 3, by inserting, at the end, the words “for fishing by
such boats for the purpose of scientific research.”

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Sea Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to
Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That
the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1976, a copy of which
was laid before this House on 15th November 1976 in the last Session of Parliament,
be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Sea Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to
Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That
the Fishing Vessels ( Acquisition and Improvement ) ( Grants ) ( Variation ) Scheme 1976,
a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th November 1976 in the last Session
of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—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 and Horticulture Development ( Amendment ) (No. 2) Regulations 1976, a draft
of which was laid before this House on 17th November 1976 in the last Session of
Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—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 Capital Grant ( Variation ) (No. 2) Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1870), a copy
of which was laid before this House on 17th November 1976 in the last Session of
Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Community Land.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to
Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That
the Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities ( Compensation ) Amendment ( Scotland )
Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 28th October 1976 in the last Session
of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Community Land.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to
Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That
the Acquisition from the Crown ( Grants ) Amendment ( Scotland ) Order 1976, a draft of
which was laid before this House on 28th October 1976 in the last Session of Parliament,
be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—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 ( No. 3 ) Order 1976 ( S.I., 1976, No. 1906), a copy of which
was laid before this House on 15th November 1976 in the last Session of Parliament,
be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes past
Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 3.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 10th December 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties.— Copies of Orders, dated—
(1) 2nd December 1976, entitled the Import Duties ( Spain ) ( Reductions )
(Amendment No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2072),
(2) 2nd December 1976, entitled the Import Duties ( Turkey ) ( Reductions and
Exemptions ) ( Amendment ) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2073), and
(3) 9th December 1976, entitled the import Duties ( Temporary Reductions and
Exemptions ) ( No. 27 ) Order 1976 ( S.I., 1976, No. 2113)
by Act.

National Debt.—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th December 1976, entitled the Savings
Certificates ( Amendment ) ( No. 2 ) Regulations 1976 ( S.I., 1976, No. 2111 ) [by Act].

Savings Banks.—Copy of an Order, dated 9th December 1976, entitled the National
Savings Bank ( Interest on Ordinary Deposits ) Order 1976 ( S.I., 1976, No. 2112 ) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Rees:

Representation of the People.—Copy of an Order, dated 30th November 1976, entitled the Representation of the People Act 1969 (Commencement No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2064) [by Act].

Representation of the People.—Copies of Rules, dated 30th November 1976, entitled—
(1) the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (Amendment) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2066),
(2) the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Amendment) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2065), and
(3) the Parish and Community Meetings (Polls) (Amendment) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2067)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

European Communities (No. 29, 1976).—Copy of a Report on developments in the European Communities during the period from 1st May to 30th November 1976 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Sea Fisheries.—Copies of Orders, dated 6th December 1976, entitled—
(1) the Herring By-Catch (Restrictions on Landing) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2094), and
(2) the Herring (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2095)
[by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:


Mr. Secretary Booth:

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd December 1976, entitled the Winsford Rock Salt Mine (No. 3 Shaft) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2075) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Trade.—Return to an Address to Her Majesty of 9th December for a Return of Statistics relating to Overseas Trade of the United Kingdom for each month during the year 1977.

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 9th December 1976, entitled the Customs Duties Quota Relief (Administration) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2105) [by Act].

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 6th December 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (Phosphorus) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2076) [by Act].

Tourism.—Statement of determination of the salary payable on appointment to two part-time members of the English Tourist Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Prices.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Post Office) Order 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Morris:

Industrial Development.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th December 1976, entitled the Welsh Development Agency (Compensation) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2107) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Weights and Measures.—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd December 1976, entitled the Weights and Measures (Weighing Equipment for Use by Customers) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2061) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic.— Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 23rd November 1976, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1977), and
(2) 6th December 1976, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2089)
[by Act].
Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th December 1976, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2088) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. John Silkin:

Agriculture.—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 1st December 1976, entitled the Beef Cow Subsidy Payment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2058), and
(2) a Scheme, dated 1st December 1976, entitled the Beef Cow Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2057)
[by Act].

Food and Drugs.—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 2nd December 1976, entitled the Milk (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2059),
(2) an Order, dated 2nd December 1976, entitled the Milk (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2060), and
[by Act].

[No. 14.]

Monday, 13th December, 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).

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 December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 29-iii].

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 13th December.

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

Scotland and Wales Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scotland and Wales Bill;

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

The Prime Minister 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 proposed:—Debate arising:

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Scotland and Wales Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until Twelve o’clock.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Scotland and Wales Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Scotland and Wales Bill be now read a second time:—Debate resumed;

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 14th December, 1976:
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 past Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.28 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on 10th December 1976 pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1976, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (No. 6) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2115) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copies of Orders, dated—
1. 9th December 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 7) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2108), and
2. 10th December 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (Paper, Paperboard and Printed Products) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2116) [by Act].

Transport,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th December 1976, entitled the British Railways Board (Funding of Pension Schemes) (No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2117) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 13th December 1976:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Census,—Copies of the New County Reports of the Census 1971, relating to—
1. Gloucestershire, and
2. Somerset
as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Nature Conservancy Council,—Copy of the Report of the Nature Conservancy Council for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 44].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd December 1976, entitled the Mines and Quarries (Metrication) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2063) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th December 1976, entitled the Bread Prices (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2128) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:
Statutory Instruments (Notifications),—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 Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (No. 6) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2115).

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Civil Aviation (Consolidation of Enactments),—Memorandum by the Lord Chancellor proposing corrections and minor improvements in certain enactments relating to civil aviation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 65].
Tuesday, 14th December, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Income Tax.—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, that their Address of 9th 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 (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1976, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Ireland) (No. 2) Order 1976 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Philippines) Order 1976, 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 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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 14th December and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-iiv].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-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 14th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 36-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 (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 32-iii].

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 14th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 67-i].

Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, that they had considered the Returning Officers (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. 71].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, that the draft Charities (Hospital and Education Foundation of Lady Katherine Leveson, Temple Balsall) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, that the Value Added Tax (Food) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2025) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

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

Civil Estimates, 1977-78 (Vote on Account).—Resolved, that a sum, not exceeding £13,301,368,000, 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 1978, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 7.
Civil Supplementary Estimates, 1976-77.—Resolved, That a further Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,281,586,000, 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 1977 for expenditure on Civil Services, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 8 and 10.

Defence Estimates, 1977-78 (Vote on Account).—Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £2,521,971,000, 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 1978, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 6.

Defence Supplementary Estimates, 1976-77.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further Supplementary sum, not exceeding £517,309,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges which come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1977 for expenditure on Defence Services, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 9;

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sum be reduced by £272,859,000 in respect of Votes 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.—(Mr. Ron Thomas):—Debate arising;

Mr. Walter Harrison rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Sydney Bidwell: 51.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Peter Snape: 299.

So the Question was negatived.

And the original Question being put;

Resolved, That a further Supplementary sum, not exceeding £517,309,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges which come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1977 for expenditure on Defence Services, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 9.

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. 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 1977 and 1978: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 12].

Scotland and Wales Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That the Scotland and Wales Bill 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.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Scotland and Wales Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Scotland and Wales Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Scotland and Wales Bill be now read a second time:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

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

Debate to be resumed this day.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to Seven o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.
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APPENDIX

Tuesday 14th December 1976

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 1976, 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 1976 (No. 1).

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland), — Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 18th November 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (by Act); to be printed (No. 69).

Iron and Steel, — Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 12th November 1976 on loans raised by the British Steel Corporation (by Act); to be printed (No. 70).

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Treaty Series (No. 107, 1976), — Copy of a Consular Convention, signed at Prague on 3rd April 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (by Command).


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Representation of the People, — Copy of Regulations, dated 10th December 1976, entitled the Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (by Act).


Mr. Secretary Mulley:


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise, — Copy of Regulations, dated 14th December 1976, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) Relief Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2130) (by Act).

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. John Silkin:

Agricultural Marketing, — Copy of the Report on Agricultural Marketing Schemes for the period 1974-75 (by Act); to be printed (No. 40).

Forestry, — Copy of the Report of the Forestry Commissioners for the year ended 31st March 1976 (by Act).

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

Supreme Court of Judicature, — Copy of Rules, dated 7th December 1976, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment No. 3) 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2097) (by Act).

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1976 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Value Added Tax (Food) Order 1976 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Charities (Hospital and Educational Foundation of Lady Katherine Leveson, Temple Balsall) Order 1976 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
Wednesday, 15th December, 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).

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.

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-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 15th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 35-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 15th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-vi].

Overseas Development,—Sir Bernard Braine 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 the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 72].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Herring Industry Board (Exchequer Loans) (No. 2) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 7th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 75].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Capital Transfer Tax (Relief for Agricultural Property) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 7th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 73].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1764), referred to a Committee on 29th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 74].
Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Post Office) Order 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Education) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2024) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Scotland and Wales Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th December, That the Scotland and Wales Bill be now read a second time;

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

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1872), dated 9th November 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th November 1976 in the last Session of Parliament, be annulled.—(Mr. Norman Fowler);

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker put the Question forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 4 (Statutory Instruments, &c. (procedure)).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, Mr. David Knox: 51.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper: 65.

So the Question was negatived.

Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Returning Officers (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. 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);

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

Thursday, 16th December, 1976:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes past Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

| Adjourned at 12.5 a.m. |

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 15th December 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise,—Copies of Orders, dated 15th December 1976, entitled—

(1) the Surcharge on Revenue Duties Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2133), and

(2) the Tobacco Products Duty (Increase) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2134) [by Act].

Savings Banks,—Draft of a Warrant, entitled the National Savings Stock Register (Registrar's Fees) Warrant 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

International Labour Conference,—Copy of a Statement of proposed action by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on three Conventions and three Recommendations adopted at the 60th Session of the International Labour Conference 1975 and on one Convention and one Recommendation adopted at the 61st Session of the International Labour Conference 1976 [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Child Health Services,—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Child Health Services, entitled Fit for the Future [by Command].

Health Service Commissioner,—Copy of the First Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1976-77 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 21].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Mineral Exploration and Investment Grants,—Report by the Secretary of State for Industry on the discharge of his functions under the Mineral Exploration and Investment Grants Act 1972 for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 4].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Monopolies and Mergers,—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the supply of indirect electrostatic reprographic equipment [by Act]; to be printed [No. 47].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th December 1976, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2155) [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 White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Walter Clegg, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Tom Torney, and Mr. Patrick Wall.

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 Value Added Tax (Food) Order 1976 and the Value Added Tax (Education) Order 1976, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Bryan Davies, Sir William Elliott, Mr. David Howell, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. Bryan Magee, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. van Straubenzee, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

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 draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Post Office) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Daniel Awdry, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mr. George Grant, Mr. Michael Hamilton, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Leslie Huckfield, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. James Sillars, Mr. Tom Urwin, and Mr. Frank R. White.

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 Charities (Hospital and Educational Foundation of Lady Katherine Leveson, Temple Balsall) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. Percy Grieve, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Marcus Lipton, Mr. Edward Lyons, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Roger Sims, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, and Mr. John Watkinson.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 15th December 1976

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Post Office) Order 1976 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the Value Added Tax (Education) Order 1976 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
Thursday, 16th December, 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.

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

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee II (at a meeting held concurrently with Sub-Committee A of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities) on 16th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 76-i].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. Michael English reported from the Northern Ireland Committee, That they had considered the matter of the Proposal for a draft Transport (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 and other road and rail transport matters in Northern Ireland, referred to them on 8th December, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 77].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Scottish Transport Group (Castle Bay Pier) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

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, &c., Bills.

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

Scotland and Wales Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th December, That the Scotland and Wales 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:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. James Hamilton: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 247.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Committee to-morrow.

Scotland and Wales [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Scotland and Wales [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for changes in the government of Scotland and Wales, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment of any sums out of moneys provided by Parliament; and

(2) any charge on or payment out of or into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Meat,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the draft EEC directive on Intra-Community Trade in Meat Products contained in COM(71)288 and welcomes the Government's intention to press for the acceptance of Environmental Health Officers as supervising and certifying officers for the processing of meat products for intra-community trade.—(Mr. Eric Deakins.)
Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea and Dumping of Waste at Sea.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/1146/76 and R/105/76 on Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea and Dumping of Waste at Sea—(Mr. E. S. Bishop);

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

Friday, 17th December, 1976:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/1146/76 and R/105/76 on Pollution of the Mediterranean Sea and Dumping of Waste at Sea.

Conduct of Members,—Ordered, That Mr. Leon Brittan be discharged from the Select Committee on Conduct of Members and that Mr. Patrick Mayhew be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Violence in the Family,—Ordered, That Mr. Patrick Mayhew be discharged from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family and that Mr. Ian Grist be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.50 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 16th December 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

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 1976; the assets and liabilities of the Consolidated Fund and of the National Loans Fund at the beginning and the end of the year; and the contingent liabilities of the Consolidated Fund [by Act]: to be printed [No. 39].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Arms and Ammunition.—Copy of an Order, dated 16th December 1976, entitled the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2157) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

European Communities (No. 28, 1976),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 14th July 1976, between the European Economic Community and Barbados, concerning cane sugar [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Arms and Ammunition.—Copy of an Order, dated 16th December 1976, entitled the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2158) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Open Spaces,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Royal and other Parks and Gardens Regulations 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th December 1976, entitled the Petroleum Stocks Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2162) [by Act].
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund,—Accounts showing payments into and out of the Consolidated Fund and the National Loans Fund in the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 38].

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Copy of Rules, dated 27th October 1976, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (No. 3) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 363) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Scottish Standing Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Hanish Gray, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Tom McMillan, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Alexander Wilson, and Mr. George Younger.

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. David Howell (appointed in respect of the Value Added Tax (Food) Order 1976 and the Value Added Tax (Education) Order 1976) and had appointed in substitution Sir John Hall.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 16th December 1976

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

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 Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1976; Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Food) Order 1976 and the Value Added Tax (Education) Order 1976; Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Post Office) Order 1976; and Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Charities (Hospital and Educational Foundation of Lady Katherine Leveson, Temple Balsall) Order 1976.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Gas) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 in the place of Sir Donald Kaberry.

Friday, 17th December, 1976.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 18th November in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Mason.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Police (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 7th December, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)
Skimmed Milk.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/2866/76 on Skimmed Milk—(Mr. E. S. Bishop);

The Question was amended, at the end, by adding the words “but regretts that the high level of stocks of milk powder make this measure necessary, and urges the Government to secure a modification of the CAP in order to avoid continual creation of such structural surpluses.”—(Mr. Nigel Spearing)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/2866/76 on Skimmed Milk, but regretts that the high level of stocks of milk powder make this measure necessary, and urges the Government to secure a modification of the CAP in order to avoid the continual creation of such structural surpluses.

Capital Transfer 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 Capital Transfer Tax (Relief for Agricultural Property) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th November, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Sea Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Herring Industry Board (Exchequer Loans) (No. 2) Order 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th November, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged from considering the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1825).—(Mr. Thomas Cox)

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 17th December 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Justices of the Peace,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th December 1976, entitled the Justices’ Allowances (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2118) [by Act].

Probation and After-Care,—Copy of Rules, dated 9th December 1976, entitled the Probation (Allowances) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2119) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Maplin Development Authority,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Maplin Development Authority for the period 1st April 1975 to 22nd November 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

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 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 30].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Monday, 20th December, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Private Bill Petitions.—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petitions for the following Bills the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.: —

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge).
University of London.

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 20th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 25-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 General Sub-Committee on 20th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 7941.

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 20th December.

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

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Wiley reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix I).

Business of the House (Order of Business).—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of the Order relating to Business of the House [25th November], any Motion relating to a Memorial to Earl Attlee may be proceeded with at this day's sitting before the Private Members' Notices of Motions provided for in that Order, and that notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 6 (Precedence of government business) the proceedings on Private Members' Motions, if not previously concluded, shall not lapse until a period after Seven o'clock equivalent to the duration of proceedings upon that Motion.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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. Ted Graham.)

Memorial to Earl Attlee,—Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will direct that a memorial be erected within the precincts of the Palace of Westminster to the memory of the late Right Honourable the Earl Attlee, K.G., P.C., O.M., C.H., and assuring Her Majesty that this House will make good the expense attending 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.

Government Burdens on Industry and Commerce.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House urges the Government to alleviate the growing burdens imposed on businesses by official regulations and requirements—(Mr. Ian Stewart);

And it being twenty-six minutes past Seven o'clock, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to the Order this day.

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 Tuesday 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 the Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 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. 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.

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 87A (Consolidation, &c., Bills) be amended as follows:

Line 2, leave out from “Members” to “to” in line 4.

Line 33, at end add “(3) Two shall be the Quorum of the Committee”.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 16th December relating to the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

The Committee to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills was nominated of Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Edward Lyons, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. William Wilson, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

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 this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes to Eleven o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 10.39 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday, 20th December, 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

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 1976 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Report containing statistical information relating to bookmakers’ permits, betting agency permits and betting office licences for England, Wales and Scotland for the year ended 31st May 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 50].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Children and Young Persons,—Copy of the Report by the Secretaries of State for Social Services and for Wales on social services for children in England and Wales for 1973, 1974, and 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 68].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th December 1976, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (No. 7) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2177) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Mr. Leslie Huckfield from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (nominated in respect of the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Post Office) Order 1976); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bob Cryer.

[No. 20.]

Tuesday, 21st December, 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 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 a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-vi].

Members' Interests,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Members' Interests, 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. 84].

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 (Fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 32-iv].

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 21st December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 67-ii].

Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 14].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 80].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 10th December.

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

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Value Added Tax (Food) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2025) and the Value Added Tax (Education) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2024), referred to a Committee on 14th and 15th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 81].
Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Post Office) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 15th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 82].

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Fishery Limits Bill, with an Amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Fishery Limits Bill,—Lords Amendment to the Fishery Limits Bill to be printed [Bill 15].

Reduction of Redundancy Rebates Bill,—Mr. Secretary Booth, supported by Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. Harold Walker, and Mr. John Golding, presented a Bill to reduce the rebates payable under section 30 of the Redundancy Payments Act 1965 and under section 40 of the Contracts of Employment and Redundancy Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 1965; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 13].

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

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Eleven o'clock and the consideration of any Lords Amendments to Bills which may be received may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

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

Mr. Douglas Henderson rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Ian Mikardo and Mr. Alexander Lyon 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.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Alexander Lyon: 51.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. David Stoddart: 219.

So the Question was negatived.

Customs and Excise,—Resolved, That the Tobacco Products Duty (Increase) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2134), a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th December, be approved.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Customs and Excise,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Surcharge on Revenue Duties Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2133), a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th December, be approved.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Joe Ashton: 265.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. Andrew Welsh: 16.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Surcharge on Revenue Duties Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2133), a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th December, be approved.

Fishery Limits Bill,—Ordered, That the Lords Amendment to the Fishery Limits Bill be now considered.—(Mr. E. S. Bishop.)

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the said Amendment; and the same was agreed to.

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

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

Tuesday 21st December 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Community Relations,—Copy of the Report of the Community Relations Commission for the period 1st July 1975 to 30th November 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 51].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Treaty Series (No. 41, 1976).—Copy of Notes exchanged at Quito on 7th August 1975, concerning a development loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Republic of Ecuador (United Kingdom/Ecuador Loan 1975) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 111, 1976).—Copy of an Agreement on an international energy Programme, signed at Paris on 18th November 1974 [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th December 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 8) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2179) [by Act].

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 Capital Annuities Limited [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Explosives,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th November 1976, entitled the Explosives (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 369) [by Statutory Instrument].

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

Supreme Court (Accounts).—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the High Court and the Court of Appeal for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 66].

[No. 21.1

Wednesday, 22nd December, 1976.

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

PRAYERS.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The Anglian Water Authority 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).

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 22nd December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-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 (First Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 88].

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. 89].

Part of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 22nd December to be printed [No. 89].
Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Memoranda submitted to the General Purposes Sub-Committee.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 89].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund Bill, without Amendment.

New Towns (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Millan presented a Bill to make provision as respects the revocation or variation of orders made under section 1, 2 or 5(l) of the New Towns (Scotland) Act 1968; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 16].

Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill.—Mr. John Page, supported by Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. John Farr, and Mr. Julian Ridsdale, presented a Bill to provide for the registration of insurance brokers and for the regulation of their professional standards; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 28th January and to be printed [Bill 17].

Employee Investment Bill.—Mr. Julian Ridsdale, supported by Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, Mr. Brian Walden, Mr. Peter Hordern, Nick Badgen, Mr. L. R. Fletcher, Mr. Keith Stainston, Mr. David James, Mr. Michael Marshall, and Mr. Derek Maxwell, presented a Bill to encourage companies to extend investment in the ownership of their shares to employees; to regulate the terms, conditions and extent of such investment including the liability to tax of the companies and employees; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 4th February and to be printed [Bill 18].

Passenger Vehicles (Educational and Other Purposes) Bill.—Mr. David Hunt, supported by Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. John Watkinson, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Malcolm Rilkkind, Mr. Paul Dean, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. James Scott-Hopkins, and Mr. John MacGregor, presented a Bill to make provision for the use of certain motor vehicles by bodies concerned with education, with churches, with social welfare or with other activities for the benefit of the community; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th February and to be printed [Bill 19].

Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill.—Mr. Stephen Ross, supported by Mr. David Steel, Mr. Peter Walker, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Andrew Welsh, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. David Knox, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Nicholas Scott, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Fred Evans, and Mrs. Gwyneth Dwnwoody, presented a Bill to make further provision as to the functions of local authorities with respect to persons who are homeless or threatened with homelessness; to provide for the giving of assistance to voluntary organisations concerned with homelessness by the Secretary of State and local authorities; to repeal section 25 of the National Assistance Act 1948; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th February and to be printed [Bill 20].

Abortion (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. W. Benyon, supported by Mr. Frederick Willey, Mr. James White, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Leo Abse, Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Sir Bernard Brainne, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mrs. Margaret Bain, and the Reverend Robert Bradford, presented a Bill to amend the Abortion Act 1967, and to make further provision with respect to the termination of pregnancy and matters consequential thereon: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th February and to be printed [Bill 21].

Protection of Children Bill.—Mr. Geraint Howells, supported by Mr. Cleodwn Hughes, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Malcolm Rilkkind, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. James Kiffedder, Mr. Tony Newman, Mr. Tom Ellis, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Cyril Smith, and Mr. Terry Walker, presented a Bill to enable a person other than the parent to claim child benefit or any other benefits or allowances payable in respect of a child, in circumstances where the child is living with that person and one parent; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 4th March and to be printed [Bill 22].

Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Dudley Smith, supported by Mr. Geoffrey Rippon, Mr. Frederick Willey, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. David Ginsburg, Mr. Michael Marshall, and Mr. Kenneth Lewis, presented a Bill to amend the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 as respects stop notices and the provision of information to the Secretary of State for the Environment and local authorities; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 23].
Rentcharges Bill.—Mr. Fred Evans, supported by Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Frank Hutton, Mike Noble, George Rodgers, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Terry Walker, Mr. John Watkinson, Mr. Joseph Dean, and Mr. Ted Garrett, presented a Bill to prohibit the creation and provide for the extinguishment, apportionment and redemption, of certain rentcharges: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th February and to be printed [Bill 24].

Building Societies (Reorganisation and Nationalisation) Bill.—Mr. John Ryman, supported by Mr. Max Madden, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Ivor Clemenson, J. W. Rooker, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Ted Leadbeater, Mr. James Sillars, and Mr. Norman Buchan, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a British Building Societies Corporation; to make provision with respect to the staff and functions of the Corporation; to provide for the transfer to the Corporation of all property, securities and other assets, rights, obligations, and liabilities of building societies; to amend the law on the activities carried on hitherto by building societies under the Building Societies Acts; to make provision for compensation; to make provision for the existing staff of building societies; and for purposes connected with the aforesaid matters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 4th March and to be printed [Bill 25].

Road Traffic Act 1960 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Tom Bradley, supported by Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Richard Mitchell, and Mr. Michael English, presented a Bill to amend the Road Traffic Act 1960, with respect to road service licences: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th February and to be printed [Bill 26].

Clean Air (Places of Entertainment) Bill.—Mr. Roger Sims, supported by Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Sir George Young, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. McCusker, Mr. Datydd Wigley, and Mr. George Thompson, presented a Bill to provide for the control of smoking in places of public entertainment; to require the provision of non-smoking facilities in such places, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 28th January and to be printed [Bill 27].

Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. William Whitelaw, supported by Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Michael Hamilton, Mr. Peter Rees, and Mr. Nicholas Ridley, presented a Bill to amend the Firearms Act 1968 with respect to the duration of firearm certificates and shot-gun certificates: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 28th January and to be printed [Bill 28].

Avoidance of Liability (England and Wales) Bill.—Mr. Michael Ward, supported by Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Robin Corbett, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Richard Luce, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mr. Alan Lee Williams, presented a Bill to impose further limits on the extent to which civil liability for breach of contract, or for negligence, or other duty can, under the law of England and Wales, be avoided by means of contract terms and otherwise: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 28th January and to be printed [Bill 29].

Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, supported by Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Datydd Wigley, and Mr. Russell Johnston, presented a Bill to amend the Firearms Act 1968 in respect to the use and possession of firearms and crossbows by young people; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 4th March and to be printed [Bill 30].

Occupiers' Liability Bill.—Mr. Donald Anderson, supported by Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, and Mr. John Watkinson, presented a Bill to amend the law of England and Wales and Northern Ireland as to the liability of occupiers for injury to trespassers and certain other persons on any land or other property due to the state of the property or things done or omitted to be done thereon; to impose further limits on the extent to which the liability of occupiers for injury to persons on any property from such dangers can under that law be avoided; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th February and to be printed [Bill 31].

Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, supported by Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Antony Buck, and Mr. Ian Gow, 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 4th February and to be printed [Bill 32].

Scottish Bank Notes Bill.—Mr. Iain MacCormick, supported by Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. George Reid, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. Hamish Watt, and
Mr. Andrew Welsh, presented a Bill to make Scottish bank notes legal tender throughout the United Kingdom; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 4th February and to be printed [Bill 33].

Employment Protection Act 1975 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. James Lamond, supported by Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Stan Thorne, and Mr. David Watkins, presented a Bill to amend the Employment Protection Act 1975 with reference to the certification of trade unions as independent; and for connected purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 28th January and to be printed [Bill 34].

Council Tenants' Charter Bill,—Mr. Reginald Eyre, supported by Sir William Elliott, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Peter Rees, and Mr. Peter Bottomley, presented a Bill to provide for improved organisational and administrative arrangements under a Tenants' Charter; to give tenants of council houses and other occupiers certain rights; to provide for improved security of tenure in appropriate cases and improved rights as to transfer of tenancy; to enable tenants to purchase upon reasonable terms the freehold or a long lease of the property they occupy; and for connected purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th February and to be printed [Bill 35].

Control of Food Premises (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. George Younger, supported by Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. George Thompson, and Mr. Russell Johnston, presented a Bill to prohibit as respects Scotland the sale, etc., of food in circumstances where there is a likely danger to health; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th February and to be printed [Bill 36].

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 (Christmas),—Resolved, That this House at its rising to-morrow do adjourn till Monday 10th January.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Local Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Rate Support Grant Order 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Shore);

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:


Local Government,—The Question being again proposed, That the Rate Support Grant Order 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved;

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Ted Graham : 90.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. Colin Shepherd : 15.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant Order 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved.

Local Government,—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant Order 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Shore.)

Local Government,—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Shore.)

Local Government (Scotland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Millan);
And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. James Hamilton: 66.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Robert Hughes: 19.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved.

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.21 a.m.

APPENDIX

Wednesday 22nd December 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd December 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Quota Relief) (No. 9) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2193) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Industry,—Copy of a Direction given by the Secretary of State for Industry to the National Enterprise Board, dated 17th December 1976, entitled the National Enterprise Board (Guidelines) Direction 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland Appropriation Accounts,—Copy of the Northern Ireland Appropriation Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1976 with the Consolidated Fund Services Account; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and on other accounts printed separately [by Act]; to be printed [No. 15].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport,—Statements of determination of the salaries payable on appointment to—
(1) two members and Vice-Chairmen, and
(2) five members
of the British Railways Board [by Act].

Mr. Frank Judd:
Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 22nd December 1976, entitled—
(1) the Gilbert Islands Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976,
(2) the Jamaica Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976,
(3) the Jamaica Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976, and
(4) the Solomon Islands Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1976 [by Act].

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

Countryside Commission (Scotland),—Account of the Countryside Commission for Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 87].

Marshall Aid Commemoration,—Account of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 86].

Redundancy Fund,—Account of the Redundancy Fund for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 85].
Thursday, 23rd December, 1976

The House met at Eleven o'clock

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

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 (Education) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2024), a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved—(Mr. A. W. Stallard):—It was agreed to.

Prices,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Post Office) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th December, be approved—(Mr. A. W. Stallard):—It was agreed to.

Sea Fisheries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved—(Mr. A. W. Stallard):—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 (Food) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2025), a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th December, be approved—(Mr. A. W. Stallard):—It was agreed to.

Expenditure,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Expenditure Committee be amended, by leaving out Mr. George Gardiner, Sir John Langford-Holt and Mr. Charles Morrison and inserting Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Cecil Parkinson and Mr. Robert Rhodes James.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday 10th January, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[Adjourned at 4.59 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 23rd December 1976

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd December 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 28) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2200) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Milan:

Fire Services.—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th December 1976, entitled the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2159) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd December 1976, entitled the Import Duties (Quota and Other Reliefs) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2206) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd December 1976, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Fees) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2205) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industry.—Copy of a Direction, given by the Secretary of State for Industry to the National Enterprise Board, dated 17th December 1976, entitled the National Enterprise Board (Takeovers and Mergers) Direction 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Weights and Measures.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th December 1976, entitled the Weights and Measures (Local Standards: Limits of Error) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2168) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd December 1976, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2199) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:


Copyright.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th December 1976, entitled the Copyright (International Conventions) (Amendment No. 3) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2153) [by Act].

European Communities.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th December 1976, entitled the European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2141) [by Act].

Fugitive Criminal.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th December 1976, entitled the United States of America (Extradition) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2144) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 15th December 1976, entitled—

(1) the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Falkland Islands) (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2143), and
(2) the Prevention of Oil Pollution (Convention Countries) (Bahamas) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2154)

[by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Agriculture.—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th December 1976, entitled the Agricultural or Forestry Tractors (Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2163) [by Act].

Mr. Frank Judd:

Pensions.—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd December 1976, entitled the Overseas Service (Pensions Supplement) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2204) [by Act].
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Matrimonial Causes.—Copies of Rules, dated 15th December 1976, entitled—
(1) the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2166), and
(2) the Matrimonial Causes (Costs) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2167)
[by Act].
Supreme Court of Judicature.—Copy of Rules, dated 13th December 1976, entitled the Crown Court (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2164) [by Act].

[No. 23.]
Monday, 10th January, 1977
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).
Transport.—So much of the Order made on 22nd December, That the Statements of determination of the salaries payable on appointment to members and Vice-Chairmen of the British Railways Board do lie upon the Table, as relates to R. L. E. Lawrence, Esquire, as a member of the British Railways Board, was read and discharged.
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 30th November. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34-i].
Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Licensing (Amendment) Bill.—Sir Bernard Braine, supported by Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. David Weitzman, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Nigel Spearing, and Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, presented a Bill to amend section 186 of the Licensing Act 1964: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 28th January and to be printed [Bill 37].
Lotteries (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. R. Graham Page presented a Bill to amend the meaning of date in the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 28th January and to be printed [Bill 38].
Local Government Finance Bill.—Mr. R. Graham Page presented a Bill to amend the law relating to and to make further provision for financing local government; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd April and to be printed [Bill 39].
Corporal Punishment Bill.—Mr. R. Graham Page presented a Bill to permit a sentence of corporal punishment upon 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 29th April and to be printed [Bill 40].
Unethical Experiments Bill.—Mrs. Joyce Butler, supported by Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Douglas Jay, Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Kenneth Lomas, and Mr. Marcus Lipton, presented a Bill to protect patients and others from being subjected to medical experiments upon them without their consent; and to prohibit experiments in the case of certain other persons, and to provide for penalties; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th February and to be printed [Bill 41].
Developments in the European Communities.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Report on Developments in the European Communities, May-November 1976 (Command Paper No. 6695).—(Dr. David Owen.)
Banking and the European Export Bank.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/3592/74, R/1820/75, R/2146/75 and S/349/76 on Banking and the European Export Bank.—(Mr. Denzil Davies.)
Prices.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Bread Prices (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2128), dated 13th December 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th December, be annulled.—(Mrs. Sally Oppenheim);

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)) :—It was negatived.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.53 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:

European Communities (No. 27, 1976).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 20th July 1976, amending the Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) signed on 18th December 1972.


Treaty Series (No. 110, 1976).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Lima on 3rd June 1976, concerning a development loan by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Republic of Peru for the purchase of ambulances and ancillary health service vehicles (United Kingdom/Peru Loan Agreement No. 1 (1976)).


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:

24th December 1976


30th December 1976


Sea Fisheries.—Copies of Orders, dated 24th December 1976, entitled—

(1) the Fishing Boats (European Economic Community) Designation Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2210),
(2) the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2218),
(3) the Fishing Boats (Finland) Designation Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2219),
(4) the Fishing Boats (German Democratic Republic) Designation Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2220),
(5) the Fishing Boats (Norway) Designation Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2217),
(6) the Fishing Boats (Poland) Designation Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2221),
(7) the Fishing Boats (Portugal) Designation Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2222),
(8) the Fishing Boats (Spain) Designation Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2223),
(9) the Fishing Boats (Sweden) Designation Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2224), and
(10) the Fishing Boats (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) Designation Order 1976
(S.I., 1976, No. 2225)

[by Act].

31st December 1976

Road Vehicles.—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th December 1976, entitled the Road Vehicles
(Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976
(S.I., 1976, No. 2180) [by Statutory Instrument].

Agriculture.—Copy of an Order, dated 17th December 1976, entitled the Agricultural Land
Tribunals (Succession to Agricultural Tenancies) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2183) [by
Act].

5th January 1977

Food and Drugs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th December 1976, entitled the Milk and
Dairies (Milk Bottle Caps) (Colour) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2186) [by Act].

6th January 1977

Control of Fuel and Electricity.—Copy of an Order, dated 5th January 1977, entitled the
Paraffin (Maximum Retail Prices) (Second Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2)
[by Act].

Diseases of Animals.—Copy of an Order, dated 21st December 1976, entitled the Rabies
(Compensation) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2195) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 10th January 1977:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 29th October, 2nd, 3rd and 5th November 1976, and
(2) 8th, 9th and 10th November 1976
relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 96 and 97].

Community Land,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 1st November
1976 on loans raised by the Land Authority for Wales [by Act]; to be printed [No. 98].

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treas-
ury on 30th November 1976 on loans raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board
[by Act]; to be printed [No. 99].

Iron and Steel,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 3rd December 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel
Corporation,
(2) on 3rd December 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel
Corporation, and
(3) on 10th December 1976 on loans raised by the British Steel Corporation
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 100 to 102].

Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 18th November 1976
on a loan raised by the British Railways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 103].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Great Britain relating to Migra-
tion Tables, Part III (Parts A, B and C) (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].

Nurses and Midwives,—Copy of the Report of the General Nursing Council for
England and Wales for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—
(1) coal mining, and
(2) introductory notes
[by Act].
Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Northern Ireland.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 [by Act].

Road Traffic.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Mr. Frank Judd:
Overseas Aid.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1977 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Employment on the Petition [9th November] from Manchester and elsewhere concerning the plight of unemployed young people [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

County Courts.—Copy of Rules, dated 20th December 1976, entitled the County Court Funds (Amendment) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2234) [by Act].

Supreme Court of Judicature.—Copy of Rules, dated 20th December 1976, entitled the Supreme Court Funds (Amendment) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2235) [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 discharged Dr. Shirley Summerskill from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (nominated in respect of the Charities (Hospital and Educational Foundation of Lady Katherine Leveson (Temple Balsall) Order 1976); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Brynmor John.

MEMORANDA

10th January 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1976, the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1976, the Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 and the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1976 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

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 New Towns (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 24.]

Tuesday, 11th January, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee 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 (Fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-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 7th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 19-iii].
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 (Fifth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 52-v].

Education Act 1944 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Hol Miller, supported by 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, 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 upon Friday 28th January and to be printed [Bill 42].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Horse Breeding (Amendment) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1992) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Colouring Matter in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2086) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Beef Cow Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2057) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Beef Cow Subsidy Payment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2058) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Petroleum Stocks Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2162) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1976 (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2207) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Herring (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2095) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Covent Garden Market (Financial Provisions) Bill,—The Covent Garden Market (Financial 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).

Covent Garden Market (Financial Provisions) [Money], Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Covent Garden Market (Financial Provisions) [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision in relation to the finances and the financial duties of the Covent Garden Market Authority, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the release of the Authority from its liability to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to repay and pay interest on so much of the sums advanced by him under section 40 of the Covent Garden Market Act 1961 as amounts to £13 million;

(2) the release of the Authority from its liability to repay to the Minister when due so much of the sums so advanced, not exceeding £25 million, as is constituted a suspended debt by virtue of any provision of the said Act of the present Session and to pay interest on the sums for the time being comprised in that debt;

(3) any increase in the sums paid into the Consolidated Fund which is attributable to any amendment of the said Act of 1961 by the said Act of the present Session—(Mr. Donald Coleman);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Peter Snape: 150.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Tom Litterick: 23.

So the Question was agreed to.
Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 7th December, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Ennals);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 143.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Sir George Young: 136.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 7th December, be approved.

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

Ordered, That the New Towns (Scotland) Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.5 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 11th January 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Duchy of Lancaster,—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Lancaster in the year ended 29th September 1976; with a separate Account of the capital of the said Duchy to the same date [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Ancient and Historical Monuments,—Copy of the Thirty-fifth Interim Report of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions of England, relating to the City of Salisbury (excluding the Cathedral Close) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Treaty Series (No. 4, 1977),—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 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Merchandise Marks,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th December 1976, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2226) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:


MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 11th January 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Horse Breeding (Amendment) Rules 1976 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Colouring Matter in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1976 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

[No. 25.]

Wednesday, 12th January, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

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

European Legislation, &c.,—Mr. Peter Mills reported from the Select Committee on European 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).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-iv].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boydén 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 14th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 19-iv].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boydén reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 12th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 35-iv].

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).

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 106].

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).

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 107].

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 Japan Sub-Committee on 15th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-i].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Charities (Hospital and Educational Foundation of Lady Katherine Leveson, Temple Balsall) Order 1976, referred to a Committee on 14th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 104].

International Finance, Trade and Aid Bill,—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Secretary Dell, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. Frank Judd, Mr. Denzil Davies, and Mr. Michael Meacher, presented (under Standing Order No. 91 (Procedure upon Bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to make provision for the payment of further subscriptions to the International Monetary Fund and for raising the limit on loans under the International Monetary Fund Act 1962; to enable effect to be given to certain amendments of the Articles of Agreement of that Fund; to amend the Export Guarantees Act 1975; to make further provision about the finances of the Commonwealth Development Corporation; to amend section 2 of the Overseas Aid Act 1968; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 43].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Herring By-Catch (Restrictions on Landing) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2094) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton).
Salary of the Secretary of State for Defence.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the salary of the Secretary of State for Defence should be reduced by half—(Mr. Ian Gilmour);

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 believes that arms expenditure should be reduced, not increased; notes that, far from the illusion that arms spending has been seriously reduced, there has been a real increase since 1974; welcomes the proposed cuts of 13 per cent. next year and 3 per cent. the following year, but considers these inadequate; asks the Government instead to carry out its own expenditure commitment to reduce the proportion of Great Britain’s resources devoted to arms to that of the major European NATO powers; urges that the savings be devoted to housing, health, education, social services, overseas aid and re-equipment of British industry; and further calls upon the Government to draw up immediate plans for the redeployment of workers and resources from arms production to socially useful purposes, along the lines of the suggestions made by the Lucas Aerospace Shop Stewards’ Combine Committee and the Vickers Stewards’ Combine Committee,” instead thereof.—(Mr. Frank Allaun.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Jo Richardson, Dr. Oonagh McDonald: 77.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. James Tinn: 214.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 265.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Frank R. White: 288.

So the Question was negatived.

Income Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that, on the ratification by the Government of the United States of America of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (United States of America) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 14th April 1976 in the last Session of Parliament, an Order be made in the form of that draft—(Mr. Denzil Davies);

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

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that, on the ratification by the Government of the United States of America of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (United States of America) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 14th April 1976 in the last Session of Parliament, an Order be made in the form of that draft.

Address to be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty’s Household.

Income Tax.—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that, on the ratification by the Government of the United States of America of the Protocol set out in the Schedule to the Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (United States of America) (No. 2) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 9th November 1976 in the last Session of Parliament, an Order be made in the form of that draft.—(Mr. Denzil Davies.)

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.

Procedure (Sessional Committee).—Ordered, That the matters of Questions to the Prime Minister, the operation of Standing Order No. 9, the eligibility of Members successful in ballots for Notices of Motions and Bills to take part in subsequent ballots, and the tabling of Amendments to a Bill on the day it receives a Second Reading be referred to the Sessional Committee on Procedure.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.31 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 12th January 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

International Monetary Fund,—Copies of Papers, entitled—

(1) Proposals for Increasing the Resources of the International Monetary Fund, and
(2) the Second Amendment to the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund

[by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st December 1976, entitled the Colouring Matter in Food (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2232) [by Act].

Industrial Development,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th December 1976, entitled the Scottish Development Agency (Compensation) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2182) [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 16th December 1976, entitled the City of Glasgow District Council (Modification of Local Act Provisions) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2191) [by Act].

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 21st December 1976, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Medical Witnesses’ Fees in the Sheriff Court) 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2198) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 29th December 1976, entitled—

(1) the Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2241), and
(2) the Motor Cycles (Wearing of Helmets) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2242)

[by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Agriculture,—Copy of the Annual Review of Agriculture, for 1977 [by Command].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Selection (Committee on Unopposed Bills) (Panel),—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had appointed Two further Members to the Panel of Members to serve on the Committee on Unopposed Bills, viz.: Mr. Ronald Atkins and Mr. Robin Corbett.

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 Covent Garden Market (Financial Provisions) Bill, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. John Carwright, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Michael Spicer, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. John Wells, and Mr. Alan Lee Williams.

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 New Towns (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Sir Frederic Bennett, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Sir Anthony Royle, Sir John Rodgers, and Mr. Dudley Smith.
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 Horse Breeding (Amendment) Rules 1976, viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. H. Cowans, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. George Grant, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Sir Timothy Kitson, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. Gavin Strong, Mr. Frank R. White, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

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 Colouring Matter in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1976, viz.: Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. John Loveridge, Mr. John Peyton, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. John Roper, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Renée Short, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Gavin Strong, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mr. Daifydd Thomas, and Mr. Robert Woof.

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 Petroleum Stocks Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Michael Alison, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Joseph Harper, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. James White, Mr. Alexander Wilson, Mr. Gordon Wilson, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

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 Beef Cow Scheme 1976 and the Beef Cow Subsidy Payment Order 1976, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Geraid Howells, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mrs. Elaine Kellest-Bowman, Mr. Neil Kinne, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Hector Munro, Mr. John Parker, Mr. John Peyton, Mr. Albert Roberts, and Mr. Tom Torney.

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 Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1976 (Amendment) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Sir William Elliott, Mr. Joan Evans, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. John Gorst, Sir Raymond Gower, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Robert Maclellan, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Stan Newens, Mr. Tom Normanton, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. David Stoddart, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1976, the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1976, and the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1976, viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Fred Evans, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Cedwyn Hughes, Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Tom McMillan, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. Cranley Onslow, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr. Dennis Skinner, and Mr. David Walder.

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Herring (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1976 and the Herring By-Catch (Restrictions on Landing) (No. 2) Order 1976 to the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Covent Garden (Financial Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee B and the Herring By-Catch (Restrictions on Landing) (No. 2) Order 1976 to the Seventh 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 B in respect of the Covent Garden (Financial Provisions) Bill; Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the New Towns (Scotland) Bill; Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Horse Breeding (Amendment) Rules 1976; Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Petroleum Stocks Order 1976; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Beef Cow Scheme 1976 and the Beef Cow Subsidy Payment Order 1976; Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1976 (Amendment) Order 1976; Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1976, the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1976, the Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 and the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 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 Control of Food Premises (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 26.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Scotland and Wales Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Ordered, That the Bill be considered in the following order: Clauses 1 and 2; Schedule 1; Clauses 3 to 19; Schedule 2; Clauses 20 to 23; Schedule 3; Clause 24; Schedules 4 and 5; Clause 25; Schedules 6 and 7; Clause 26; Schedule 8; Clauses 27 to 36; Schedule 9; Clauses 37 to 75; Schedule 10; Clauses 76 to 85; Schedule 11; Clauses 86 and 87; Schedule 12; Clause 88; Schedule 13; Clauses 89 to 96; Schedule 14; Clauses 97 to 115; Schedule 15; new Clauses; new Schedules; and Schedule 16.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Clause No. 1 (Effect of Act).

Amendment (No. 351) proposed, in page 1, line 8, to leave out the words "Scotland and ".—(Mr. Iain Sproat.)

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

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Stephen McAdden 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 Scotland and Wales Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Scotland and Wales Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Effect of Act).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 351) be made:—Debate arising;

Mr. Walter Harrison rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.
Mr. A. W. Stallard and Mr. Donald Coleman were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

Question put accordingly, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Iain Sproat: 30.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Donald Coleman: 162.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph Harper reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

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

Adjourned at 11.36 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 13th January 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—

(1) 15th, 16th, 17th and 19th November 1976, and

(2) 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 26th, 29th and 30th November and 1st December 1976 relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 108 and 109].

Prisons (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Production and Trading Account and Balance Sheet of prisons in Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1976; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 110].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Treaty Series (No. 5, 1977),—Copy of an Amendment, made at Strasbourg on 2nd October 1976, to Article 26 of the Statute of the Council of Europe [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Benn:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Hamish Watt (nominated in respect of the Herring (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1976 and the Herring By-Catch (Restrictions on Landing) (No. 2) Order 1976); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Douglas Henderson.

MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Herring (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1976 and the Herring By-Catch (Restrictions on Landing) (No. 2) Order 1976.
In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Gas) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 in the place of Mr. Richard Crawshaw.

Friday, 14th January, 1977.

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 Petitions for the following Bills the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:

- Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill.
- Immediate Transportation (Delivery Warrants) Bill [Lords].
- International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords].
- Kensington and Chelsea Corporation Bill [Lords].
- Neath Borough Council Bill [Lords].
- West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords].

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

Health Education (Television) Bill,—Mr. Laurie Pavitt, supported by Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Tony Newton, 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 18th February and to be printed [Bill 44].

Urban Affairs,—Resolved, That this House, recognising that life in the major cities of Great Britain has been steadily deteriorating since 1945, urges the Government to set in hand urgent studies covering the problems of unemployment, housing, health, planning and transport in order to improve the quality of life for all their inhabitants.—(Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg.)

Charities,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Charities (Hospital and Educational Foundation of Lady Katherine Leveson, Temple Balsall) Order 1976, a draft of which was laid before this House on 8th December, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox) : 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 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 half-past Four o'clock, till Monday next.

Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 14th January 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industrial Development,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th January 1977, entitled the Industrial Grants Termination (No. 7) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 12) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Transport,—Statement of determination of the salary payable on appointment to a member of the British Railways Board [by Act].

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

PRAYERS.

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

Death of the Right Honourable the Earl of Avon, K.G.,—Notice being taken of the death on Friday last of the Right Honourable the Earl of Avon, K.G.;

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

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Donald Coleman and Mr. Ted Graham were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, and Mr. Dennis Skinner was appointed Teller for the Noes, but no Member being willing to act as a second 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 twenty minutes to Five o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.40 p.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 17th January 1977

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 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copies of Orders, dated—

(1) 5th January 1977, entitled the Caithness and Sutherland Districts (Tongue and Farr) Boundaries Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 14),

(2) 5th January 1977, entitled the Central and Strathclyde Regions (Bearsden and Milngavie, Stirling and Strathkelvin Districts) Boundaries Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 11),

(3) 5th January 1977, entitled the City of Edinburgh and West Lothian Districts (Inchgarvie and Drumshoredland) Boundaries Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 9),

(4) 5th January 1977, entitled the Cumnock and Doon Valley and Kyle and Carrick Districts (Dalrymple) Boundaries Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 16),

(5) 5th January 1977, entitled the Hamilton and Motherwell Districts (Strathclyde Park) Boundaries Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 15),

(6) 5th January 1977, entitled the Lothian and Strathclyde Regions (Greenrigg and Westeraigs) Boundaries Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 10),

(7) 5th January 1977, entitled the Monklands and Motherwell Districts (Chapelhall) Boundaries Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 13), and

(8) 7th January 1977, entitled the Highland and Strathclyde Regions (Duror and Glen Etive and Glencoe) Boundaries Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 22)

[by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th January 1977, entitled the Local Government Area Changes (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 8) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Mr Secretary Shore:

Public Health.—Copies of Regulations, dated 5th January 1977, entitled—

(1) the Control of Atmospheric Pollution (Appeals) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 17),

(2) the Control of Atmospheric Pollution (Exempted Premises) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 18), and

(3) the Control of Atmospheric Pollution (Research and Publicity) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 19)

[by Act].

[No. 29.]

Tuesday, 18th January, 1977.

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).

Computers.—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 the informal Joint Committee on Computers, presented to Leaders of both Houses on 11th November 1976, in the last Session of Parliament.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

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 (Sixth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-viii].

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 January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 36-iii].

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. 32-vi].

New Towns (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the New Towns (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. 113].

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 4 on Wednesday 19th January 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.
Elimination of Vandalism (Urban Housing Areas).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provisions for the collective responsibility of Council tenants so as to eliminate vandalism in urban housing areas; and for associated 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. Peter Bottomley: 143.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Michael English: 151.

So the Question was negatived.

Scotland and Wales Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Effect of Act).

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 1, line 8, to leave out the words “and Wales as parts” and insert the words “as a part”—(Mr. Nicholas Edwards.)

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

And it being Ten o’clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. A. P. Costain 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 Scotland and Wales Bill and the Motions relating to House of Commons (Services) may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Scotland and Wales Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Effect of Act).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 9) be made:—Debate arising;

Mr. Walter Harrison rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Joseph Harper: 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Dr. Colin Phipps: 26.

Question put accordingly, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Joseph Harper: 287.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph Harper 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.

House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That the Sixth Report of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in the last Session of Parliament and the First Report of the Select Committee in this Session be now considered.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the said Reports.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in their Sixth Report in the last Session of Parliament—(Mr. Robert Cooke);
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning:

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And the Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Alf Bates: 40.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Nicholas Winterton: 18.

So the Question was agreed to.

*Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in their Sixth Report in the last Session of Parliament.*

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in their First Report—(Mr. Robert Cooke);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Walter Harrison: 28.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Nicholas Winterton: 1.

And it appearing on the report of the Division that Forty Members were not present, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. 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 ten minutes to Three o’clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.50 a.m.]

**APPENDIX**

*Tuesday 18th January 1977*

*Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:*

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Lotteries Regulations 1977 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Crosland:


World Health Organisation (Miscellaneous No. 1, 1977),—Copy of a Resolution of the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly amending Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organisation adopted on 17th May 1976 (the Amendments have not been accepted by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Lotteries (Scotland) Regulations 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th January 1977, entitled the Welfare Food Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 25) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Insurance Intermediaries,—Copy of a Report, entitled Insurance Intermediaries [by Command].
Cinematograph Films.—Statement of an advance made under the Cinematograph Film Productions (Special Loans) Act 1969 to the National Film Finance Corporation in 1971 which has not been repaid within five years [by Act].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th January 1977, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (Extension) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 60) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production.—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—

(1) motor cycle, tricycle and pedal cycle manufacturing,
(2) vegetable and animal oils and fats, and
(3) weatherproof outerwear
[by Act].

Mr Secretary Shore:

Burial,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th January 1977, entitled the Local Authorities’ Cemeteries Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Prices,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Weights and Measures,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th January 1977, entitled the Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 27) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Computers,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day of the Report of the informal Joint Committee on Computers to the Leaders of both Houses ; to be printed [No. 78].

Mr. John Silkin:

Covent Garden Market Authority.—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Covent Garden Market Authority for the year ended 30th September 1976 [by Act].

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

Family Provision.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Family Provision (Intestate Succession) Order 1977 [by Act].

Law Commissions.—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission for the year ended 23rd November 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 94].

[No. 30.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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 (Fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-v].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-v].
European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 19th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 43-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 19th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 35-v].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 19th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-viii].

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 January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 52-ii].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Horse Breeding (Amendment) Rules 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1992), referred to a Committee on 11th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 115].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Gas) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 308), referred to a Committee on 2nd December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 119].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Petroleum Stocks Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2162), referred to a Committee on 11th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 114].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Beef Cow Scheme 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2057) and the Beef Cow Subsidy Payment Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2058), referred to a Committee on 11th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 112].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1976, the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1976, the Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976 and the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1976, referred to a Committee on 23rd December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 118].

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Wells reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Herring (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2095) and the Herring By-catch (Restrictions on Landing) (No. 2) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2094), referred to a Committee on 11th and 12th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 117].

Expenditure.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Armstrong of Sanderstead and the Lord Boyle of Handsworth to attend to be examined as witnesses before the General Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. James Boyden.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Import Duties (General) (No. 10) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2077) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

British Steel Corporation (Denationalisation).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restore the steel industry to ownership by the people—(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: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Roy Hughes: 245.

So the Question was negatived.

Scotland and Wales Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Effect of Act).

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed, in page 1, line 9, after the first word “Kingdom”, to insert the words “without altering the government of Shetland and the Orkneys, over whom the Scottish Assembly and Executive have no jurisdiction.”—(Miss Harvie Anderson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Peter Morrison: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ted Graham: 189.

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed in page 1, line 9, to leave out the words “They do not affect” and insert the words “Nothing in these provisions shall be construed as impairing or in any way affecting”.—(Mr. Leon Brittan.)

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

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Wells 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 Scotland and Wales Bill may be proceeded with, at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Scotland and Wales Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Effect of Act).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 16) be made:—Debate arising;

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Mr. Walter Harrison rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. Peter Morrison: 128.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Peter Snape: 151.

Another Amendment (No. 311) proposed, in page 1, line 9, to leave out from the second word “Kingdom” to the end of line 11 and add the words “but provide for the devolution of powers which shall not hereafter be subject to interference or erosion by the Government or Parliament of the United Kingdom, save with the consent of the Assemblies hereinafter mentioned.”—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Douglas Henderson: 14.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Joe Ashton: 146.
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. David Stoddart : 132.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison : 5.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph Harper 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.

New Towns (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the New Towns (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. Joseph Harper):—It was agreed to.

New Towns (Scotland) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to New Towns (Scotland) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of this Session to make provision as respects the revocation or variation of orders made under section 1, 2 or 5(1) of the New Towns (Scotland) Act 1968, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under the said Act of this Session in respect of payment of compensation for loss of office to former members of a development corporation and of payment to a winding up body of any deficit arising from the winding up of a new town, and the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any surplus so arising.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes past Six o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 6.22 a.m.

APPENDIX

Wednesday 19th January 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr Secretary Ennals:


Mr Secretary Dell:

Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies),—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade for the year ended 31st March 1976, as to Orders under the Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies) Act 1969 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 90].

Protection of Aircraft,—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade of the number of notices served by him under section 8 and the number of directions given by him under sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Protection of Aircraft Act 1973, during 1976 [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Sugar,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Sugar Board for the period 1st January to 30th November 1976 [by Act].
PRAYERS.

Private Bill Petitions,—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petitions for the following Bills the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:

British Railways Bill.
British Transport Docks Bill.
City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords].
Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords].
Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.
Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords].
London Hydraulic Power Bill.
London Transport Bill.
Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill.
North West Water Authority Transport Bill [Lords].

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

European Legislation, &c.,—Mr. John Roper reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee II (at a meeting held concurrently with Sub-Committee A of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities) on 20th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 76-ii].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 19th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 42-iii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1976 (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2207), referred to a Committee on 11th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 121].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make retrospective provision as respects orders made or having effect under section 35 of the General Rate Act 1967, and as respects the rateable value of gas hereditaments for the year 1976-77, to grant an indemnity for acts done in conformity with provision so made, and to make consequential and minor amendments of the law relating to the rating of public utilities and other bodies; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords].

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.

Expenditure Committee,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Boyle of Handsworth and the Lord Armstrong of Sanderstead to attend to be examined as witnesses before the General Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee, if their Lordships think fit.

General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords],—The General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 45].
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.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, that the draft Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. James Tinn: 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Sir George Young: 148.

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 (Compittal of Bills).

Transport (Financial Provisions) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Transport (Financial Provisions) [Money]:

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for grants to the British Railways Board and the National Freight Corporation and to increase the borrowing powers of the British Waterways Board, it is expedient to authorize:

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament—
   (i) of grants to the British Railways Board not exceeding £45 million in total, in respect of any relevant deficit, as defined in that Act, of the Board's railway undertaking; and
   (ii) of grants to the National Freight Corporation not exceeding £50 million in total, towards so much of the Corporation's expenditure as cannot be met from other sources of finance;

(b) any increase in the sums payable out of the National Loans Fund or out of or into the Consolidated Fund which is attributable to provisions increasing to £20 million the aggregate amount which may be outstanding in respect of—
   (i) the principal of any money borrowed by the British Waterways Board under section 19 of the Transport Act 1962; and
   (ii) the Board's commencing capital debt, as defined in Part II of that Act.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Transport Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Consultation Document on Transport Policy.—(Mr. Secretary Rodgers):

—Debate arising:

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Transport Policy may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until Twelve o'clock.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Transport Policy.—The Question being again proposed, That this House takes note of the Consultation Document on Transport Policy.—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

The Question being put:

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

It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Consultation Document on Transport Policy.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.29 a.m.]
Thursday 20th January 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Justices of the Peace,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th January 1977, entitled the Justices Allowances (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 40) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Territorial and Auxiliary Forces) —Copy of a Statement showing the financial position of the Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Associations on 31st March 1976 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th January 1977, entitled the Motorways Traffic (Lengths of the M63) (Restriction of Use of Right Hand Lane) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 43) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:


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

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 period 1st April to 31st December 1975; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 125].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Scottish Standing Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the New Towns (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. James Hamilton, Mrs. Judith Hart, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, Mr. Tom McMillan, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. James White, and Mr. George Younger.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 20th January 1977

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

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 New Towns (Scotland) Bill.
[No. 32.]


The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

National Enterprise Board Guidelines,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the National Enterprise Board Guidelines which were laid before the House on 22nd and 23rd December 1976.—(Mr. Bruce George.)

Party Philosophies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets that under its new leadership, the Conservative Party has become an extremist party; and believes that democracy can only be sustained in Great Britain through the Labour Party and a Labour Government planning for freedom with reason as their inspiration.—(Mr. Brian Sedgemore) :—Debate arising;

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

Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1976, dated 10th December 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th December, be approved.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard) :—It was agreed to.

Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1976, dated 30th November 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th December, be approved.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard) :—It was agreed to.

Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1976, dated 30th November 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th December, be approved.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard) :—It was agreed to.

Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1976, dated 30th November 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th December, be approved.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard) :—It was agreed to.

Counter-Inflation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1976 (Amendment) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2207), dated 23rd December 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24th December, be approved.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard) :—It was agreed to.

Violence in the Family,—Ordered, That Mr. Peter Bottomley be discharged from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family and that Mr. Fergus Montgomery be added to the Committee.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Expenditure,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Expenditure Committee be amended, by leaving out Mr. Cecil Parkinson and inserting Mr. John Wakeham.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.29 p.m.]

MEMORANDUM

Friday 21st January 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Donald Kaberry an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Covent Garden Market (Financial Provisions) Bill.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker’s Absence,—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had been invited to attend the inauguration of the new Council of Europe building in Strasbourg on Friday 28th January; and he therefore asked for the indulgence and leave of the House to absent himself to attend the said inauguration.

The House signified its assent, for which Mr. Speaker returned his thanks.

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 St. Paul’s Playing Field (Trust) Bill the Standing Orders have not been complied with.

Report referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill,—A Bill to provide for the incorporation of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited, A.N.Z. Holdings Limited, E.S. & A. Holdings Limited, A.N.Z. Investments Limited and A.N.Z. Nominees Limited in the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia; for the cesser of application to those companies of provisions of the Companies Acts 1948 to 1967 consequent upon such incorporation; 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 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 Bill,—A Bill to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain lands; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—A Bill to confer further powers on 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 Hydraulic Power Bill,—A Bill to confer further powers on the London Hydraulic Power Company; 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 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.

Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill,—A Bill to authorise the discontinuance of ferry services; to confer further powers upon the Merseyside Passenger Transport Executive; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill,—A Bill to empower the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council to construct a footbridge over the river Severn; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (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 January. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-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 General Sub-Committee on 24th January. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-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 January. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 127].
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 24th January.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Water Charges Equalisation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Charges Equalisation 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. A. W. Stallard : 228.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Ernest Perry : 133.

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).

Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th January, be approved—(Mr. John Horam) ;

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. Alf Bates : 122.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Michael Marshall : 70.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th January, be approved.

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th January, be approved.—(Mr. John Horam.)

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged from considering the Colouring Matter in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1976.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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, 25th January, 1977:

And the Question being put ;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.25 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 24th January 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr Secretary Dell :

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th January 1977, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Crew Agreements, Lists of Crew and Discharge of Seamen) (Merchant Ships and Other Vessels) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 45) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Transport,—Statement of determination of the salary payable on appointment to a part-time member of the National Bus Company [by Act].

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

Lunacy Regulation (Ireland).—Copy of an Order, dated 12th January 1977, entitled the Patients’ Affairs (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 5) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 24th January 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Import Duties (General) (No. 10) Order 1976 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Local Authorities’ Cemeteries Order 1977 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1977 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1977 to the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.


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

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments,—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 (Seventh Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31 ix].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 16th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 19 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 Tuesday 25th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 36 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 (Seventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 32 vii].

New Towns (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the New Towns (Scotland) Bill, and made an Amendment 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. 128].

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 Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972 in relation to the preparation and adoption of local plans and stop notices; to amend Part IX of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to provide for appeals against decisions of regional planning authorities on applications for planning permission referred to them; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords]].
Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 51].

Public Accounts.—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 Committee of Public Accounts.—(Mr. Edward du Cann.)

Privilege.—Complaint having been made yesterday by Mr. Marcus Lipton, Member for Lambeth Central, of words contained in an article in the Sunday People newspaper of 23rd January;

And a copy of the said newspaper having been delivered in, and the passage complained of read, as follows:

"Book-making will be finished if it does not meet the Tote halfway in the drive for more prize-money, writes Jonathan Powell.

This is the startling claim of racehorse owner Tony Stratton-Smith, who joined the seven-strong Tote board in September. He says 'the bookies' powerful lobby in Parliament is one of the major problems facing the Tote's recent submission on gambling'.

Privately, the Tote are prepared to claim that as many as 60 MPs are receiving payments or inducements to promote the cause of bookmaking in the Commons";

Ordered, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Roe Deer (Close Seasons) Bill.—Mr. Jasper More presented a Bill to amend the Deer Act 1963 with respect to close seasons for roe deer: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 4th February and to be printed [Bill 46].

Deer (Nightly Close Time) Bill.—Mr. Jasper More presented a Bill to amend the Deer Act 1963 with respect to nightly close times: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 4th February and to be printed [Bill 47].

Sale of Venison Bill.—Mr. Jasper More presented a Bill to make provision for controlling the sale and purchase of venison: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 4th February and to be printed [Bill 48].

Companies (Audit Committees).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to directors of companies; to make provision with respect to the appointment and functions of non-executive directors, auditors and 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 that Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. John Cope, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Edward du Cann, Mr. Robert Edwards, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Tom Norman, Mr. John Pardoe, Sir John Rodgers, and Mr. Tim Sainsbury, do prepare and bring it in.

Companies (Audit Committees) Bill.—Sir Brandon Rhys Williams accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law relating to directors of companies; to make provision with respect to the appointment and functions of non-executive directors, auditors and 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 upon Friday 22nd April and to be printed [Bill 49].

Scotland and Wales Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (The Assemblies).

Amendment (No. 50) proposed, in page 1, line 15, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 4, on page 2, and insert the words—

"(2) (1) There shall be a Scottish Assembly and a Welsh Assembly the members of which shall be elected by that system of proportional voting specified by or under this Act.

(2) At the first ordinary elections to each Assembly a constituency member shall be returned for each of the areas which at the time of that election are constituencies for parliamentary elections in Scotland and Wales respectively together with 29 additional members for the Scottish Assembly and 14 additional members for the Welsh Assembly (to the effect that at an ordinary election at the passing of this Act 100 members would be returnable to the Scottish Assembly and 50 members to the Welsh Assembly)."
(3) The additional members shall at the first ordinary elections be elected by the process set out in Schedule (Election of additional Members) to this Act.

(4) Following the first ordinary elections each Assembly may review the suitability and fairness of the system of proportional voting prescribed by this Act and may make such regulations amending that system as each Assembly shall prescribe which in the case of the Scottish Assembly shall be by Bill and in the case of the Welsh Assembly shall be by instrument which shall in the first case be subject to the powers of rejection and in the second case to the powers of revocation contained in paragraphs 5 and 6 of Schedule (Election of additional Members) to this Act and pending any such amendment the system of proportional voting prescribed by this Act for the first ordinary elections shall apply to succeeding ordinary elections.

(5) To the extent that assembly constituencies continue to be defined geographically by reference to constituencies for parliamentary elections (whether under the provisions of this section or pursuant to any regulations made by either Assembly under subsection (4) of this section) no redrawing of the boundaries of constituencies for parliamentary elections whether under the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act 1949 or any other enactment shall cause the number of constituencies for each Assembly to fall below the minima set out in paragraph 3 of Schedule (Election of additional Members) to this Act.”—(Mr. John P. Mackintosh.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising.

And it being Ten o’clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mrs. Joyce Butler 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 Scotland and Wales Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Scotland and Wales Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (The Assemblies).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 50) be made:—Debate arising:

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Mr. A. J. Beith rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put but the Deputy Chairman withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question:—Debate resumed.

Amendment ((a)) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 6, to leave out “ 14 ” and insert “ 24 ”.—(Mr. Gwynfor Evans.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment:—Debate arising:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. A. J. Beith);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Russell Johnston: 79.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Joseph Harper: 240.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment:—Debate resumed.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Dafydd Thomas: 25.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Frank R. White: 221.

Question put, That the Amendment (No. 50) be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Mr. Anthony Kershaw: 62.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Joe Ashton: 244.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Alf Bates 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.

House of Commons (Services),—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 15th November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) be amended by leaving out Mr. James Wellbeloved.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes past Five o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 5.4 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 25th January 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:


Civil Appropriation Accounts,— Appropriation Accounts for the sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts, Classes II and III [by Act]; to be printed [No. 91].

Defence Accounts,— Accounts of the Defence Services for the year ended 31st March 1976 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 1976, of Her Majesty's Dockyards and Other Establishments, and

3. Trading Fund Operating Account and Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1976, 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. 91].

Mr Secretary Dell:

Industrial Democracy,— Copy of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry on Industrial Democracy [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Police,— Copies of Regulations, dated—


3. 30th December 1976, entitled the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 405), and


Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,— Copy of an Order, dated 23rd November 1976, entitled the Falmouth Harbour Revision Order 1976, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Transport under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Transport,— Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the British Railways Board (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1977 [by Act].
Mr. Michael Foot:

Copyright,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 17th January 1977, entitled the Copyright (International Conventions) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 50) [by Act].

Fugitive Criminal,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 17th January 1977, entitled the Fugitive Offenders (Overseas Territories) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 47) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 17th January 1977, entitled—
1. the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 48), and
2. the Shipowners' Liability (New Hebrides) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 50)
[by Act].

Pacific Islands,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 17th January 1977, entitled the New Hebrides Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 49) [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 1976; 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 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Copy of Rules, dated 3rd December 1976, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (No. 4) 1976 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1976, No. 407) [by Act].

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Water Charges Equalisation Bill and the Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 35.]

Wednesday, 26th January, 1977.

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).

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 Protection from Eviction Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 129].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 129].

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 the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 136].

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-vi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-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 Environment Sub-Committee on 26th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 35-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 26th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-ix].

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 January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 52-iii].

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:

Committee of Public Accounts,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Ryder of Eaton Hastings to attend to be examined as a witness before the Committee of Public Accounts, if his Lordship think fit.

Job Release Bill.—Mr. Secretary Booth, supported by Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. John Golding, presented (under Standing Order No. 91 (Procedure upon Bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to provide finance for job release schemes; and for a connected purpose: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 52].

House of Lords Reform Bill.—Mr. Kenneth Lomas presented a Bill to abolish the right of hereditary peers to vote; to provide for the essential extinction of the hereditary peerage; to make other provision with respect to the functions of hereditary peers; to make provision with respect to the composition of the House of Lords and to the powers of the House of Lords with respect to legislation and its other functions; and for purposes connected therewith; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th February and to be printed [Bill 53].

Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of Teacher Training in Scotland from 1977 onwards (Consultative Document of 17th January 1977), being a matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for their consideration. (Mr. Michael Foot.)

Dismissal of Employees (Redress of Grievances).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to redress grievances among persons dismissed from employment on being unfairly refused membership of employee organisations—(Mr. Eldon Griffiths);

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. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Ian Gow: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Sydney Bidwell: 153.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. F. A. Burden, Mr. John Cope, Mr. David Price, and Mr. Ian Gow, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Dismissal of Employees (Redress of Grievances) Bill,—Mr. Eldon Griffiths accordingly presented a Bill to redress grievances among persons dismissed from employment on being unfairly refused membership of employee organisations: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th February and to be printed [Bill 54].

Scotland and Wales Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (The Assemblies).

Another Amendment (No. 453) proposed, in page 1, line 15, to leave out subsection (1) and insert the words—

"(1) There shall be established in Scotland a Parliament called 'the Parliament of Scotland' consisting of Her Majesty and an assembly elected by the people of Scotland
called 'the Scots Parliament', and there shall be established in Wales a Parliament called
'the Parliament of Wales' consisting of Her Majesty and an assembly elected by the
people of Wales called 'y Senedd' or 'the Senate of the Parliament of Wales'".—(Mr.
David Steel.)

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

Mr. Walter Harrison rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be
now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. James Tinn: 155.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. Peter Morrison: 63.

Question put accordingly, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Russell Johnston: 24.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Thomas Cox: 156.

Another Amendment (No. 521) proposed, in page 1, line 15, to leave out the words
"Scottish Assembly" and insert the words "three Scottish Assemblies".—(Mr. Peter
Emery.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 79) proposed, in page 1, line 23, at the end, to insert the
words "except that in the case of the constituency of Orkney and Shetland there shall be
one member for Orkney and one for Shetland".—(Mr. Grimond.)

Proposed Amendment amended, in line 2, after the first word "one", by inserting the
word "initial", and, as amended, agreed to.

It being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave tc
sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Richard Crawshaw 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 Scotland and Wales Bill may be proceeded with
at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Scotland and Wales Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland
and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (The Assemblies).

Another Amendment (No. 87) proposed, in page 2, line 4, at the end, to insert the
words—

"(4) An Order in Council under Part I of Schedule 1 to this Act specifying constitu-
encies under subsection (3) above shall not be made unless a draft of it has been laid
before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament."—(Mr. R. Graham
Page.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, with-
drawn.

Another Amendment (No. 88) proposed, in page 2, to leave out line 5.—(Mr. Leon
Brittan.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, with-
drawn.

The Chairman, being of the opinion that the principle of the Clause and any matters
arising thereon had been adequately discussed in the course of debate on the Amend-
ments proposed thereto, forthwith put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 48
(Debate on Clause or Schedule standing part), That the Clause, as amended, stand part
of the Bill:—It was agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 (Assembly Constituencies).

Amendment (No. 509) proposed, in page 70, line 4, to leave out the words "wholly
comprised in".—(Sir John Gilmour.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedule agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Alf Bates reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

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

Thursday, 27th January, 1977:

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-two minutes past Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.22 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 26th January 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 16th December 1976 for the payment of a debt incurred in United States dollars by the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 131].

Coal Industry,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 16th December 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 132].

Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 20th December 1976 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 133].

Water,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 10th December 1976 on loans raised by the National Water Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 134 and 135].

Mr. Secretary Dell:


Mr. Attorney General:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Water Charges Equalisation Bill, viz.: Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Alec Jones, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. Dylan Jones, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. David Price, Mr. Wyn Roberts, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Michael Spicer, Mr. Michael Ward, and Mr. Dafydd Wigley.

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 Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill, viz.: Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Norman Fowler.
Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Donald Stewart, and Mr. Ken Weetch.

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 Import Duties (General) (No. 10) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Bryan Gould, Dr. Keith Hampson, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Douglas Jay, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. Julius Silverman, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

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 Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977, viz.: Mr. R. E. Bean, Mr. Nick Badgen, Mr. Bernard Clancy, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. R. C. Mitchell, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. David Mudd, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. William Wilson, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. All Bates, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Peter Horder, Mr. Colin Jackson, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. T. Penfold, Mr. James Sillars, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. Peter Tapsell, Mr. John Toullinson, and Mr. Dennis Walters.

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Alexander Eadie, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Alex Fletcher, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr. Tom Normanton, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Peter Pott, Mr. John Ryman, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Tom Urwin, Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. James White, and Mr. Robert Woof.
Nuclear Industry (Finance) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Benn, supported by Mr. Secretary Crosland, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Dell, Mr. Joel Barnett, and Mr. Alex Eadie, presented (under Standing Order No. 91 (Procedure upon Bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to make further financial provision for and in respect of British Nuclear Fuels Limited, the Radiochemical Centre Limited and the National Nuclear Corporation Limited: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 55].

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. Joseph Harper];

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Children and Young Persons may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock.—[Mr. Joe Ashton.]

Children and Young Persons,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Adoption Agencies Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1796), dated 27th October 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th November 1976 in the last Session of Parliament.—[Mr. Roger Sims.]

European Legislation, &c.,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., be amended, by leaving out Mr. Max Madden and inserting Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.—[Mr. Peter Snape.]

Privileges,—Ordered, That the Recommendations of the Select Committee on Parliamentary Privilege, in their Report of 1st December 1967 (House of Commons Paper No. 34, 1967-68), be referred to the Committee of Privileges.—[Mr. Peter Snape.]

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr. Peter Snape.]

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

[Adjourned at 10.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 27th January 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Public Expenditure,—Copy of a Paper, entitled the Government's Expenditure Plans, Part 1 [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Civil Appropriation Accounts,—Appropriation Accounts for the sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Revenue and Store Accounts—

(1) Classes IV and VI to IX, and
(2) Classes X to XV and XVII
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 92 and 93].

Development Fund,—Accounts of the Development Fund 1975-76, showing—

(1) the Receipts into, and Issues out of, the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1976, and
(2) the Loans outstanding on 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 137].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Charities,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Charities (The Priest and Poor of Ginge Petre in the County of Essex) Order 1977 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th January 1977, relating to the commissioning and conditions of service of officers in the Royal Air Force [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st September to 30th November 1976 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 95].

Mr. Michael Foot:


(1) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Disablement Awards) Order 1977, and

(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Widows' Attributable Pensions) Order 1977 [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 nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Water Charges Equalisation Bill to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee C).

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee C).

MEMORANDA

Thursday 27th January 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Water Charges Equalisation Bill and the Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee B (transferred from Standing Committee C).

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Water Charges Equalisation Bill; Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Import Duties (General) (No. 10) Order 1976; Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Draft Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1977; and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1977.
Friday, 28th January, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

Mr Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day’s sitting, pursuant to leave given on Monday 24th January.

Whereupon Mr. Oscar Murton, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from North East Essex concerning the closure of the Colchester Military 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).

Council Tenants’ Charter Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 11th February, the Council Tenants’ Charter Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 25th February.

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

Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill,—The Town and Country Planning (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).

Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Firearms Act 1968 (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 Four o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

Avoidance of Liability (England and Wales) Bill,—The Avoidance of Liability (England and Wales) 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) Bill,—The Licensing (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).

Lotteries (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lotteries (Amendment) Bill ;

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

Education Act 1944 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Act 1944 (Amendment) Bill ;

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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 28th January 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr. Secretary Varley :

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1972, relating to summary tables [by Act].
Mr. Michael Foot:
General Dental Council,—Account of the income and expenditure of the General Dental Council for 1975 and Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1975 [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th January 1977, entitled the Agricultural Levy Reliefs (Frozen Beef and Veal) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 76) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Friday 28th January 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 67 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Deputy Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 38.]


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

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix 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 31st January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-v].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 31st January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-v].

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 31st January.

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

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Import Duties (General) (No. 10) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2077), referred to a Committee on 19th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 145].

International Finance, Trade and Aid Bill,—The International Finance, Trade and Aid Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

International Finance, Trade and Aid [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to International Finance, Trade and Aid [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session hereinafter referred to as "the new Act") to make provision for the payment of further subscriptions to the International Monetary Fund and for raising the limit on loans under the International Monetary Fund Act 1962, to enable effect to be given to certain amendments of the Articles of Agreement of that Fund, to amend the Export Guarantees Act 1975, to make further provision about the finances of the Commonwealth Development Corporation and to amend section 2 of the Overseas Aid Act 1968, it is expedient to authorise

(a) any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under section 10(3) of the National Loans Act 1968 which is attributable to provisions of the new Act increasing to not more than £550 million the aggregate amount which may be outstanding at any time in respect of advances made to the Commonwealth Development Corporation by the Minister of Overseas Development;
(b) any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under section 2 of the Overseas Aid Act 1968 which is attributable to provisions of the new Act extending the scope of that section so as to cover—

(i) international development banks which are not wholly of a regional character, and

(ii) all types of payments which fall to be made to such banks in pursuance of arrangements by which Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom becomes bound;

(c) any increase in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under the Export Guarantees Act 1975 which is attributable to provisions of the new Act relating to limits set on the financial commitments of the Secretary of State under the Export Guarantees Act 1975;

(d) with respect to sums debited to the Commonwealth Development Corporation's deferred liability account, the remission by the Minister of Overseas Development of the payment by the Corporation—

(i) of all sums outstanding in respect of advances made to defray capital expenditure, and

(ii) of such sums as that Minister may from time to time deem to be appropriate in respect of accumulated interest; and

(e) any increase attributable to the new Act in the sums charged on, or payable into or out of, the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund. (Mr. David Stoddart.)

Skimmed Milk and Skimmed Milk Products. — A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/70/77 on Skimmed Milk and Skimmed Milk Products—(Mr. E. S. Bishop);

The Question was amended, in line 2, at the end, by adding the words “ but regrets that such disposal arrangements are necessary; recognises the need to secure adjustments to the price support arrangements in order to achieve a better balance of the market in the milk sector; and urges the need to take further steps to avoid the creation of structural surpluses ”.—(Mr. Norman Buchan.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/70/77 on Skimmed Milk and Skimmed Milk Products, but regrets that such disposal arrangements are necessary; recognises the need to secure adjustments to the price support arrangements in order to achieve a better balance of the market in the milk sector; and urges the need to take further steps to avoid the creation of structural surpluses.

Immersion Chilling of Poultry. — Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/1929/76 and R/89/77, welcomes the progress that has been made towards arrangements for the continued use of the immersion method of chilling poultry, and supports the Government’s intention to secure detailed amendments to meet the needs of the UK industry while retaining adequate health safeguards for the consumer.—(Dr. Gavin Strang.)

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords]. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords] be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

European Legislation, &c. — Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., be amended, by leaving out Mr. James Craigen and inserting Mr. John Cartwright.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.55 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 31st January 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes. — Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—

(1) 3rd, 6th and 7th December 1976, and

(2) 10th and 13th December 1976

relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 143 and 144].
Savings Banks,—Draft of a Warrant, entitled the Savings Banks (Registrar’s Fees) (Amendment) Warrant 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st January 1977, entitled the Oil Pollution (Compulsory Insurance) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 83) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 28th January 1977, entitled—
(1) the Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 128), and
(2) the Motor Cycles (Wearing of Helmets) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 129) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute, made by the Governing Body of St. John’s College, Cambridge, on 11th November 1976, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Land Drainage,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th January 1977, entitled the Internal Drainage Boards (Acquisition of New Interests and Rights) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 84) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of his proceedings in 1976 under sections 1 to 5 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Statutory Instruments,—Report to the Lord Chancellor and to Mr. Speaker from the Statutory Instruments Reference Committee, That they have considered notifications from the Scottish Office made in accordance with Regulation 11(3) of the Statutory Instruments Regulations 1947 in respect of maps referred to in—
(1) the City of Edinburgh and West Lothian Districts (Inchgarvie and Drumshoeland) Boundaries Order 1977,
(2) the Lothian and Strathclyde Regions (Greenrigg and Westercaigs) Boundaries Order 1977,
(3) the Central and Strathclyde Regions (Bearensden and Milngavie, Stirling and Strathkelvin Districts) Boundaries Order 1977,
(4) the Monklands and Motherwell Districts (Chapelhall) Boundaries Order 1977,
(5) the Caithness and Sutherland Districts (Tongue and Farr) Boundaries Order 1977,
(6) the Hamilton and Motherwell Districts (Strathclyde Park) Boundaries Order 1977,
(7) the Cumnock and Doon Valley and Kyle and Carrick Districts (Dalrymple) Boundaries Order 1977, and
(8) the Highland and Strathclyde Regions (Duror and Glen Etive and Glencoe) Boundaries Order 1977
and have taken no further action in any of these matters.

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. Daniel Awdry (nominated in respect of the Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peter Temple-Morris.
In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill, the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, the Avoidance of Liability (England and Wales) Bill and the Licensing (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 39.]

Tuesday, 1st February, 1977.

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

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill,—The Australia and New Zealand Banking Group 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.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—Ordered, That the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

London Hydraulic Power Bill,—Ordered, That the London Hydraulic Power Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

London Transport Bill,—Ordered, That the London Transport Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill,—Ordered, That the Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill,—The Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill was 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).

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 (Eighth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-x].

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. 32-viii].

Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 58].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 148].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to impose time limits on the duty of housing authorities to notify their decisions on applications under section 27 of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Rent (Agriculture) Amendment Bill [Lords].
Rent (Agriculture) Amendment Bill [Lords].—The Rent (Agriculture) Amendment Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 57].

Employment Protection Act 1975 (Amendment) Bill.—Ordered, That the Employment Protection Act 1975 (Amendment) Bill be read a second time upon Friday.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Overseas Service (Pensions Supplement) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2013) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Post Office (Telephone Equipment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to end the statutory monopoly of the Post Office in the provision of telephone equipment; and for connected purposes—(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. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Ian Gow: 175.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth: 236.

So the Question was negatived.

Scotland and Wales Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 3 (Time of election and term of office of members of Assembly).

Amendment (No. 482) proposed, in page 2, line 12, after the word “day”, to insert the words “after the next general election.”—(Miss Harvie Anderson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Ian Grist: 123.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Frank R. White: 264.

Another Amendment (No. 457) proposed, in page 2, line 13, to leave out the words “Secretary of State” and insert the words “Commissioner appointed by the Queen in Council.”—(Mr. John P. Mackintosh.)

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

And it being Ten o’clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Stephen McAdden 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 Scotland and Wales Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Scotland and Wales Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 3 (Time of election and term of office of members of Assembly).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 457) be made.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mr. Dafydd Wigley: 26.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Peter Snape: 293.

Another Amendment (No. 575) proposed, in page 2, line 13, after the word “State”, to insert the words “provided that if a Speaker’s Conference appointed in accordance with the provisions of section (Speaker’s Conference) of this Act has made any recommendation before 1st January 1978, no day earlier than 60 days after the acceptance or rejection of such recommendation by resolution of the House of Commons shall be so appointed.”—(Mr. Francis Pym.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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**Question put.**

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 199.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. James Hamilton: 277.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph Harper 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.

Import Duties.—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 Import Duties (General) (No. 10) Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2077), dated 2nd December 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th December, be annulled—(Mr. Douglas Jay): The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. John Ellis: 92.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. David Stoddart: 175.

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 three minutes past Six o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 6.3 a.m.]

**APPENDIX**

**Tuesday 1st February 1977**

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th December 1976 on loans raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 146].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th January 1977, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 112) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Kingston upon Hull Corporation,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th November 1976, entitled the Kingston upon Hull Corporation Act 1967 (Extension of Time) Order 1976, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Transport under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].
The Lord Advocate:


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 1976, with Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 147].


MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 1st February 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the International Finance, Trade and Aid Bill to Standing Committee A and the Overseas Service (Pensions Supplement) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1976 to the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 40.]

Wednesday, 2nd February, 1977.

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).

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. William Wilson reported from the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the British Airways Board 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. 150].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 150].

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-vii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-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 2nd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-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 C on 2nd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 42-v].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Local Authorities’ Cemeteries Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 24th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 149].
Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity Boards) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 24th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 151].

House of Commons (Services)—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 25th January and 1st February to be printed [No. 55-ii].

Adjournment (Abduction of Schoolchildren from South-West Rhodesia),—Mr. Ronald Bell, Member for Beaconsfield, 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 Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to make immediate representations to the Government of Botswana for the return of four hundred schoolchildren abducted on Monday from South-West Rhodesia; 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.

Social Security (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Social Security Act 1975 to provide attendance allowance to foster children: And that Mr. John Hannam, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Jack Ashley, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Sir George Young, Mr. George Park, Mr. David Price, Mr. Norman Tebbit, and Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, do prepare and bring it in.

Social Security (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. John Hannam accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Social Security Act 1975 to provide attendance allowance to foster children: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th February and to be printed [Bill 59].

Scotland and Wales Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 3 (Time of election and term of office of members of Assembly).

Another Amendment (No. 97) proposed, in page 2, to leave out lines 15 and 16 and insert the words “at any time within four years of the date of the previous election.”—(Mr. Tam Dalyell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 106) proposed, in page 2, line 17, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Emlyn Hooson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 109) proposed, in page 2, line 22, at the end, to insert the words “provided that no Assembly Election may be held during a period when Parliament has been dissolved.”—(Mr. Cranley Onslow.)

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

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. 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 Scotland and Wales Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Scotland and Wales Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 3 (Time of election and term of office of members of Assembly).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 109) be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 115) proposed, in page 2, to leave out lines 28 to 30 and insert the words—

"(4) No Order shall be made under this section unless a draft thereof shall have been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament."—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Frank R. White 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.

Public Accounts,—Ordered, That during the remainder of this Parliament Standing Order No. 86 (Committee of Public Accounts) shall have effect as if the word “four” were substituted for the word “five” in line 10.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 86 (Committee of Public Accounts) be amended, in line 12, by leaving out the second word “and”, and in line 13, by adding at the end the words “and to adjourn from place to place.”—(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, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-two minutes to Twelve o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.38 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 2nd February 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Statement by the Secretary of State for Scotland on residential care of handicapped persons under the age of 65 in Scotland [by Act]; to be printed [No. 126].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

National Gallery and Tate Gallery,—Draft of an Order, entitled the National Gallery (Lending Outside the United Kingdom) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Northern Ireland (Local Elections) Order 1977 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the International Finance, Trade and Aid Bill, viz.: Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Ted Graham, Mrs. Judith Hart, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. Tom Litterick, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. John Tomlinson, and Mr. Peter Viggers.

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 Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill, viz.: Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. John Farr, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. John Page, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mr. Tom Torney, and Mr. Andrew Welsh.
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 Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. David Ginsburg, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. Kenneth Lewis, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. David Weitzman, and Mr. Alexander Wilson.

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 matter of Teacher Training in Scotland from 1977 onwards (Consultative Document of 17th January 1977), viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Sir Frederic Bennett, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Sir Anthony Royle, Sir John Rodgers, and Mr. Dudley Smith.

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 Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Sir Frederic Bennett, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Sir John Rodgers, Sir Anthony Royle, and Mr. Dudley Smith.

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Overseas Service (Pensions Supplement) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1976, viz.: Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Mr. John Cockcroft, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Frank Judd, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Jeffrey Thomas, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, and Mr. Dennis Walters.

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 Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill; and Sir Thomas Williams Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Overseas Service (Pensions Supplement) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1976.

[No. 41.]

Thursday, 3rd February, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill.—The British Railways Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

British Transport Docks Bill.—The British Transport Docks Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

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 Hydraulic Power Bill.—The London Hydraulic Power Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
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.

Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merseyside Passenger 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).

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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 29-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 3rd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 36-v].

Procedure (Sessional Committee).—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Sessional Committee on Procedure, That they had considered the matter of the method of raising points of order during Divisions, referred to them on 2nd December, 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 (Second Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 152].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 152].

Whooping-Cough (Vaccination) Bill.—Mr. Robert Adley, supported by Mr. David Price, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Alec Woodall, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. David Hunt, and Mr. Jack Ashley, presented a Bill to make provision for the recovery of damages incurred as a result of vaccination against whooping-cough: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th February and to be printed [Bill 60].

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. James Tinn.)

Adjournment (Abduction of Schoolchildren from South-West Rhodesia).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Ronald Bell):—It was negatived.

Supply [5th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. David Stoddart); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 254.


So the Question was negatived.

Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 1977), dated 23rd November 1976, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th December, be annulled—(Mr. Norman Fowler); The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

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

Thursday 3rd February 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 11th January 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 153].

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 23rd December 1976 on loans raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 154].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Sex Discrimination,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment of section 43) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Criminal Damage (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Transport,—Statements of determination of the pensions of—

(1) members of the British Railways Board, and

(2) a member of the National Freight Corporation

[by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:


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

Ironstone Restoration Fund,—Account of the Ironstone Restoration Fund showing Receipts and Payments during the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 155].

National Land Fund,—Account of the National Land Fund for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 157].

National Research Development Corporation,—Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 158].

MEMORANDUM

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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 Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the International Finance, Trade and Aid Bill.
4th February

Friday, 4th February, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o'Clock.

PRAYERS.

The City of London and Westminster South 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 The City of London and Westminster South, in the room of Christopher Samuel Tugendhat, Esquire, 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. Humphrey Atkins.)

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

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Kenyon to attend to be examined as a witness before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—(Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke.)

Employee Investment Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employee Investment Bill;

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

Mr. Julian Ridsdale 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. Peter Emery, Mr. Keith Stainton: 49.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Ernest Perry: 27.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided in the Affirmative because it was not supported by the majority prescribed by Standing Order No. 31 (Majority for Closure).

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill;

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

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.

Roe Deer (Close Seasons) Bill,—The Roe Deer (Close Seasons) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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. 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.
Deer (Nightly Close Time) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Deer (Nightly Close Time) Bill;

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

Sale of Venison Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Venison Bill;

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

Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 28th January, That the Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

Lotteries (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lotteries (Amendment) Bill;

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

Education Act 1944 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Act 1944 (Amendment) Bill;

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

Employment Protection Act 1975 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment Protection Act 1975 (Amendment) Bill;

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

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd February 1977, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 155) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Local Government (Scotland).—Copies of Reports of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, reviewing—

1. the boundary between Hamilton and Motherwell District in the vicinity of Strathclyde Park in Strathclyde Region,
2. the Chapelhall area in relation to the boundaries of the Monklands and Motherwell Districts in the Strathclyde Region,
3. the Colyton, Dalrymple and Mosshill Industrial Estate areas in relation to the boundaries of the Cumnock and Doon Valley and Kyle and Carrick Districts in the Strathclyde Region,
4. the electoral consequences of the proposed transfer of Tongue and Farr area from Caithness District to Sutherland District.
(5) the Harthill and Westcraigs areas in relation to the boundaries of the Lothian and Strathclyde Regions,

(6) the Highland/Strathclyde regional boundary through Glencoe and at Duror,

(7) sections of the City of Edinburgh/West Lothian District boundary in Lothian Region at Inchgarvie, South Queensferry, and at Drumshoreland near Broxburn,

(8) the Strathblane area in relation to the boundaries of the Central and Strathclyde Regions, and

(9) the Tongue and Farr area in relation to the boundaries of the Caithness and Sutherland Districts in the Highland Region

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence.—Copies of Orders, dated—

(1) 19th January 1977, entitled the Standing Civilian Courts Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 88), and


[by Act].

Defence.—Copies of Regulations, dated 19th January 1977, entitled—

(1) the Courts-Martial and Standing Civilian Courts (Additional Powers on Trial of Civilians) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 87), and

(2) the Courts-Martial (Evidence) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 86)

[by Act].

Defence.—Copies of Rules, dated 19th January 1977, entitled—

(1) the Imprisonment and Detention (Air Force) (Amendment) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 93),

(2) the Imprisonment and Detention (Army) (Amendment) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 90),

(3) the Imprisonment and Detention (Army) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 91),

(4) the Rules of Procedure (Air Force) (Amendment) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 94), and


[by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Stanley Cohen (nominated in respect of the Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Weitzman; and that they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. David Weitzman (nominated in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Stanley Cohen.

[No. 43.]


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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 18th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 19-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 Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 7th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-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 7th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-vii].

Direct Elections to the European Parliament.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls on Her Majesty's Government to fulfil its undertakings to Parliament and to the Community to introduce legislation for the purpose of holding direct elections to the European Parliament; notes that unless this legislation is published forthwith there will be insufficient time for the Boundary Commissioners to complete the necessary work to meet the official target date of May-June 1978; and recalls that failure to bring forward the Bill at the earliest opportunity may prevent such elections taking place in any of the member-states, as provided in the September 1976 Convention to which Her Majesty's Government was a signatory—(Mr. Hugh Dykes);

And it being Seven o'clock, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 6 (Precedence of government business).

Reduction of Redundancy Rebates Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Reduction of Redundancy Rebates 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. David Stoddart, Mr. Donald Coleman: 129.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Sir George Young: 130.
So the Question was negatived.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

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

Monday 7th February 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th January 1977, entitled the Local Authorities (Allowances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 119) [by Act].

Representation of the People.—Copy of Rules, dated 24th January 1977, entitled the Scottish Local Elections Amendment Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 120) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland.—Proposal for a draft Order in Council under Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974, entitled the Criminal Injuries (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 [by Command].
Tuesday, 8th February, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Memorial to Earl Attlee.—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 20th December relating to a Memorial to Earl Attlee 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 direct that a Memorial be erected within the precincts of the Palace of Westminster to the memory of the late Right Honourable the Earl Attlee, K.G., and assuring me that your House will make good the expenses attending the same.

I will gladly give directions for carrying your proposals into effect.

Income Tax.—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of 12th January 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 on the ratification by the Government of the United States of America of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (United States of America) Order 1976 and on the ratification by the Government of the United States of America of the protocol set out in the Schedule to the Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (United States of America) (No. 2) Order 1976, drafts of which were laid before this House in the last Session of Parliament, Orders be made in the form of those drafts.

I will comply with your request.

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.:

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill.

Bill committed.

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 8th February and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Ninth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-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 A on 8th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 36-vi].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Ninth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 32-ix].

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Town and Country Planning (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. 161].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Kenyon to attend to be examined as a witness before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, if his Lordship think fit.

Coal Industry Bill.—Mr. Secretary Benn, supported by Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Shore, Mr. Secretary Dell, Mr. Joel Barnett, Dr. J. Dickinson Mabon, Mr. Alex Eadie, and Dr. John Cunningham, presented (under Standing Order No. 91 (Procedure on Bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to increase the limit on the borrowing powers of the National Coal Board, to provide for grants by the Secretary of State to the Board and other persons, to extend the Board's powers and the power to provide pensions and other benefits under the Coal Industry Nationalisation Act 1946: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 61].

Northern Ireland Committee.—Ordered, That the matter of the Proposal for a draft Criminal Injuries to Persons (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee. —(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Electricity and Gas Undertakings (Financial Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

Registration of Private Security Firms.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the registration of private security firms and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Bruce George, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Norman Fowler, Dr. Keith Hampson, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. John Lee, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Paul B. Rose, and Mr. Michael Neubert, do prepare and bring it in.

Registration of Private Security Firms Bill.—Mr. Bruce George accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the registration of private security firms and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 4th March and to be printed [Bill 62].

Nuclear Industry (Finance) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nuclear Industry (Finance) Bill;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Frank R. White: 196.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. John Pardoe: 22.

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).

Nuclear Industry (Finance) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Nuclear Industry (Finance) [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session ("the new Act") to make further financial provision for and in respect of British Nuclear Fuels Limited ("BNFL"), The Radiochemical Centre Limited ("TRCL") and the National Nuclear Corporation Limited ("NNCL"), it is expedient that provision should be made as follows—

(a) sums required by the Secretary of State for fulfilling guarantees given for BNFL or TRCL under powers conferred by the new Act to be paid out of money provided by Parliament, and consequential payments to the Secretary of State by either company to be paid into the Consolidated Fund;

(b) the commitment of public finance to the two companies under sections 11 and 12 of the Atomic Energy Authority Act 1971 (Votes and the National Loans Fund) and under the new Act (Votes) to be limited as follows—

(i) for BNFL, £300 million (or up to £500 million by order),
(ii) for TRCL, £5 million (or up to £15 million by order),

plus £400 million (or up to £500 million by order) for guarantees given by the Secretary of State under powers conferred by the new Act in respect of payments in advance made to BNFL by its customers; and

(c) payment out of money provided by Parliament of expenditure which the Secretary of State may incur with a view to or in connection with the acquisition for the Crown of shares in, or securities of, NNCL or any subsidiary of that company.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)
Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Lotteries Regulations 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill);

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. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Joseph Harper: 151.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Fred Silvester: 26.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Lotteries Regulations 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved.

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Lotteries (Scotland) Regulations 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr. Harry Ewing);

The House proceeded to a Division.

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

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Joseph Harper: 149.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Hugh McCartney: 28.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Lotteries (Scotland) Regulations 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joe Ashton):—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-eight minutes to One o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.32 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 8th February 1977

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 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].

Mr Secretary Rees:

Immigration,—Copy of the Report of the Parliamentary Group on the feasibility and usefulness of a Register of Dependants [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:


Mr Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th February 1977, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 184) [by Act].
Mr Secretary Rodgers:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th December 1976, entitled the Lymington Harbour Revision Order 1976, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Transport under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr John Silkin:

Agriculture,—Draft of a Scheme, entitled the Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1977 [by Act].

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

Judgments,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th January 1977, entitled the Judgment Debts (Rate of Interest) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 141) [by Act].

Sugar,—Accounts of the Sugar Board, showing Revenue and Expenditure attributable to the period 1st January to 30th November 1976 and Balance Sheet as at 30th November 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 162].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 8th February 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Electricity and Gas Undertakings (Financial Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 45.]

Wednesday, 9th February, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—Mr. Fred Evans reported from the Committee on the Anglian Water Authority 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.

European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-vii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-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 9th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 164-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 9th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-xi].

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 9th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 42-vi].
Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Thomas Williams reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Overseas Service (Pensions Supplement) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2013), referred to a Committee on 1st February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 163].

Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) (No. 2),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 with respect to the implementation of recommendations by the Parliamentary Commissioner; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Charles Irvine, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, and Mr. Edwin Wainwright, do prepare and bring it in.

Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—Mr. Michael Marshall accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 with respect to the implementation of recommendations by the Parliamentary Commissioner; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th February and to be printed [Bill 63].

Supply [6th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 271.

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

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Joe Ashton: 278.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Rent (Agriculture) Amendment Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Rent (Agriculture) Amendment Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent (Agriculture) Amendment Bill [Lords];

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

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

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And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Alf Bates: 50.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Dr. Alan Glyn: 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).

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joe Ashton):—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 One o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 9th February 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Social Security.—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—
(1) the Social Security (Contributions) (Consequential Amendments) Amendment Regulations 1977, and
(2) the Social Security (Contributions) (Married Women and Widows) Amendment Regulations 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Export Guarantees.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Mines and Quarries.—Copies of Orders, dated 1st February 1977, entitled—
(1) the Ironstone Restoration Fund (Rates of Contribution) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 134), and
(2) the Ironstone Restoration Fund (Standard Rate) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 133) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Prices.—Copies of Orders, dated 8th February 1977, entitled—
(1) the Cheese Prices (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 193), and
(2) the Household Flour Prices (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 192) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th January 1977, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 154) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Bodies of—
(1) St. John Baptist College, Oxford, on 8th November 1976, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(2) Trinity College, Oxford, on 18th November 1976, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 9th February 1977, entitled the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 194) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Nuclear Industry (Finance) Bill, viz.: Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. David Ginsburg, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Arthur Palmer, Mr. David Penthaligon, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, and Mr. David Stoddart.
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 Avoidance of Liability (England and Wales) Bill, viz.: Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. John Gorst, Sir Raymond Gower, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. Timothy Raison, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Giles Shaw, and Mr. Michael Ward.

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke (nominated in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill) and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hal Miller.

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Eight Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Proposal for a draft Criminal Injuries to Persons (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, viz.: Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Airey Neave, and Mr. van Straubenzee.

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 Electricity and Gas Undertakings (Financial Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. McCusker, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Michael Mates, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. van Straubenzee, and Mr. Cyril D. Townsend.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 9th February 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Nuclear Industry (Finance) Bill to Standing Committee A.

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 matter of Teacher Training in Scotland from 1977 onwards (Consultative Document of 17th January 1977); and Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Proposal for a draft Criminal Injuries to Persons (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1977 in the place of Mr. Michael English.

[No. 46.]

Thursday, 10th February, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill;

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

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.

Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merseyside Passenger 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).
Standing Orders,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee, a Resolution: That in the case of the St. Paul's Playing Field (Trust) Bill, 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.

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.

Special Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 167].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make new provision for Scotland as respects the law relating to the constitution of marriage, and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 64].

Scotland and Wales Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Francis Pym);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Mr. Peter Morrison: 197.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn: 248.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Order of the Committee [13th January] be amended and that the new Clause (Referendums in Scotland and Wales) in the name of Mr. Michael Foot and the new Schedule (Referendums in Scotland and Wales) in the name of Mr. Michael Foot be considered before Clause 4—(Mr. Michael Foot):—Debate arising;

Mr. Walter Harrison rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. David Stoddart: 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Peter Emery: 51.

Question put accordingly.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, Mr. Nick Budgen: 64.

Ordered, That the Order of the Committee [13th January] be amended and that the new Clause (Referendums in Scotland and Wales) in the name of Mr. Michael Foot and the new Schedule (Referendums in Scotland and Wales) in the name of Mr. Michael Foot be considered before Clause 4.

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 Sir Stephen McAdden 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 Scotland and Wales Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Scotland and Wales Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.
A Clause (Referendums in Scotland and Wales)—(Mr. John Smith)—brought up and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—
To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. David Stoddart 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.

APPENDIX

Thursday 10th February 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:


Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th January 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 166].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:

Treaty Series (No. 11, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Neuilly-sur-Seine between 14th August and 24th September 1973, between the Government of the United States of America and certain Governments, Members of the European Space Research Organisation, for a co-operative programme concerning the development, procurement and use of a space laboratory in conjunction with the space shuttle system [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Transport,—Copy of the Report to the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection of the Transport Users' Consultative Committee for Scotland for 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 120].

Mr. Secretary Morris:

Community Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th January 1977, entitled the Community Land (Outstanding Material Interests) Amendment (Wales) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 148) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Rates Amendment (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, and
(2) the Transport (Northern Ireland) Order 1977
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Mr. John Silkin:
Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th December 1976, entitled the Looe Harbour 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].


Plant Breeders’ Rights,—Copies of Schemes, dated 31st January 1977, entitled—
(1) the Plant Breeders’ Rights (Cherries and Cherry Rootstocks) Scheme 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 143),
(2) the Plant Breeders’ Rights (Hops) Scheme 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 144),
(3) the Plant Breeders’ Rights (Lilies) Scheme 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 145),
(4) the Plant Breeders’ Rights (Red Clover and White Clover) Scheme 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 142), and
(5) the Plant Breeders’ Rights (Timothy, Cocksfoot, Tall Fescue and Meadow Fescue) Scheme 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 147)
[by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute, made by the University of Oxford on 5th November 1976, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

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


Medical Research Council,—Statement of Account of the Medical Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].


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 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 168].


MEMORANDUM

Thursday 10th February 1977

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 B in respect of the Water Charges Equalisation Bill.
Friday, 11th February, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Passenger Vehicles (Educational and Other Purposes) Bill,—The Passenger Vehicles (Educational and Other Purposes) 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).

Rentcharges Bill,—The Rentcharges 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).

Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—The Firearms Act 1968 (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).

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

Lotteries (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lotteries (Amendment) Bill;

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

Education Act 1944 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Act 1944 (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 11th March.

Employment Protection Act 1975 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment Protection Act 1975 (Amendment) Bill;

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.-(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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 11th February 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Supply Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1976-77,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1977, for Civil Departments [by Command]; to be printed [No. 140].

Supply Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1976-77,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1977, for Defence Services [by Command]; to be printed [No. 159].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 10th February 1977, entitled—
(1) the Bentley Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 203),
(2) the Cadeby Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 201), and
(3) the Markham Mine (Electric Lighting) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 202) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Medicines,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st January 1977, entitled the Medicines (Exemption from Licences) (Medicinal Tests on Animals) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 161) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th February 1977, entitled the Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 200) [by Act].
Monday, 14th February, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

St. Paul's Playing Field (Trust) Bill.—A Bill to provide for the retention of St. Paul's Playing Field in the London Borough of Hammersmith as public open space for the use of the public and for educational purposes, to provide for its clearance of any obstacles to the full use of the Field for such purposes, to enable the Greater London Council and the Inner London Education Authority to spend money on capital account for the provision of alternative accommodation for the Hammersmith and West London College; and for other purposes relating thereto, 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 I).

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 14th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-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 14th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-viii].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Asian Development Bank (Extension of Limit on Guarantees) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 20th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 171].

General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee. (Mr. James Tinn.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Job Release Bill.—The Job Release Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee to-morrow.

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

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide finance for job release schemes, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required for paying temporary allowances to persons approaching pensionable age, under schemes made and implemented with a view to creating job vacancies and otherwise mitigating the effects of high unemployment.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Review of earnings rule operation)—(Mr. Patrick Jenkin)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Continuance of widow's pension in case of annulled marriage which was voidable)—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker)—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) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 23, at the end, to insert the words—

" (8) On or before 1st January 1978 the Secretary of State shall lay before Parliament a report estimating the number of employed earners whose employment will be contracted out employment within the meaning of section 30(1) of the Pensions Act at 6th April 1978 and setting out the level of primary and secondary contributions which, in the light of such estimate, will have to be specified in an order made under subsection 6 above ".—(Mr. Patrick Jenkin.)

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

An Amendment (No. 2) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

" (5) The Social Security (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Regulations 1974 shall be amended by adding the following proviso at the end of paragraph 7 (' Conditions for entitlement to a Category D retirement pension '):—

' Provided that a person of British nationality born in Great Britain, notwithstanding his failure to qualify for a Category D retirement pension on attaining the age of 80 by reason of the residence qualification in (a) above, shall be entitled to such a pension at such later time as he shall have been resident in Great Britain for 10 years in the previous 20 years. '".—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 19, at the end, to insert the words—

" (3) In section 30 of the principal Act, there shall be inserted after subsection (1) the following subsection:—

' (1A) With effect from such day as may be prescribed in the week containing 6th April in a year mentioned in the first column below, subsection (1) above shall have effect with the substitution for the words " 5 years " of the words specified in relation to that year in the second column below—

1977 ... ... ... ... " 4 years "
1978 ... ... ... ... " 3 years "
1979 ... ... ... ... " 2 years "
1980 ... ... ... ... " 1 year "

and with effect from such day as may be prescribed in the week containing 6th April in 1981, subsection (1) above shall cease to have effect. '".—(Mr. Cyril Smith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. David Penhaligon: 21.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Frank R. White: 161.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 19, to leave out from the word " age " to the word " and " in line 21.—(Mr. David Price.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 42, at the end, to insert the words—

" (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3) above the Secretary of State shall retain powers to issue, in exceptional circumstances, a certificate under this section to any disabled person he considers would have been covered by subsection (3) but for some delay, or error, or other circumstance, which he considers appropriate to take into account in any particular case and which is brought to his attention within one year from the date of implementation of this section ».".—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker.)

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

And it being Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 1, at the beginning to insert the words—

"( ) The Secretary of State may by regulations make such modifications of the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 as he considers are appropriate with a view to securing that, for the purposes of that Act or of such provisions of it as are prescribed—

(a) the resources of a person under pensionable age who is attending a course of full-time education are treated as including any prescribed contribution notwithstanding that contribution is not actually made; and

(b) any such contribution and any grant or award made to such a person by a Minister of the Crown or a prescribed authority in connection with the course is not disregarded;

but nothing in this subsection or in any regulations made in pursuance of this subsection shall be construed as prejudicing any power conferred on the Supplementary Benefits Commission otherwise than by virtue of this subsection.

( ) Regulations may specify the courses which are courses of full-time education for the purposes of the preceding subsection and the circumstances in which a person is or is not to be treated for those purposes as attending such a course."—(Mr. Stanley Orme.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Ted Graham: 116.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. A. J. Beith: 23.

Other Amendments (Nos. 16 and 20) made to the Bill.

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

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Another Amendment (No. 24) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 1, to leave out the words "Secretary of State" and insert the words "Occupational Pensions Board", instead thereof.—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Tony Newton: 14.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. David Stoddart: 105.

Other Amendments (Nos. 28 and 29) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with as if it had been certified by Mr. Speaker as relating exclusively to Scotland.—(Mr. Harry Ewing.)

Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Harry Ewing.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.34 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 14th February 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 22nd, 24th, 29th, 30th and 31st December 1976 and 4th, 5th and 6th January 1977, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 170].
Mr. John Silkin:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd February 1977, entitled the Milk and Dairies (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 171) [by Act].

Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders),—Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of his proceedings during the year ended 31st January 1977 under the General Pier and Harbour Acts 1861 to 1915 [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 Falmouth Harbour Revision Order 1976 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the Northern Ireland Committee Mr. Carol Mather (nominated in respect of the Criminal Injuries to Persons (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Norman Miscampbell.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 14th February 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Passenger Vehicles (Educational and Other Purposes) Bill, the Rentcharges Bill and the Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 49.]

Tuesday, 15th February, 1977.

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 had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 15th February: And the Report was brought up and read (Tenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xiii].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xiii]

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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 36-vii].

Privileges,—Mr. George Strauss reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the complaint by Mr. Marcus Lipton, Member for Lambeth Central, of words contained in an article in the Sunday People newspaper of 23rd January, 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. 176].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 176].
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. 32-x].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (Transitional Modifications of Part I) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment of section 43) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Caithness and Sutherland Districts (Tongue and Farr) Boundaries Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 14) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Protection of Voluntary Work,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect the work of voluntary organisations, community and neighbourhood organisations and self-help groups by ensuring that each local authority annually allocates a minimum amount of the funds available to non-statutory endeavour: And that Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. Charles Irving, Sir Anthony Royle, and Mr. George Gardiner, do prepare and bring it in.

Protection of Voluntary Work Bill,—Mr. Anthony Steen accordingly presented a Bill to protect the work of voluntary organisations, community and neighbourhood organisations and self-help groups by ensuring that each local authority annually allocates a minimum amount of the funds available to non-statutory endeavour: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd April and to be printed [Bill 65].

Scotland and Wales Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Referendums in Scotland and Wales) be read a second time:—Debate arising;

Mr. Eric S. Heffer moved, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again, and the Chairman, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28 (Dilatory motion in abuse of rules of House), put the Question thereupon forthwith.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Paul Channon, Mr. Eric Moonman: 202.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Frank R. White: 231.

Question again proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Debate arising;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Wells 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 Scotland and Wales Bill be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Scotland and Wales Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Referendums in Scotland and Wales) be read a second time:—Debate arising;

Mr. Walter Harrison rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put, but the Chairman withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question:—Assent withheld. Debate resumed.

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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 Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 230.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Terence L. Higgins: 32.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Alf Bates: 231.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Nick Budgen: 24.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mrs. Ann Taylor reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill; and that she 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.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.53 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 15th February 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Savings Banks.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th February 1977, entitled the Trustee Savings Bank (Interest-bearing Receipts) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 216) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Criminal Law Revision.—Copy of the Report of the Criminal Law Revision Committee on section 16 of the Theft Act 1968 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Treaty Series (No. 12, 1977),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at London on 11th October 1976, concerning a grant by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Executive Council of the Republic of Zaire (United Kingdom/Zaire Grant 1976) [by Command].

Zaire (No. 1, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 11th October 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Zaire for the avoidance of double taxation in revenues arising from the business of shipping and air transport in international traffic (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Judges.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Maximum Number of Judges Order 1977 [by Act].

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 9th February 1977, entitled—
(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 213), and
(2) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Census.—Copy of the New County Reports of the Census 1971 relating to—
(1) Dorset, and
(2) Nottinghamshire as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Local Government.—Copy of an Order, dated 26th January 1977, entitled the Local Government (General Grant) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.1), 1977, No. 16) [by Act].
Rates.—Copy of an Order, dated 1st February 1977, entitled the Rates (Regional Rate and Reduction of Regional Rate on Dwelling-houses) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 21) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety.— Copies of Regulations, dated 15th February 1977, entitled—
(1) the Murton Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 225), and
(2) the Yorkshire Main Mine (Well Shaft) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 226) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:


Diseases of Animals.— Copies of Orders, dated—
(1) 25th January 1977, entitled the Importation of Cattle (Number 1) Order 1977, and
(2) 31st January 1977, entitled the Importation of Cattle (Number 2) Order 1977 [by Act].

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

Legal Aid and Advice.— Copies of Regulations, dated 3rd February 1977, entitled—
(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 182),
(2) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 183),
(3) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1977, and
(4) the Legal Aid (Matrimonial Proceedings) Regulations 1977 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 15th February 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Rent (Agriculture) Amendment Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B, the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to the First Scottish Standing Committee, the draft Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1977 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (Transitional Modifications of Part I) Order 1977 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment of section 43) Order 1977 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the Caithness and Sutherland Districts (Tongue and Farr) Boundaries Order 1977 to the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 50.]

Wednesday, 16th February, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills,— Mr. Daniel Awdry reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Agricultural Holdings (Notices to Quit) 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. 178].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 178].
European Legislation, &c.—Mr. Julius Silverman reported from the Select Committee on European 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 [41-ix].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [41-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 16th February.

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

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 16th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 42-vii].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Dogs (Control of Nuisances) Bill.—Mr. Peter Viggers presented a Bill to make further provision as to the powers and function of local authorities with respect to the control of nuisances caused by dogs; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th February and to be printed [Bill 66].

Freedom of Information and Privacy.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further the free interchange of opinion in the United Kingdom by providing for greater public access to official information; to safeguard the privacy of personal information collected and retained for official purposes; to make provision with respect to the keeping, disclosure, correction and dissemination of such information; to make further provision for the content and accuracy of certain official documents; and for purposes connected with the aforesaid matters: And that Mr. Tom Litterick, Mr. Andrew Bowden, and Mrs. Margaret Bain, do prepare and bring it in.

Freedom of Information and Privacy Bill.—Mr. Tom Litterick accordingly presented a Bill to further the free interchange of opinion in the United Kingdom by providing for greater public access to official information; to safeguard the privacy of personal information collected and retained for official purposes; to make provision with respect to the keeping, disclosure, correction and dissemination of such information; to make further provision for the content and accuracy of certain official documents; and for purposes connected with the aforesaid matters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th February and to be printed [Bill 67].

Scotland and Wales Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

New Clause (Referendums in Scotland and Wales).

Amendment (o) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 1, to leave out subsection (1) and insert the words—

"(1) There shall be held a referendum in all parts of the United Kingdom on the questions—

(a) whether effect is to be given to the provisions of this Act establishing an elected Assembly and Executive in Scotland, and

(b) whether effect is to be given to the provisions of this Act establishing an elected Assembly in Wales."—(Mr. George Gardiner.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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. Richard Crawshaw 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 Scotland and Wales Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. James Tinn.)
Scotland and Wales Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

New Clause (Referendums in Scotland and Wales).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (o) be made to the proposed Clause.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Tim Renton: 69.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mrs. Ann Taylor: 249.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Walter Harrison): —Debate arising;

Mr. Walter Harrison rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Thomas Cox: 223.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Jim Lester: 60.

Question put accordingly, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Thomas Cox: 215.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Jim Lester: 80.

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.

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 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th January, be approved—(Mr. Donald Coleman): —It was agreed to.

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

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

Thursday, 17th February, 1977:

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 six minutes past Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.6 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 16th February 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Open Spaces,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Linlithgow Peel and Loch (Amendment) Regulations 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Air Travel Reserve Fund,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Air Travel Reserve Fund Agency for the period 1st August 1975 to 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Rules, dated 14th February 1977, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) (Amendment) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 229) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Housing Finance (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Transport,—Copies of the Reports for 1976 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 Scotland, and
(3) the Transport Users' Consultative Committee for Wales
[by Act] ; to be printed [Nos. 122 to 124].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection
Standing Committee B.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Rent (Agriculture) Amendment Bill [Lords], viz. : Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Richard Bosley, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. John Ellis, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Gerald Howells, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Carol Mather, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. John Owenden, Dr. Colin Philpps, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Mr. Hugh Rossi, and Mr. Arnold Shaw.

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 Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz. : Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. J. M. Craigen, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Frank McElhone, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Hector Moro, Mr. Malcolm Rijkind, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Iain Sproat, and Mr. George Younger.

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 General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords], viz. : Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Stan Crowther, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. David James, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Jasper Mere, Mr. David Mudd, and Mrs. Ann Taylor.

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 Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz. : Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Sir Frederic Bennett, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Sir John Rodgers, and Sir Anthony Royle.

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 Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1977, viz. : Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. F. A. Burden, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. George Grant, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mr. Evelyn King, Sir Timothy Kitson, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Tom Torney, and Mr. Hamish Watt.

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 Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (Transitional Modifications of Part D) Order 1977, viz. : Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Colin Jackson, Mr. Brynmor John, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mr. James White.

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 draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment of section 43) Order 1977, viz. : Mr. Michael Brotherton, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mrs. Renée Short, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. Iver Stanbrook, Mr. Raphael Tuck, Mr. William Whitlock, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.
Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Caithness and Sutherland Districts (Tongue and Farr) Boundaries Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. James Dempsey, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. Hamish Gray, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Frank McElhone, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. George Thompson, and Mr. George Younger.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 16th February 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords], of the Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords] and of the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Caithness and Sutherland Districts (Tongue and Farr) Boundaries Order 1977; Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords]; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Electricity and Gas Undertakings (Financial Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1977; and Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (Financial Modifications of Part I) Order 1977.

[No. 51.]


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

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill;

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

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.

Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merseyside Passenger 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 made further 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. 169].

Overseas Development,—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 12th, 19th and 26th January and 9th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 179-i to iv].

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had made further 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.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 180].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 180].
Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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 Lord Houghton of Sowerby to attend to be examined as a witness before the Accommodation and Administration Sub-Committee appointed by the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services).—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Deer (Nightly Close Time) Bill,—Ordered, That the Deer (Nightly Close Time) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Sale of Venison Bill,—Ordered, That the Sale of Venison Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Health Education (Television) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Health Education (Television) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 29th April.

Scottish Grand Committee,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Grand Committee on 15th and 17th February to be printed [No. 182].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Married Women and Widows) Amendment Regulations 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Consequential Amendments) Amendment Regulations 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Supply [7th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Hamilton : 281.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. Carol Mather : 257.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Frank R. White : 275.

So the Question was negatived.

Transport,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the British Railways Board (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 25th January, be approved—(Mr. John Horam);

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 British Railways Board (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 25th January, be approved.

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 Friday morning:

Friday, 18th February, 1977:

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes past Twelve o' clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.13 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Thursday 17th February 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 14th, 15th, 17th, 20th and 21st December 1976, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 183].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Mr. Secretary Crosland:
Treaty Series (No. 112, 1976),—Copy of the Third Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 1976 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Consumer Protection and Advice (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport,—Statement of determination of the salary payable on appointment to a part-time member of the National Ports Council [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from the Second Reading Committee in respect of the General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords] Mr. Guy Barnett; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ernest Armstrong.

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., Mr. Brynmor John (nominated in respect of the draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment of section 43) Order 1977); and had appointed in substitution Dr. Shirley Summerskill.

[No. 52.]

Friday, 18th February, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 200) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 194) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Lothian and Strathclyde Regions (Greenrigg and West Craigs) Boundaries Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 10) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill;

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

Mr. Stephen Ross 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 Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Road Traffic Act 1960 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic Act 1960 (Amendment) Bill;

And it being Four o’clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted the business.

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

Control of Food Premises (Scotland) Bill.—The Control of Food Premises (Scotland) 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).

Unethical Experiments Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Unethical Experiments Bill

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

Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 11th March.

Lotteries (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lotteries (Amendment) Bill;

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

Employment Protection Act 1975 (Amendment) Bill.—The Employment Protection Act 1975 (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).

Deer (Nightly Close Time) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Deer (Nightly Close Time) Bill;

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

Avoidance of Liability (England and Wales).—Ordered, That it be an Instruction to Standing Committee C that they have power to make provision in the Avoidance of Liability (England and Wales) Bill for the Bill to extend to Scotland and Northern Ireland.—(Mr. Michael Ward.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.32 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Friday 18th February 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Value Added Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th February 1977, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 205) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Public Health (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd February 1977, entitled the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 206) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Local Government,—Copies of Orders, dated 14th February 1977, entitled—
(1) the Berkshire and Buckinghamshire (Areas) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 219), and
(2) the Berkshire and Oxfordshire (Areas) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 218) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Seventh 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 Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Lothian and Strathclyde Regions (Greenrigg and Westcraigs) Boundaries Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. James Dempsey, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. Hamish Gray, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Frank McElhone, Mr. Hector Munro, Mr. George Thompson, and Mr. George Younger.

MEMORANDUM

Friday 18th February 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Lothian and Strathclyde Regions (Greenrigg and Westcraigs) Boundaries Order 1977 to the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 53.]


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 Charles Anthony Raven Crosland, Member for Grimsby, 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.

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 1st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 184-i].

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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 21st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-ix].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 21st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-ix].

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 21st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 37-ii].

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Motion relating to Textiles with the substitution of Twelve o’clock or five hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, for the provisions in paragraph (1) (b) of the Standing Order.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Maximum Number of Judges Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Legal Aid (Matrimonial Proceedings) Regulations 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Fishing Boats (European Economic Community) Designation Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2216) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Covent Garden Market (Financial Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Covent Garden Market (Financial Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Report on inspection and evaluation of use of manpower)—(Mr. Michael Jopling)—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. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 37, after the word "assets", to insert the words "other than those whose disposal would prejudice the movement of goods to and from the market by rail or water."—(Mr. Nigel Spearing.)

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.

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.

Textiles.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. S/1882/76 and S/12/77 on textiles.—(Mr. Michael Meacher.)

Mark Jeffrey Hosenball.—A Petition of Dennis Richard Muirhead, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature of 40 Bedford Street, London, on behalf of Mark Jeffrey Hosenball, who is the Applicant in an application to be made to the Divisional Court of the Queen's Bench Division of an Order of Certiorari to be heard in London shortly, was presented and read; setting forth that the Applicant seeks determination of legal issues affecting the validity of an order of deportation made against him by the Secretary of State for Home Affairs pursuant to his powers under the Immigration Act 1971; and that reference is desired to be made at the said application to the Official Report of the House for 15th June 1971 (H.C. Deb. 819; cols. 375-377); and praying that the House will be graciously pleased to give leave to the proper Officer of the House to attend the hearing of the said application and to produce the said Report and formally to prove the same before the Court according to his competence; and that leave be given for reference to be made to the said Report of Debates.
Ordered. That leave be given to the proper Officer of this House to attend the trial of the said action and to produce the said Report of Debates; and that leave be given for reference to be made to the said Report.—(Mr. Christopher Price.)

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

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.]

MEMORANDUM

Monday 21st February 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill and the Employment Protection Act 1975 (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee C, and the Control of Food Premises (Scotland) Bill to the Second Scottish Standing Committee.

[No. 54.]

Tuesday, 22nd February, 1977.

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.:—

London Hydraulic Power Bill.

Bill committed.

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

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xiv].

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 22nd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 36-viii].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Eleventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 32-xi].

International Finance, Trade and Aid Bill,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the International Finance, Trade and Aid Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 71].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 191].

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 70].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 186].

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

House of Commons (Services).—The Lords give leave to the Lord Houghton of Sowerby to attend to be examined as a witness before the Accommodation and Administration Sub-Committee appointed by the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) if his Lordship thinks fit.

Freedom of Information and Privacy Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Freedom of Information and Privacy Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 4th March.

Protection of Children Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 4th March, the Protection of Children Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 44 (Allocation of time to Bills), Mr. Speaker shall proceed to put at Ten o'clock any Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion relating to the allocation of time to the Scotland and Wales Bill.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Food and Drugs (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to food and drugs: And that Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. John Loveridge, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. David Mitchell, and Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, do prepare and bring it in.

Food and Drugs (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Jasper More accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law relating to food and drugs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th March and to be printed [Bill 69].

Scotland and Wales Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Bill:

Allotted days for Committee, Report and Third Reading

1.—(1) The remaining proceedings in Committee on the Bill, the proceedings on Consideration of the Bill and the proceedings on Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed in 20 allotted days and shall be brought to a conclusion at Eleven o'clock on the last of those days.

(2) For the purposes of Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) this Order shall be taken to allot to the remaining proceedings in Committee on the Bill, and to the proceedings on Consideration of the Bill, such parts of those days as the Resolutions of the Business Committee may determine.

Report of Business Committee

2.—(1) The Business Committee shall report to the House their Resolution—(a) as to the remaining proceedings in Committee on the Bill and as to the allocation of time between those proceedings and the proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Bill not later than the 23rd day of February 1977; (b) as to the proceedings on Consideration of the Bill and as to the allocation of time between those proceedings and the proceedings on Third Reading not later than the seventh day on which the House sits after the day on which the proceedings in Committee are concluded.

(2) The Resolutions in any Report made under Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) may be further varied by a Report so made, whether or not within the time so specified in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, and whether or not the Resolutions have been agreed to by the House.

Proceedings on going into Committee

3. When the Order of the day is read for the House to resolve itself into Committee on the Bill, Mr. Speaker shall leave the chair without putting any Question, notwithstanding that notice of an Instruction has been given.

Conclusion of proceedings in Committee

4. On the conclusion of the proceedings in Committee on the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

Order of Consideration

5. No Motion shall be made to change the order in which the Bill is to be considered in Committee or on Consideration but the Resolutions of the Business Committee may include alterations in that order.
Dilatory Motions

6. 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

7.—(1) On an allotted day paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings on the Bill for one hour after Ten o’clock.

(2) Any period during which proceedings on the Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o’clock under paragraph (7) of Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) shall be in addition to the period under this paragraph.

(3) If an allotted day is one to which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 stands over from an earlier day, a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings upon that Motion shall be added to the period during which proceedings on the Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o’clock under this paragraph, and the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order 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 of the Motion.

Private Business

8. Any private business which has been set down for consideration at Seven o’clock on an allotted day shall, instead of being considered as provided by the Standing Orders, be considered at the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill on that day, and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the private business for a period of three hours from the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill or, if those proceedings are concluded before Ten o’clock, for a period equal to the time elapsing between Seven o’clock and the completion of those proceedings.

Conclusion of proceedings

9.—(1) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee 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 new Schedule which has been read a second time, the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill);

(b) the Question on any Amendment or Motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of any Member, if that Amendment or Motion is moved by a member of the Government;

(c) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded; and on a Motion so moved for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(2) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(3) If, at Seven o’clock on an allotted day, any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time have not been concluded, any Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) which, apart from this Order, would stand over to that time shall stand over until those proceedings have been concluded.

(4) If a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 stands over to Seven o’clock on an allotted day, or to any later time under sub-paragraph (3) above, the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day at any hour falling after the beginning of the proceedings on that Motion shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

Supplemental orders

10.—(1) The Proceedings on any Motion moved in the House by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order (including anything which might have been the subject of a Report of the Business Committee) 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.
11. Nothing in this Order or 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.

12.—(1) References in this Order to proceedings on Consideration or proceedings on
Third Reading include references to proceedings, at those stages respectively, for, on or
in consequence of, re-committal.
(2) On an allotted day no debate shall be permitted on any Motion to re-commit the
Bill (whether as a whole or otherwise), and Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith any Question
necessary to dispose of the Motion, including the Question on any Amendment moved
to the Question.

13. In this Order—
"allotted day" means any day (other than a Friday) on which the Bill is put down
as first Government Order of the day provided that a motion for allotting time
to the proceedings on the Bill to be taken on that day either has been agreed on a
previous day, or is set down for consideration on that day;
"the Bill" means the Scotland and Wales Bill;
"Resolution of the Business Committee" means a Resolution of the Business Com-
mittee as agreed to by the House—(Mr. Michael Foot);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 283.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Michael Roberts: 312.
So the Question was negatived.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 22nd February 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:
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. 1731]

Mr. Secretary Owen:
Treaty Series (No. 14, 1977),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Bucharest on 18th
September 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the
Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania for the avoidance of double taxation
with respect to taxes on income and capital gains [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Ancient Monuments,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th February 1977, entitled the
Roman Settlement near Bourton Bridge Preservation Order 1977, 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:
Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th February 1977, entitled the Housing (Deter-
[by Act].
MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 22nd February 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Nuclear Industry (Finance) Bill.

[No. 55.]


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

PRAYERS.

St. Paul's Playing Field (Trust) Bill.—The Chairman of Ways and Means, in pursuance of Standing Order 85 (Power of Chairman of Ways and Means to report special circumstances, &c., to House), reported to the House certain circumstances relative to the St. Paul's Playing Field (Trust) Bill.

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

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; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 23rd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 164-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 23rd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 52-iv].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill.—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee C, that they had gone through the Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 22nd April; and to be printed [Bill 74].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 196].

General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords].—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Second Reading Committee on the General Rate (Public Utilities) 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 General Rate (Public Utilities) 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. 198].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Michael English reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Electricity and Gas Undertakings (Financial Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 8th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 197].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Wells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1977, referred to a Committee on 14th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 192].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (Transitional Modifications of Part I) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 15th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 193].

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Caithness and Sutherland Districts (Tongue and Farr) Boundaries Order 1977 and the Lothian and Strathclyde Regions (Greenrigg and Westcraigs) Boundaries Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 15th and 18th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 199].

Council Tenants' Charter Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Council Tenants' Charter Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 4th March.

Presumption of Death (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Neil Carmichael, supported by Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. Russell Johnston, and Mr. Gordon Wilson, presented a Bill to make provision in the law of Scotland in relation to the presumed death of missing persons; 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 68].

Diseases of Animals (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. John Farr, supported by Mr. F. A. Burden, presented a Bill to amend the Diseases of Animals Act 1950: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th March and to be printed [Bill 72].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Housing Finance (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Service Widows (Equality of Pensions).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide pensions for widows of servicemen below the rank of Warrant Officer, Class 1, who retired prior to 1st September 1950; to provide for equality of pensions for widows
of servicemen below the rank of Warrant Officer, Class 1, who retired between 1st September 1950 and 31st March 1973; to provide for the payment of such pensions from the National Insurance Fund; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. Alan Lee Williams, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Stanley Newens, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Julian Critchley, Mr. Emlyn Huwsen, Mr. Iain MacCormick, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, and Mr. John Ovenden, do prepare and bring it in.

Service Widows (Equality of Pensions) Bill,—Mr. Peter Viggers accordingly presented a Bill to provide pensions for widows of servicemen below the rank of Warrant Officer, Class 1, who retired prior to 1st September 1950; to provide for equality of pensions for widows of servicemen below the rank of Warrant Officer, Class 1, who retired between 1st September 1950 and 31st March 1973; to provide for the payment of such pensions from the National Insurance Fund; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th March and to be printed [Bill 73].

Supply [8th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Reform of Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that Great Britain’s economic performance is gravely hindered by a system of government which grants majority power to alternating minority parties; and calls for the reform of the voting system so that Parliament can represent and give effect to the wishes of the people—(Mr. John Pardoe);

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

Strengthening of Ulster Security Forces,Resolved, That this House takes note of the unabated continuance of terrorist violence in Northern Ireland and calls for a further increase in the strength and effectiveness of the Ulster security forces.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Criminal Damage (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 3rd February, be approved.—(Mr. Concannon.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Consumer Protection and Advice (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 17th February, be approved.—(Mr. Concannon.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Northern Ireland (Local Elections) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 2nd February, be approved.—(Mr. Ray Carter.)

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

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

Thursday, 24th February, 1977:

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 Twelve o’clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.25 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 23rd February 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st February 1977, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 274) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training,—Copies of Orders, dated 14th February 1977, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Training Levy (Air Transport and Travel) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 215), and
(2) the Industrial Training Levy (Iron and Steel) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 214) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd February 1977, entitled the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 280) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Coal Industry.—Copy of the Report of the Domestic Coal Consumers' Council for 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 138].

Monopolies and Mergers.—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the existing and proposed mergers of Babcock and Wilcox Limited and Herbert Morris Limited [by Act]; to be printed [No. 175].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Transport.—Statement of the salaries payable on appointment to three members of the National Freight Corporation [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 nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Christopher Brodie, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. A. G. F. Hall-Davis, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. John Roper, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. John Wakeham, Mr. Alan Lee Williams, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

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 Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977, the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing Order 1977, and the Fishing Boats (European Economic Community) Designation Order 1976, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Hugh Brown, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Anthony Fell, Mr. Sir John Gilmour, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Tom Toyn, Mr. Patrick Wall, and Mr. Hamish Watt.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Legal Aid (Matrimonial Procedings) Regulations 1977, the Legal Aid (Matrimonial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 and the Maximum Number of Judges Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Antony Buck, Mr. Nicholas Badgen, Mr. John Cronin, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Sir Michael Havers, Sir Donald Kaberry, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Alexander Wilson.

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Social Security Contributions (Married Women and Widows) Amendment Regulations 1977 and the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Consequential Amendments) Amendment Regulations 1977, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Sir Bernard Cohen, Mr. Lynda Chalker, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Eric Dakins, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. Anthony Steen, and Mr. Frank R. White.

Second Scottish Standing Committee.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Scottish Standing Committee, in respect of the Control of Food Premises (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Norman Buchanan, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. J. M. Croach, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. Malcolm Rijke, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. James White, and Mr. George Younger.
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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) Order 1977 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977, the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing Order 1977, and the Fishing Boats (European Economic Community) Designation Order 1976 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1977, the Legal Aid (Matrimonial Proceedings) Regulations 1977, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1977, and the Maximum Number of Judges Order 1977 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Married Women and Widows) Amendment Regulations 1977 and the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Consequential Amendments) Amendment Regulations 1977 to the Seventh 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 Second Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Control of Food Premises (Scotland) Bill ; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) Order 1977 ; Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment of section 43) Order 1977 ; and Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Married Women and Widows) Amendment Regulations 1977 and the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Consequential Amendments) Amendment Regulations 1977.

[No. 56.]


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

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill ;

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

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 Monday next at Seven o’clock.

Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merseyside Passenger 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).

Procedure (Sessional Committee).—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Sessional Committee on Procedure, That they had considered the matter of voting on Opposition Motions on Supply days, referred to them on 2nd December, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 200].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 200].

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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 201].

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 concerning conversion and other torts affecting goods ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House [Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords].

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Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords],—The Torts (Interference with Goods) 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 Vaizey to attend to be examined as a witness before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. James Boyden.)

Dismissal of Employees (Redress of Grievances) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Dismissal of Employees (Redress of Grievances) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 11th March.

Scotland and Wales (Referenda) Bill,—Mr. Patrick Cormack, supported by Mr. Neil Kinnock, Mr. Ronald Bell, and Mr. Eric S. Heffer, presented a Bill to provide for referenda in Scotland and Wales to ascertain the wishes of the respective populations on the issues of independence, directly elected assemblies, and on the maintenance of the status quo; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 4th March and to be printed [Bill 75].

Scotland and Wales Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

New Clause (Referendums in Scotland and Wales).

Another Amendment ((x)) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 2, to leave out from the word "referendum" to the end of line 3 and insert the words "for the purpose of enabling the people of Scotland to indicate which of the following courses they would prefer:"

(i) to leave the existing system of government unaltered; or
(ii) to have effect given to the provisions of this Act so far as they relate to the government of Scotland; or
(iii) to establish in Scotland a domestic Parliament having jurisdiction over all internal affairs, whilst remaining part of the United Kingdom; or
(iv) to have independence from the United Kingdom."—(Mr. Russell Johnston.)

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

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Walter Harrison reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from members of the medical and nursing professions, praying for action to limit abortion, initiate social reforms and prevent discrimination against doctors and nurses opposed to abortion, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

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

February 24th 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Secretary Owen:


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Human Rights,—Copy of the Report of the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights for the period 1st July 1975 to 31st October 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 130].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Weights and Measures,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Honey) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:


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)]:—


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

National Loans Fund,—Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 194].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 24th February 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977, the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing Order 1977 and the Fishing Boats (European Economic Community) Designation Order 1976; and Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1977, the Legal Aid (Matrimonial Proceedings) Regulations 1977, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 and the Maximum Number of Judges Order 1977.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment of section 43) Order 1977 in the place of Mr. Alan Fitch.

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 Presumption of Death (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Registration of Private Security Firms Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 4th March, the Registration of Private Security Firms Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 11th March.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That Commission Document No. R/1695/76 relating to the Report on the Activities of the Directorate-General for Information in 1975 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abortion (Amendment) Bill;

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

Mr. W. Benyon 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. Cyril Smith, Mr. Ian Campbell : 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Burnaby Drayson : 123.

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. Cyril Smith, Mr. Ian Campbell : 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Burnaby Drayson : 132.

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. Eric Ogden);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. Burnaby Drayson : 109.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James White, Mr. Ian Campbell : 137.

So the Question was negatived.

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

House of Lords Reform Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Lords Reform Bill;

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

Whooping-Cough (Vaccination) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Whooping-Cough (Vaccination) Bill;

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

Dogs (Control of Nuisances) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs (Control of Nuisances) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th March.

Unethical Experiments Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Unethical Experiments Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 22nd April.
Lotteries (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lotteries (Amendment) Bill:

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

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

Northern Ireland.—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 and Gas Undertakings (Financial Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 25th January, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—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 Calf Subsidies (United Kingdom) Scheme 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 8th February, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the General Rate (Public Utilities) 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).

Local Government (Scotland).—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 Lothian and Strathclyde Regions (Greenrigg and Westcraigs) Boundaries Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 10), dated 5th January 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 17th January, be annulled—(Mr. Tam Dalyell):—It was agreed to.

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until one minute to Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 25th February 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Public Expenditure,—Copy of a Paper, entitled the Government's Expenditure Plans, Part II [by Command].

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Supply Estimates (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 1978 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 172].

Mr. Secretary Millan:


Mr. Secretary Mulley:


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Rules, dated 17th February 1977, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Smooth and Partially Smooth Waters) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 252) [by Act].

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Mr. Secretary Rodgers:


Mr. Michael Foot:


Mr. John Silkin:

Sea Fisheries—Copies of Orders, dated 24th February 1977, entitled—

1. the Herring (Celtic Sea) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 290), and
2. the Herring (Specified North Sea Waters) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 291) [by Act].


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 28th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-1].

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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-1].

Public Accounts—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 23rd February: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 203].

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 the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 204].

Road Traffic Act 1960 (Amendment) Bill—Ordered, That the Road Traffic Act 1960 (Amendment) Bill be read a second time upon Friday.

Welsh Affairs—Ordered, That the matter of Transport and Communications in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for their consideration.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

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. James Tinn):—Debate arising:

Mr. Dafydd Thomas 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. Dafydd Thomas, Mr. Geraint Howells: 13.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Ted Graham: 100.

So the Question was negatived.

London Transport Bill,—The London Transport Bill was, according to Order, read a second
time and committed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 9.51 p.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 28th February 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Supply Estimates (Class I: Defence), 1977-78,—Defence Estimates for the year ending
31st March 1978 [by Command] ; to be printed [No. 174].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th February 1977, entitled the Social
Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I.,
1977, No. 250) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland Trading and Other Accounts,—Copy of Northern Ireland Trading
and Other Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1976 ; 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. 156].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th February 1977, entitled the Com-
munity Drivers’ Hours Rules (Deferment of Operation) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977,
No. 312) [by Act].

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Monday 28th February 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing
Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Abortion (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee
C, the Presumption of Death (Scotland) Bill to the Second Scottish Standing Committee,
Commission Document No. R/1695/76 relating to the Report on the Activities of the
Directorate-General for Information in 1975 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory
Instruments, &c., and the draft Housing Finance (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 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. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Fourth Standing
Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Sex Discrimination Act
1975 (Amendment of section 43) Order 1977 in the place of Mr. John Spence.
Tuesday, 1st March, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

British Transport Docks Bill,—The British Transport Docks Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 (Twelfth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 31-xvi].

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 (Third Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 205].

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. 32-xii].

Water Charges Equalisation Bill,—Miss Janet Fookes reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Water Charges Equalisation 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. 213].

Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Marriage (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. 212].

House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 1st March to be printed [No. 55-iii].

New Member sworn,—Peter Leonard Brooke, Esquire, Member for the City of London and Westminster South, was sworn.

Adjournment (Situation at British Leyland),—Mr. Hal Miller, Member for Bromsgrove and Redditch, 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 worsening situation at British Leyland as a result of the continuing refusal of the toolroom committee to recommend a return to work on the advice of their union; 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.

Unfair Dismissal (Overseas Employment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 in relation to the unfair dismissal of employees who ordinarily work partly outside and partly inside Great Britain: And that Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. David Knox, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Sir Derek Walker-Smith, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, do prepare and bring it in.
Unfair Dismissal (Overseas Employment) Bill.—Mr. Greville Janner accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 in relation to the unfair dismissal of employees who ordinarily work partly outside and partly inside Great Britain: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th May and to be printed [Bill 79].

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

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

European Parliament (Membership).—Ordered, That Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. William Molloy, and Mr. Frank Tomney, be discharged from membership of the European Parliament and that Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Robert Edwards, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, and Mr. Christopher Price, be designated members of the European Parliament.

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

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

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. Donald Coleman)—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

Tuesday 1st March 1977

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 1976 [by Command].

Supply Estimates (Excesses), 1975-76,—Statement of the sums required to be voted in order to make good excesses on certain grants for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 185].

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 1st March 1977, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for Health and Personal Social Services, England [by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 17th January 1977 on loans raised by the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 206].

Crown’s Nominee Account,—Abstract Account of receipts and payments by the Treasury Solicitor in 1976 in the administration of estates on behalf of the Crown [by Act].

Iron and Steel,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th January 1977—

(1) on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation, and

(2) on loans raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 207 and 208].

National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 25th January 1977 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 209].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty, Series (No. 17, 1977),—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on 21st October 1975, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Spain for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital [by Command].
Treaty Series (No. 18, 1977),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Bangkok on 29th
November 1976, concerning a loan by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom
to the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand (United Kingdom/Thailand Loan
Agreement 1976) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th February 1977,
entitled the Town Development (Exchequer Contributions) (Scotland) Amendment
Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 273) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Health Service Commissioner,—Copy of the Second Report of the Health Service
Commissioner, Session 1976-77 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 160].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st November 1973, entitled the
Borough of Yeovil (Ninesprings) Compulsory Purchase Order 1973, with a Certificate
by the Secretary of State for the Environment under section 2 of the Statutory Orders
(Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, and
(2) the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1977
[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 copying materials sensitised with
one or more diazonium compounds [by Act]; to be printed [No. 165].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 16th
February 1977, entitled the Naval Reserves (Gibraltar) Pay (Amendment) Order 1977
[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 Lymington Harbour Revision Order 1976 [by Act].

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

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Accounts of the sums recovered by the Secretaries of State for Trade and Industry under Orders made under section 9 of the Industrial Organisation and Development Act 1947 and of their disposal, for the year ended 31st March 1976; 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. 210].

Insolvency Services,—Copy of the Bankruptcy Estates Account, the Companies Liquidation
Account, and the Insolvency Services Investment Account for the year ended
31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon
[by Act]; to be printed [No. 211].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group 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 Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to provide for the incorporation of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited, A.N.Z. Holdings Limited, E. S. & A. Holdings Limited, A.N.Z. Investments Limited and A.N.Z. Nominees Limited in the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia; for the cesser of application to those companies of provisions of the Companies Acts 1948 to 1976 consequent upon such incorporation; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-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 Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 2nd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 164-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 B on 2nd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 52-v].

Overseas Development,—Sir Bernard Braine 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 the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 222].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Control of Food Premises (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Second Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Control of Food Premises (Scotland) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 29th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 214].

Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill,—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to amend the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 as respects stop notices and the provision of information to the Secretary of State and local authorities; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 29th April; and to be printed [Bill 81].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 221].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 17th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 219].
Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment of section 43) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 15th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 215].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fishing Boats (European Economic Community) Designation Order 1976 (S.I., 1976, No. 2216), the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 194), and the Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 200), referred to a Committee on 18th and 21st February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 218].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1977, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 and the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 21st February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 257].

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Married Women and Widows) Amendment Regulations 1977 and the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Consequential Amendments) Amendment Regulations 1977, referred to a Committee on 17th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 216].

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. Michael English reported from the Northern Ireland Committee, That they had considered the matter of the Proposal for a draft Criminal Injuries to Persons (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, referred to them on 8th February, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 227].

Social Security (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 11th February, That the Social Security (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time, be resumed upon Friday.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Coal Industry Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, for a period after Ten o'clock equal to the time spent on the proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr. Hal Miller relating to the Adjournment of the House.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Maps,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make illegal the publication or sale of maps that do not bear the date upon which the information contained thereon was valid: And that Mr. Clement Freud do prepare and bring it in.

Maps Bill,—Mr. Clement Freud accordingly presented a Bill to make illegal the publication or sale of maps that do not bear the date upon which the information contained thereon was valid: 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 (Situation at British Leyland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Hal Miller);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings pursuant to Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration); and the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Coal Industry Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Industry Bill:

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

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)
Coal Industry Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Coal Industry Bill be now read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

Thursday, 3rd March, 1977:

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).

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the limit on the borrowing powers of the National Coal Board and to provide for grants by the Secretary of State to the Board and other persons, it is expedient to authorise—

Increase of borrowing limit

1. Payments out of public funds due to increasing the limit on borrowing by the Board to £1,800 million, and to enabling that amount to be increased by order by two further amounts each of £400 million.

Sale, stocking and supply of fuel

2. Grants out of money provided by Parliament—
   (a) for promoting the sale of coal to electricity bodies,
   (b) for the cost of building up and maintaining stocks of coal and coke, or
   (c) towards measures for securing supplies of coke for use by the iron and steel industry,

being grants to the Board and to any other person carrying on in Great Britain a business which consists of or includes the production of coal or coke—
   (i) for or by reference to the years of the Board ending in March 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982; and
   (ii) subject in the aggregate to a limit of £100 million capable of being increased by order to not more than £175 million.

Pit closures

3. Grants out of money provided by Parliament to assist in the re-deployment of the manpower resources of the Board and the elimination of uneconomic colliery capacity, being grants—
   (a) towards expenditure for the years of the Board ending in March 1979, 1980 and 1981 subject to a limit of £60 million, or
   (b) if so provided by order, towards expenditure for the years of the Board ending in March 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982 subject to a limit of £80 million.

Redundant workers

4.—(1) Payments out of money provided by Parliament to or in respect of persons who, at any time between 17th July 1976 and the final date—
   (a) are employed at a coal mine, or at any place used for providing services or facilities ancillary to the working of one or more coal mines, and
   (b) become redundant.

The final date is 29th March 1981 or if so provided by order 28th March 1982.

(2) The payments shall be subject to the following limits:

   Payments in the period below | Limit
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The payments covered by the first limit include payments in the specified period under section 3 of the Coal Industry Act 1967, the second limit applies if the final date is in 1981 and the third limit applies if it is 1982.

Regional grants

5.—(1) Grants out of money provided by Parliament to assist or enable the Board to pay due regard to the needs of the assisted areas as defined in the Industry Act 1972 when planning and carrying out colliery activities, being grants in the years of the Board ending in March 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982.

(2) The grants shall not exceed £75 million, but that limit may be increased by order, but not to a sum exceeding £100 million.
Administrative expenses and receipts

6. Defrayment of administrative expenses out of money provided by Parliament.

7. Any payment into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund.

In this resolution "order" means an order by the Secretary of State approved by resolution of the Commons House of Parliament.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Returning officers)—(Mr. Harry Ewing)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage (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. Harry Ewing):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes past Two o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.10 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 2nd March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Provisional Orders (Scotland).—Copy of a Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under section 2 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the Provisional Orders for which Petitions were presented to one of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State on or before 27th November 1976, namely, the Aberdeen Shoemakers Incorporation Order, the British Linen Bank Order, the British Railways Order, the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment Order, and the City of Glasgow District Council 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 Ennals:

Health Services.—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd March 1977, entitled the Health Services Board (Deputies) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 323) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Copyright and Designs.—Copy of the Report of the Committee to consider the law on copyright and designs [by Command].

Civil Aviation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd February 1977, entitled the Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 287) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Transport.—Statement of the salary payable on appointment to a part-time Vice-Chairman of the British Waterways Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Coal Industry.—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Mineworkers’ Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1977, and
(2) the Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments’ Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of two Statutes, made by the University of Cambridge on 21st December 1976, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords], viz. : Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Stan Crowther, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Mike Noble, and Mrs. Ann Taylor.

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 Licensing (Amendment) Bill, viz. : Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. Terry Walker, Mr. David Weitzman, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

Second Scottish Standing Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Presumption of Death (Scotland) Bill, viz. : Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. James Dempsey, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, the Lord Advocate, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Dr. Maurice Miller, Mr. Malcolm Rijkind, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Teddy Taylor, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

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 Document No. R/1695/76 relating to the Report on the Activities of the Directorate-General for Information in 1975, viz.: Mr. Tom Arnold, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Douglas Jay, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Evan Luard, Mr. Neil Marten, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Sir John Rodgers, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Hamish Watt, Mr. William Whitlock, Mr. William Wilson, and Mr. Robert Woof.

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 Housing Finance (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Airey Neave, Mr. George Park, Mr. Wm. Ross, Mr. A. W. Stallard, and Mr. Cyril D. Townsend.

[No. 61.]


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

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill:

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

Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merseyside Passenger 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 3rd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 201-iii].

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 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].

Expenditure,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Vaizey to attend to be examined as a witness before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee, if his Lordship think fit.

Freedom of Information and Privacy Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Freedom of Information and Privacy Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 25th March.

Scotland and Wales (Referenda) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Scotland and Wales (Referenda) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd April.

House of Lords Reform Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the House of Lords Reform Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd April.

Council Tenants' Charter Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Council Tenants' Charter Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 13th May.

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. Alf Bates.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Honey) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Supply [10th allotted day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to 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 Estimates, 1977-78 (Navy)

Vote A: Numbers

1. The Question being put, That during the year ending on 31st March 1978 a number not exceeding 78,000 Officers, Ratings and Royal Marines be maintained for Naval Service:—It was agreed to.

Defence Estimates, 1977-78 (Army)

Vote A: Numbers

2. The Question being put, That during the year ending on 31st March 1978 a number not exceeding 188,500 all ranks be maintained for Army Service, a number not exceeding 65,000 for the Regular Reserve, a number not exceeding 85,000 for the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve and a number not exceeding 10,000 for the Ulster Defence Regiment:—It was agreed to.

Defence Estimates, 1977-78 (Air)

Vote A: Numbers

3. The Question being put, That during the year ending on 31st March 1978 a number not exceeding 90,400 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, 1976-77

4. The Question being put, That a further Supplementary sum not exceeding £477,613,000 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 1977, for expenditure on Civil and Defence Services, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 139, 140 and 173:—It was agreed to.

Civil and Defence Estimates, Excesses, 1975-76

5. The Question being put, That a sum not exceeding £61,320,686.47 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 1976, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 185:—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. Joel Barnett, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. Denzil Davies, do prepare and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill,—Mr. Denzil Davies 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 78].

Supply,—The House again proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Alf Bates):—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. Michael Roberts: 270.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank R. White: 272.

So the Question was negatived.

Export Credits,—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. S/752/76 and I/427/76 on Export Credits.—(Mr. Michael Meacher.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

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

Thursday 3rd March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd February 1977, entitled the Pensions Increase (Federated Superannuation System for Universities) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 286) [by Act].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 9th February 1977 on loans raised by the Peterlee Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 228].

Post Office,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 4th February 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 224].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Atomic Energy (Miscellaneous No. 2, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Vienna on 6th September 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, the European Atomic Energy Community and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the application of safeguards in the United Kingdom in connection with the Treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons (with Protocol) (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

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Brazil (No. 1, 1977)—Copy of a Cultural Convention, signed at London on 14th October 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 19, 1977)—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Colombo on 6th and 7th October 1976, terminating the Agreement signed on 26th July 1965 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Maldivian Islands [by Command].

European Communities,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1977, and
(2) the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 2) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

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

Electricity,—Draft of an Order, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) Order 1977 [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 21st February 1977, entitled the Local Authorities (Property etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 277) [by Act].

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

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd February 1977, entitled the Non-maintained Special Schools (Fees) Regulations 1977 (S.I., No. 278) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation,—Accounts of the Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 225].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training,—Copies of Orders, dated 22nd February 1977, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Training Levy (Distributive Board) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 281), and
(2) the Industrial Training Levy (Knitting, Lace and Net) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 282) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd February 1977, entitled the National Health Service (Charges) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 279) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Shore:

Rating and Valuation,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Transport Boards (Adjustment of Payments) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Industrial Development,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th February 1977, entitled the Northern Ireland Development Agency (Contributions to Liabilities) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 41) [by Act].

Road Traffic and Vehicles,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th February 1977, entitled the Roads (Speed Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 40) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd March 1977, entitled the Bread Prices (No. 2) Order 1976 (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 360) [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 Looe Harbour Revision Order 1976 [by Act].

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

County Courts.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1977 [by Act].

Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund.—Accounts of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 226].

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. Sydney Bidwell (nominated in respect of the Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Eddie Loyden.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 3rd March 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill; Mr. R. Bonser Pink Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Avoidance of Liability (England and Wales) Bill; Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Second Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Premption of Death (Scotland) Bill; Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Transport and Communications in Wales; Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Report on the Activities of the Directoraté-General for Information in 1975; and Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Housing Finance (Northern Ireland) Order 1977.

[No. 62.]

Friday, 4th March, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from members of the Anglo-Rhodesian Society and others for the cessation of aid to Mozambique and elsewhere and the ending of sanctions against Rhodesia was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Shurlock Row and surrounding areas against the construction of a service station within the Green Belt of the County of Berkshire was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 280) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Herring (Celtic Sea) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 290) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Herring (Specified North Sea Waters) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 291) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Building Societies (Reorganisation and Nationalisation) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Societies (Reorganisation and Nationalisation) 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 15th July.

Clean Air (Places of Entertainment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Clean Air (Places of Entertainment) Bill;

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

Occupiers' Liability Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Occupiers' Liability Bill;

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

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

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

Sex Discrimination,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment of section 43) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 3rd February, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):

—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 Social Security (Contributions) (Married Women and Widows) Amendment Regulations 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 9th February, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):

—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 Social Security (Contributions) (Consequential Amendments) Amendment Regulations 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th February, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):

—It was agreed to.

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 (Extension of Period) Order 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th February, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):

—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 Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th February, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):

—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 (Matrimonial Proceedings) Regulations 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th February, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):

—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 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th February, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):

—It was agreed to.

Judges,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Maximum Number of Judges Order 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th February, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):

—It was agreed to.
Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the matter of Transport and Communications 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. Thomas Cox.)

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 4th March 1977

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Shore:

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

[No. 63.]


PRAYERS.

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

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 17th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 184-ii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 7th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 229-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 7th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xi].

Road Traffic Act 1960 (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That the Road Traffic Act 1960 (Amendment) Bill be read a second time upon Friday 22nd April.

Lotteries (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That the Lotteries (Amendment) Bill be read a second time upon Friday.

Deer (Nightly Close Time) Bill,—Ordered, That the Deer (Nightly Close Time) Bill be read a second time upon Friday.

Business of the House (Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill).—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the practice of the House relating to the interval between the various stages of Bills of aids and supplies, more than one stage of the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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 Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 8th March, 1977:

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 the Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 93 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That the Bill be now read the third time:— It was agreed to.

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

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.42 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 7th March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Oman,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 7th March 1977, relative to the gift of assets to His Majesty the Sultan of Oman [by Command].

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 24th February 1977, entitled—

(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 300), and

(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 301)

[by Act].

Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th February 1977, entitled the Opencast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 302) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th February 1977, entitled the Civil Aviation (Canadian Navigation Services) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 314) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. John Silkin:


MEMORANDUM

Monday 7th March 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to the First Scottish Standing Committee.

[No. 64.]

Tuesday, 8th March, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Amendments made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

St. Paul's Playing Field (Trust) Bill.—Ordered, That the St. Paul's Playing Field (Trust) 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).

Contingencies Fund, 1975-76.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 1975-76, showing (1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1976, 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. Alf Bates).

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. 31-xvi].

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. 32-xiii].

Nuclear Industry (Finance) Bill.—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Nuclear Industry (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. 237].

Lotteries (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Lotteries (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.
Registration of Private Security Firms Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon
Friday, the Registration of Private Security Firms Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd April.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Con-
cessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing
Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr Alf Bates.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Mineworkers’ Pension Scheme (Limit
on Contributions) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory
Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Estate Agents (Agreements).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide
protection for the vendors of real property when placing their property in the hands of
estate agents, particularly, but not exclusively, those agents who advertise on a no-sale,
no-fee basis: And that Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Clement Freud, and
Mr. John Pardoe, do prepare and bring it in.

Estate Agents (Agreements) Bill,—Mr. Cyril Smith accordingly presented a Bill to provide
protection for the vendors of real property, when placing their property in the hands of
estate agents, particularly, but not exclusively, those agents who advertise on a no-sale,
no-fee basis: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second
time upon Friday 22nd April and to be printed [Bill 76].

International Finance, Trade and Aid Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to
consider the International Finance, Trade and Aid Bill, as amended in the Standing
Committee.

A Clause (Limit on borrowings from the International Monetary Fund)—(Mr. Peter
Hordern)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Report on research work of the International Monetary Fund)—
(Dr. Jeremy Bray)—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. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 10, to leave out the word
“ and ” and insert the words—
“ (c) to fix a limit on the commitments entered into by ECGD with those countries
described in its annual accounts as ‘centrally controlled economies,’ and ”,
instead thereof.—(Mr. Peter Hordern.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 30, at the end, to
insert the words—
“ (4) In section 2 of the Export Guarantees Act 1975, the following subsection shall
be substituted for subsection (2):—
‘ (2) For either of the purposes mentioned in subsection (1) above, the Secretary of
State may, after consultation with the Export Guarantees Advisory Council and
with the consent of the Treasury, make arrangements for facilitating, in cases in
which it appears to him expedient in the national interest so to do, the payment
of sums payable under contracts with persons carrying on business in the United
Kingdom.’ ”—(Mr. Cecil Parkinson.)

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
Parliament Act 1911.

New Towns (Scotland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the New
Towns (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, to leave out the word
“ any ” and to insert the word “ all ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. George Younger.)

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

An Amendment (No. 2) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, pro-
cceeded to consider the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended
in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 5) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 44, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 3 on page 7.—(Mr. George Younger.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Customs and Excise,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Agricultural Levy Reliefs (Frozen Beef and Veal) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 76), dated 19th January 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 28th January, be annulled—(Mr. Robert Hicks):—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Procedure,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 15th June 1976 relating to the nomination of the Select Committee on Procedure be amended, by leaving out Mr. David Marquand and inserting Mr. Phillip Whitehead.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 10th December 1975 relating to the nomination of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments be amended, by leaving out Mr. Martin Flannery and inserting Mr. Tom Litterick.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Expenditure,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Expenditure Committee be amended, by leaving out Mr. Robin F. Cook and Mr. Christopher Price and inserting Mr. Ron Lewis and Mr. Alexander Lyon.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 8th March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Contingencies Fund, 1975-76,—Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 1975-76, showing (1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1976, 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. 232].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 20, 1977),—Copy of a Convention, signed at The Hague on 18th March 1970, on the taking of evidence abroad in civil or commercial matters [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training,—Copies of Orders, dated 24th February 1977, entitled—

(1) the Industrial Training Levy (Food, Drink and Tobacco) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 297), and

(2) the Industrial Training Levy (Hotel and Catering) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 298)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Population Censuses and Surveys,—Copy of the Review of the Registrar General on deaths by cause, sex and age, in England and Wales for 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th February 1977, entitled the Local Authorities etc. (Miscellaneous Provision) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 293) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Consumer Credit,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1977, entitled the Consumer Credit (Exempt Agreements) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 328) [by Act].

Consumer Credit,—Copies of Regulations, dated 28th February 1977, entitled—
(1) the Consumer Credit (Conduct of Business) (Credit Reference) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 330),
(2) the Consumer Credit (Credit Reference Agency) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 329),
(3) the Consumer Credit (Entry and Inspection) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 331),
(4) the Consumer Credit (Notice of Variation of Agreements) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 328), and
(5) the Consumer Credit (Total Charge for Credit) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 327) [by Act].

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 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 233].

Erskine Bridge Tolls,—Operating Account of the Erskine Bridge Tolls for the year ended 31st March 1976 and Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 235].

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 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 234].


MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 8th March 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Coal Industry Bill to Standing Committee A, the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Honey) Order 1977 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Herring (Celtic Sea) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1977 and the draft Mineworkers’ Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1977 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1977 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 65.]

Wednesday, 9th March, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Local Government (Scotland),—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 25th February relating to Local Government (Scotland) had been presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness the Princess Anne; and that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness the Princess Anne 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 3rd February 1977, have received your Address praying that the Lothian and Strathclyde Regions (Greenrigg and WesterCraigie) Boundaries Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 10), dated 5th January 1977, be annulled.

On Her Majesty’s behalf we will comply with your request.
Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Security at Leicester Prison.—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 an Inquiry by the Chief Inspector of the Prison Service into Security at Her Majesty's Prison, Leicester, and the arrangements for conducting prisoners to Courts (Escape of William Thomas Hughes on 12th January 1977).—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill.)

European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xi].

European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 9th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 43-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 9th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 164-iv].

Overseas Development.—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 9th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 179-v].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Presumption of Death (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Second Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Presumption of Death (Scotland) Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 6th May; and to be printed [Bill 84].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 243].

Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That they had considered the matter of Transport and Communications in Wales, referred to them on 28th February, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 246].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Commission Document No. R/1695/76 relating to the Report on the Activities of the Directorate-General for Information in 1975, referred to a Committee on 25th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 245].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Michael English reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Housing Finance (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 23rd February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 244].

Representation of the People Bill.—Mr. Secretary Rees, supported by Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Millan, and Mr. Brynmor John, presented a Bill to increase the limits on candidates' election expenses at local government elections in the United Kingdom: 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.—Ordered, That the draft County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Corporation of the City of London (Abolition).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the Corporation of the City of London as a local government unit and to provide for its resources and functions to be divided between adjacent boroughs; and for purposes connected therewith.—(Mr Bryan Davies);
And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to 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. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Bruce Grocott: 157.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. Peter Brooke: 198.

So the Question was negatived.

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Financial authorisation, etc.).

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) made.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 2, line 4, at the end, to add the words—

"(5) No provisions shall be made enabling a person to qualify for the allowance if that person is unemployed at the time when the application for the allowance is made or during the seven days immediately preceding the first payment of the allowance."—(Mr. Fred Silvester).

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

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

A Clause (Contribution record)—(Mr. David Madel)—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 (Level of earnings)—(Mr. Fred Silvester)—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 (Publication of statistics)—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe)—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. Frank R. White 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.

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

Prevention of Terrorism.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976 (Continuance) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th February, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Rees);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Joe Ashton: 140.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Stan Thorne: 15.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976 (Continuance) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th February, be approved.

Police.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Police (Withdrawn, Anonymous, Etc., Complaints) Regulations 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 17th February, be approved—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill);

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

Resolved, That the Police (Withdrawn, Anonymous, Etc., Complaints) Regulations 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 17th February, be approved.

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.20 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 9th March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th March 1977, entitled the Import Duties (General) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 435) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Security at Leicester Prison,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day for the Report of an Inquiry by the Chief Inspector of the Prison Service into Security at Her Majesty's Prison, Leicester, and the arrangements for conducting prisoners to Courts (Escape of William Thomas Hughes on 12th January 1977); to be printed [No. 202].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Diplomatic Immunities (Conferences) (Papua New Guinea and Western Samoa) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Hospital Endowments,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Hospital Trust for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 177].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th March 1977, entitled the National Health Service (Charges and Remission) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 434) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd March 1977, entitled the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 340) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industry,—Statement that Chrysler United Kingdom Limited has made a planning agreement within the meaning of section 21(2) of the Industry Act 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Fair Trading,—Copy of the Report of the Director-General of Fair Trading for 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 195].

Mr. John Silkin:
Sugar,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1977, entitled the Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 338) [by Act].

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

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on contribution in the law of contract [by Act]; to be printed [No. 181].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Coal Industry Bill, viz.: Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Tom King, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Neil MacFarlane, Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mr. Alec Woodall, and Mr. Robert Woof.

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 Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz. : Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. James Hamilton, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. William Small, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. George Thompson, and Mr. James White.

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 (Honey) Order 1977, viz.: Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. Joan Evans, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Kilfedder, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Robert Maclean, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tom Normanton, Mr. Timothy Raison, Mr. Giles Shaw, and Mr. Ralph Tuck.

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 (Celtic Sea) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 and the Herring (Specified North Sea Waters) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. James Dempsey, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. Gerard Morgan, Mr. David Mudd, and Mr. Patrick Wall.

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 Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1977 and the draft Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Paul Dean, Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Richard Page, Dr. Colin Philp, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mr. Neville Trotter, and Mr. Richard Wainwright.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Robert Edwards, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. A. G. F. Hall-Davis, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Michael Meacher, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Daiydd Thomas, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

[No. 66.]

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

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill;

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

Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
St. Paul's Playing Field (Trust) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the St. Paul's Playing Field (Trust) 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).

County Courts.—The Order made on 3rd March, That the draft County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1977, do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

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. 254].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 255].

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. 256].

Procedure (Sessional Committee).—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Sessional Committee on Procedure, That they had considered the matter of Motions relating to the Business of the House which direct the Chair to bring specified business to a conclusion at certain times, referred to them on 2nd December, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 247].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 247].

Conduct of Members.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Right Honourable the Lord Glenamara to attend to be examined as a witness before the Select Committee on Conduct of Members. (Mr. Michael Stewart.)

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.)

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 they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate Part III and Schedule 8 of the Civil Aviation Act 1971 and certain enactments in Part IV of that Act and the Air Corporations Act 1967 and certain provisions of the Air Corporations (Dissolution) Order 1973 with corrections and minor improvements made under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act 1949; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [British Airways Board Bill [Lords].

Conduct of Members.—The Lords give leave to the Right Honourable the Lord Glenamara to attend to be examined as a witness before the Select Committee on Conduct of Members, if his Lordship think fit.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 86].

British Airways Board Bill [Lords].—The British Airways Board Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 85].
Redundancy Rebates Bill.—Mr. Secretary Booth, supported by Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. Harold Walker, and Mr. John Golding, presented a Bill to make provision for varying the amounts of rebates payable under section 30 of the Redundancy Payments Act 1965 and section 40 of the Contracts of Employment and Redundancy Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 1965: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 83].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Rates Amendment (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th February, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Transport (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th February, be approved.—(Mr. Ray Carter.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved.—(Mr. Concannon.)

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Tinn); 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. Bob Cryer);—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 10th March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 7th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 24th, 25th and 26th January 1977, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 248].
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 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 249].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th February 1977, entitled the Maternity Pay (Rebate) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 322) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Shore:

Water,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1977, entitled the Water Authorities (Collection of Charges) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 315) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Morris:
Community Land,—Copy of the Report of the Land Authority for Wales for the period 1st December 1975 to 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Community Land,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Amendment No. 2 (Wales) Order 1977,
(2) the Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) Amendment No. 2 (Wales) Order 1977 [by Act].

Community Land,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Community Land (Excepted Development) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations—
(1) dated 25th February 1977, entitled the Motorways Traffic (M63 Motorway Slip Road at the Princess Parkway Interchange, Manchester) (Bus Lane) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 355), and

Mr. John Silkin:
Land Drainage,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd March 1977, entitled the Drainage Rates (Forms) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 357) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Community Land,—Account showing the expenditure of the Land Authority for Wales for the period 12th November 1975 to 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 250].

County Courts,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1977 [by Act].

Matrimonial Causes,—Copies of Rules, dated 28th February 1977, entitled—
(1) the Matrimonial Causes (Costs) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 345), and
(2) the Matrimonial Causes Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 344) [by Act].

Nature Conservancy Council,—Account of the Nature Conservancy Council showing the Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 1976, and Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 251].

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines,—National Oil Account for the period 1st January to 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereupon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 252].

MEMORANDA

Thursday 10th March 1977

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 General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords]; Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Honey) Order 1977; Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Herring (Celtic Sea) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 and the Herring (Specified North Sea Waters) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977; Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments) (Amendment) Order 1977 and the draft Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1977; and Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1977.

In pursuance of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919, Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Bruce Grocott to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee in the room of Mr. Mark Hughes.
The House met at Eleven o'clock.

The Speaker took the Chair and called for the PRAYERS.

Birmingham, Stechford, 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 Birmingham, Stechford, in the room of the Right Honourable Roy Harris Jenkins 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)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom for implementation of the child benefit scheme and an annual adjustment of benefits 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 (see Appendix).

Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee. (Mr. Thomas Cox)

Educational Deprivation.—Resolved, That this House recognises the need to maintain and strengthen measures to mitigate the effects of educational deprivation in inner-city areas. (Mr. Joseph Dean)

Improving the position of the low-paid worker.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House draws the attention of the Government to the position of the 4,500,000 low-paid men and women in the country, and in particular to the three million employees in the Wages Council sector; urges the Government to consider the effects of taxation policy; and, whilst recognising the benefits of the social contract for this group, further urges the Government to do all in its power further to improve the strategy necessary to fulfil its commitment to improving the relative position of the low paid as part of the social contract and continue to heed the needs of the low-paid worker when considering the next stage of the wages negotiations. (Mr. Bruce George):—Debate arising;

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

Clean Air (Places of Entertainment) Bill.—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Occupiers' Liability Bill.—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Deer (Nightly Close Time) Bill.—The Deer (Nightly Close Time) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Housing Finance (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 16th February, be approved.—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Activities of the Directorate-General for Information in 1975.—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/1695/76 relating to the Report on the Activities of the Directorate-General for Information in 1975.—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

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 Four o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-eight minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.32 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Friday 11th March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th February 1977, entitled the Milk and Meals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 362) [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd March 1977, entitled the East Kilbride and Hamilton Districts (Sandford) Boundaries Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 378) [by Act].


Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 1st March 1977, entitled the Social Security Benefit (Dependency) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 343),
(2) 1st March 1977, entitled the Social Security (Child Benefit Consequential) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 342),
(3) 1st March 1977, entitled the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 341), and
[by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 4th March 1977, entitled the Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 380) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—
(1) fur, and
(2) hats, caps and millinery
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Mr. John Silkin:
Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th March 1977, entitled the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 439) [by Act].


Land Drainage,— Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 1st March 1977, entitled the Land Drainage (Compensation) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 339), and
(2) 2nd March 1977, entitled the Land Drainage (Election of Internal Drainage Boards) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 366)
[by Act].

Plant Breeders’ Rights,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st March 1977, entitled the Plant Breeders’ Rights (Fees) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 359) [by Act].


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


Companies,—Copy of Rules, dated 2nd March 1977, entitled the Companies (Winding-up) (Amendment) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 365) [by Act].
PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 14th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xiii].

Selection,—Mr. Adam Hunter 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 Covent Garden Market (Financial Provisions) Bill, without Amendment.

Expenditure,—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 appointed by the Expenditure Committee, if his Lordship think fit.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Transport Boards (Adjustment of Payments) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Tinn).

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Tinn);

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 the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 2) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Tinn);

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.).

Expenditure,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Fifth Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1974-75 (House of Commons Paper No. 348), on Redevelopment of the London Docklands, and of the relevant Government observations (Command Paper No. 6193).—(Mr. James Boyden.)

Expenditure,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Eighth Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1975-76 (House of Commons Paper No. 596) on Public Expenditure on Chrysler UK Limited, and of the relevant Government observations (Command Paper No. 6745).—(Mr. James Boyden.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Representation of the People Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Representation of the People Bill,—The Representation of the People Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee to-morrow.

Metzger and others v. the Department of Health and Social Security,—A Petition of Henry Edgar Garfield Hodge and Michael William Massy Osmond, Solicitors respectively for the Plaintiffs and the Defendant in an action pending in the Chancery Division of the High Court Group A 1977 M No. 362 between Leslie Metzger, George William Carter and Arthur Reginald Wilfred Jenkins, and the Department of Health and Social Security, listed for hearing in London on 23rd March 1977, was presented and read; setting forth, first, that in the said action the said Plaintiffs seek declarations relating to the Social Security Benefits Uprating Order 1976, and secondly, that reference is desired to be made at the hearings of the said actions to the following Reports of Debates and Committee Proceedings of the House:
and praying that the House will be graciously pleased to give leave to the proper Officers of the House to attend the trials 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 the Petition do lie upon the Table.

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

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 14th March 1977

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Pensions.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 3rd March 1977, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 404) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated a further Two Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Avoidance of Liability (England and Wales) Bill, viz.: Mr. Malcolm Rifkind and Mr. William Small.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Giles Shaw (nominated in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Honey) Order 1977); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robert Hicks.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 14th March 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Deer (Nightly Close Time) Bill to Standing Committee C.
Tuesday, 15th March, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords].—A Motion being made, That the Anglian Water Authority 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.

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Australian and New Zealand Banking Group Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee 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 15th March and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourteenth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xvii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xviii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: and the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 258].

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 Japan Sub-Committee on 16th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-ii].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 32-xiv].

General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Michael English reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the General Rate (Public Utilities) 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. 259].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Anglian Water Authority Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Diplomatic Immunities (Conferences) (Papua New Guinea and Western Samoa) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (Mr. Michael Foot.)
Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 361) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot)

Housing (Shorthold Tenancies).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the letting of residential properties on fixed terms; and for purposes connected therewith: And that Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Michael Shersby, and Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, do prepare and bring it in.

Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill,—Sir Brandon Rhys Williams accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision for the letting of residential properties on fixed terms; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd April and to be printed [Bill 87].

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill; and the same were agreed to.

House of Commons (Services).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in their First Report—(Mr. Michael Foot);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the first word “ House ” to the end of the Question, and add the words “ declines to agree with the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in their First Report since no Report concerning the proposed changes of printing arrangements for Parliament has been made available to this House; and calls upon the Services Committee to provide more comprehensive information, including evidence taken from the Officers of the House before presenting a further Report ”, instead thereof—(Mr. George Cunningham);

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

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Marcus Lipton and Mr. Tim Sainsbury were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, and Mr. Ioan Evans and Mr. Ted Graham Tellers for the Noes; but it appearing that one of the Tellers for the Ayes had not taken his place at the door of the Lobby, Mr. Deputy Speaker directed the House to proceed again to a Division.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Marcus Lipton, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 175.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. Ted Graham: 83.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House declines to agree with the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in their First Report since no Report concerning the proposed changes of printing arrangements for Parliament has been made available to this House; and calls upon the Services Committee to provide more comprehensive information, including evidence taken from the Officers of the House before presenting a further Report.

Safety Information at the Workplace.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/960/76 and the Government’s memorandum dated 10th March on Safety Information at the Workplace—(Mr. John Grant);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Joseph Harper and Mr. Donald Coleman were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, Division (No secon Teller for the Noes), Mr. Dennis Skinner was appointed a 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.


Metzger and others v. the Department of Health and Social Security,—Ordered, That leave be given for the proper Officers of the House to attend the trials of the action between Metzger and others and the Department of Health and Social Security and to produce the Reports of Debates and Committee Proceedings to which reference is desired to be made and formally to prove the same according to their competence, as prayed for in the Petition relating to the action between Metzger and others and the Department of Health and Social Security presented to this House yesterday, and that leave be given for reference to be made to the said Reports.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)
Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joe Ashton);

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

Adjournment.—Motion made, and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Donald Coleman) :—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.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 15th March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 15th March 1977, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Votes for Central and Miscellaneous services (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) and Other services: Scottish Office (Classes III, 7 and XIII, 22) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th March 1977, entitled the Lotteries (Gaming Board Fees) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 410) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Ivory Coast (No. 1, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 1st December 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of the Ivory Coast for air services between and beyond their respective territories [by Command].

Poland (No. 1, 1977),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at London on 16th December 1976, amending the Consular Conventions between the United Kingdom and the Polish People's Republic signed at London on 23rd February 1967 (with Exchange of Notes) (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th March 1977, entitled the National Health Service (Charges and Remission) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 471) [by Act].

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages,—Copy of the Report of the Registrar General for Scotland for 1975—
Part I, Mortality Statistics, and
Part II, Population and Vital Statistics
[by Act].

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Act of Sederunt, dated 3rd March 1977, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Fees for Sheriff Clerks) 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 402) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training,— Copies of Orders, dated 4th March 1977, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Training Levy (Paper and Paper Products) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 400), and
(2) the Industrial Training Levy (Printing and Publishing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 399)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Electricity Supply,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th March 1977, entitled the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Electricity) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 61) [by Act].

The Chairman of Ways and Means:

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, as amended by the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1965, That a Petition has been presented against the Roman Settlement Near Bourton Bridge Preservation Order 1977 by Mr. C. Renfrew; That they have taken it into consideration and have certified it as proper to be received, and as a Petition of General Objection [by Act].

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

Severn Bridge Tolls.—Copy of the Operating Account of the Severn Bridge Tolls for the year ended 31st March 1976 and Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 260].

Sugar.—Account of the Home Grown Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Fund for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 261].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 15th March 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) Order 1977 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1977 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Transport Boards (Adjustment of Payments) Order 1977 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Rabies (Importation of Dogs; Cats and Other Mammals) (Amendment) Order 1977 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Diplomatic Immunities (Conferences) (Papua New Guinea and Western Samoa) Order 1977 to the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Wednesday, 16th March, 1977.

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).

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 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 Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill and had made Amendments thereto, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read. Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table and to be printed [No. 220]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 220].

European Legislation, &c. — Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-xii]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xii].
European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-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 Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 16th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 164-v].

Overseas Development,—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 16th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 179-vii].

Selection,—Mr. Adam Hunter 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 draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Honey) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 3rd March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 263].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Herring (Celtic Sea) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 290) and the Herring (Specified North Sea Waters) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 291), referred to a Committee on 4th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 262].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1977 and the draft Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 8th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 265].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Anti-Dumping Duty Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 280), referred to a Committee on 4th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 264].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable Immediate Transportation Company Limited, and its subsidiary companies to issue transferable certificates and warrants for the delivery of goods; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Immediate Transportation (Delivery Warrants) Bill [Lords].

Immediate Transportation (Delivery Warrants) Bill [Lords],—The Immediate Transportation (Delivery Warrants) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Expenditure,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Diamond to attend to be examined as a witness before the General Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. James Boyden.)

Skyline Protection,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the protection of skylines of historic interest or outstanding natural beauty; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Peter Brooke, Mr. Geoffrey Rippon, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Stephen Ross, Sir David Renton, Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Reg Prentice, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. George Cunningham, and Mr. Paul Channon, do prepare and bring it in.

Skyline Protection Bill,—Mr. Patrick Cormack accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the protection of skylines of historic interest or outstanding natural beauty; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th May and to be printed [Bill 88].
Community Agriculture Proposals.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents R/360/77, R/360/77 Addenda 1 and 2, R/2469/76 and R/2673/76; welcomes the Government's intention in respect of R/360/77 to negotiate a settlement which, taking into account the interests of consumers as well as of producers, helps to secure a better balance of the market, particularly in those sectors with a structural surplus; and in respect of R/2469/76 and R/2673/76 endorses the Government's view that decisions on whether Commission proposals for changes in a member state's representative rate should be accepted are primarily a matter for that member state—(Mr. John Silkin);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words “further urges the Government to press for easier access into the United Kingdom for efficiently produced foodstuffs from outside the EEC; and opposes the EEC Commission’s proposals for exclusive use of butterfat and milk proteins, for a prohibitive levy on the production of isoglucose, and for a tax on vegetable and marine fats and oils.”—(Mr. Douglas Jay.)

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

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Water Charges Equalisation Bill and the Nuclear Industry (Finance) Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Community Agriculture Proposals.—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment to the proposed Motion relating to Community Agriculture Proposals be made:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents R/360/77, R/360/77 Addenda 1 and 2, R/2469/76 and R/2673/76; welcomes the Government’s intention in respect of R/360/77 to negotiate a settlement which, taking into account the interests of consumers as well as of producers, helps to secure a better balance of the market, particularly in those sectors with a structural surplus; and in respect of R/2469/76 and R/2673/76 endorses the Government’s view that decisions on whether Commission proposals for changes in a member state’s representative rate should be accepted are primarily a matter for that member state; further urges the Government to press for easier access into the United Kingdom for efficiently produced foodstuffs from outside the EEC; and opposes the EEC Commission’s proposals for exclusive use of butterfat and milk proteins, for a prohibitive levy on the production of isoglucose, and for a tax on vegetable and marine fats and oils.

Water Charges Equalisation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Water Charges Equalisation Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, to leave out the words “number of premises” and insert the words “weighted number of hereditaments”, instead thereof.—(Dr. Edmund Marshall.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, after the word “authority”, to insert the words “and other statutory water undertakers.”—(Mr. Arthur Jones.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Thursday, 17th March, 1977:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—

“(5) Provision for depreciation shall be subject to a direction by the Secretary of State after consultation with the Water Council and shall be calculated on a uniform basis as between both the water authorities and the statutory undertakers.”—(Mr. Arthur Jones.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 41, at the end, to insert the words—

“(2) Subject to section 3(3) below, in giving a direction under this section for any year the Secretary of State shall have regard to any allowance made under the domestic element of the Rate Support Grant calculations in respect of the level of water charges.”—(Mr. Arthur Jones.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.53 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 16th March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 15th March 1977, entitled—

(1) the Blaenavon Mine (Electric Lighting for Cinematography) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 484), and

(2) the Rossington Mine (Endless Rope Haulage) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 483)

[by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [4th March] from Shurlock Row against the construction of a service station within the Green Belt of the County of Berkshire [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Passenger Vehicles (Educational and Other Purposes) Bill, viz.:— Mr. R. E. Bean, Mr. Paul Dean, Mr. Peter Doig, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. John Horam, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Richard Lace, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. Arnold Shaw, and Mr. John Watkinson.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [ Lords], viz.:— Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. F. P. Crowder, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Clement Freud, Sir Michael Havers, Mr. Colin Jackson, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, and Mr. William Wilson.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Adam Hunter 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 North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) Order 1977, viz.:— Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Iain Sprout, Mr. Alexander Wilson, and Mr. George Younger.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Adam Hunter 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 County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1977, viz.:— Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Fred Evans, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. van Straubenzee, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Adam Hunter 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 Transport Boards (Adjustment of Payments) Order 1977, viz.:— Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. John Osborn, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Keith Speed, and Mr. George Thompson.
Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Adam Hunter 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 Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) (Amendment) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Joseph Godber, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. G. R. Strauss, Mr. Tom Swain, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, and Mr. David Young.

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Diplomatic Immunities (Conferences) (Papua New Guinea and Western Samoa) Order 1977, viz.: Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Christopher Brocketbank-Fowler, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Douglas Hurd, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. John Lee, Miss Joan Lester, Mr. Tom Litterick, Mr. Evan Luard, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Stanley Newens, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Donald Stewart, and Mr. Alan Lee Williams.

Committee on Unopposed Bills (Panel),—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from 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) Mr. James Tinn; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jim Callaghan.

Standing Orders Committee,—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Standing Orders Committee Mr. James Tinn; and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Watkins.

[No. 71.]


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

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill;

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

Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next at Seven o'clock.

St. Paul's Playing Field (Trust) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the St. Paul's Playing Field (Trust) 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 directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 16th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 266-il.

Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 89].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 268].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Roe Deer (Close Seasons) Bill, without Amendment.

Expenditure,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Diamond to attend to be examined as a witness before the General Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee, if his Lordship think fit.
Royal Assent.—Mr. Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, that Her Majesty had signified Her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:


Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Walter Harrison);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 293.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. George Reid: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 10.16 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 17th March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 1, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 29th June 1976, amending Protocol No. 6 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Ireland [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 21, 1977),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Ankara on 7th and 30th September 1976, concerning a development loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Republic of Turkey in connection with the Gemlik Ammonia Plant Project (United Kingdom/Turkey (Gemlik Ammonia Plant) Loan Agreement 1976) [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Dartford Tunnel,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st March 1977, entitled the Dartford Tunnel (Extension of Construction Period) Order 1977, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Transport under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 9th March 1977, entitled—

(1) the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 430), and
(2) the Merchant Shipping (New Hebrides) Maritime Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 424)

[by Act].

South Atlantic Territories,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 9th March 1977, entitled the Falkland Islands (Legislative Council) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 423) [by Act].
MEMORANDUM

Thursday 17th March 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords]; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) Order 1977; Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1977; Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Transport Boards (Adjustment of Payments) Order 1977; and Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Diplomatic Immunities (Conferences) (Papua New Guinea and Western Samoa) Order 1977.

Friday, 18th March, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) Amendment No. 2 (Wales) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Amendment No. 2 (Wales) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Community Land (Excepted Development) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That Commission Document No. R/1966/76 relating to Toxic and Dangerous Wastes be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That Commission Document No. R/2196/76 relating to the Rights of Establishment of Dentists be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That Commission Document No. R/2697/76 relating to Data Processing be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Prisons.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, gratefully acknowledging the vital contribution made by the Prison Service to the protection of the public by the containment and training of offenders convicted by the courts, deplores the present gross overcrowding of prisons; draws attention to the fact that the Government have deferred indefinitely five schemes designed to provide some 1,700 further places for category B and C prisoners; believes that in present conditions the Prison Service is prevented from discharging its full responsibilities; calls for urgent review of the categories of prisoners and of the adequacy of accommodation and training afforded to them; and urges fresh consideration of the principles governing the award and the remission of some custodial sentences—(Mr. Patrick Mayhew):—Debate arising:

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

Clean Air (Places of Entertainment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Clean Air (Places of Entertainment) Bill;

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

Occupiers' Liability Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Occupiers' Liability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.
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 (Honey) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th February, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—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 1977 (S.I. 1977, No. 280), dated 23rd February 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd February, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Coal Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 2nd March, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Coal Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 2nd March, 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 twenty-nine minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 18th March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Michael Foot:

Civil Aviation.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 9th March 1977, entitled the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 422) [by Act].

[No. 73.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure.—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 21st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-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 Sub-Committee on 21st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-xi].

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. 269].

Selection.—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Health Services Board (Deputies) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 323) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Redundancy Rebates Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Redundancy Rebates 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. Peter Snape: 220.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Sir George Young: 183.

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).

Nuclear Industry (Finance) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Nuclear Industry (Finance) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 12, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. David Penhaligon.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. A. J. Beith: 28.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Peter Snape: 171.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 20, to leave out from the word “section” to the end of line 24 and insert the words—

“...and before any guarantee is given, an order made by statutory instrument showing the extent, character of and amount of the guarantee shall be laid before and approved by the House of Commons”, instead thereof. —(Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Dr. Alan Glyn: 40.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham: 145.

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: 140.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. A. J. Beith: 11.

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 Speaker’s Certificate.

Coking Coal for the Steel Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/2639/76 and of the comments in the Fourth Report of the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., but is mindful that the proposal is only one of several aimed at providing long term security of Community energy supplies which as a whole are likely to be beneficial:—(Mr. Secretary Benn):—Debate arising;

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Representation of the People Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Coking Coal for the Steel Industry.—The Question being again proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/2639/76 and of the comments in the Fourth Report of the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., but is mindful that the proposal is only one of several aimed at providing long term security of Community energy supplies which as a whole are likely to be beneficial:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

Representation of the People Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.
(In the Committee)

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Alf Bates 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.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Fraserburgh and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 21st March 1977

Paper delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 18th March pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th March 1977, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (Extension) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 506) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—
(1) iron castings, etc.,
(2) margarine,
(3) overalls and men's shirts, underwear, etc.,
(4) telegraph and telephone apparatus and equipment, and
(5) wheeled tractor manufacturing
[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 Yeovil (Ninesprings) Compulsory Purchase Order 1973 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker :

Statutory Instruments,—Report to the Lord Chancellor and to Mr. Speaker from the Statutory Instruments Reference Committee, That they have considered a notification from the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection made in accordance with Regulation 11(3) of the Statutory Instruments Regulations 1947 in respect of tables referred to in the Consumer Credit (Total Charge for Credit) Regulations 1977, and have taken no further action in the matter.

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Mr. Attorney General from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (nominated in respect of the draft County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1977); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Solicitor General.
MEMORANDUM

Monday 21st March 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated Commission Document No. R/1966/76 relating to Toxic and Dangerous Wastes to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Commission Document No. R/2196/76 relating to the Rights of Establishment of Dentists to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Commission Document No. R/2697/76 relating to Data Processing to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Health Services Board (Deputies) Regulations 1977 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) Amendment No. 2 (Wales) Order, the draft Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Amendment No. 2 (Wales) Order 1977 and the draft Community Land (Excepted Development) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 1977 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 74.]

Tuesday, 22nd March, 1977.

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.:

Immediate Transportation (Delivery Warrants) Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill,—The Australia and New Zealand Banking Group 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 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 22nd March and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifteenth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 31-xix].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 31-xx].

Selection,—Mr. Adam Hunter 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 (Fifteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 32-xv].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 15th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 270].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate sections 23 to 33 of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1948 and certain other enactments relating to notices to quit agricultural holdings in England and Wales and related notices: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Agricultural Holdings (Notices to Quit) Bill [Lords].

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Agricultural Holdings (Notices to Quit) Bill [Lords].—The Agricultural Holdings (Notices to Quit) Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 90].

Freedom of Information and Privacy Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Freedom of Information and Privacy Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd April.

Auditing Reform.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a public audit board for the purpose of providing an independent auditing service to companies, financed by a levy upon such companies; and for purposes connected therewith—(Mr. Ivor Clemiton);

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. David Watkins: 159.
tellers for the noes, Mr. John Wakeham, Mr. John Cope: 194.

so the Question was negatived.

Defence.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1977 (Command Paper No. 6735) and endorses Her Majesty's Government's policy of basing British security on collective effort to deter aggression, while seeking every opportunity to reduce tension through international agreements on arms control and disarmament—(Mr. Secretary Mulley):

—Debate arising;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Meriden Motorcycle Co-operative (Financial Assistance).—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 the Industry Act 1975 and the Industry (Amendment) Act 1976, sums to Meriden Motor Cycles Ltd in connection with its business, being sums which, when aggregated with the £4.95 million previously paid by the Secretary of State under that section in respect of that business, exceed £5 million but do not exceed £5.45 million—(Mr. Alan Williams);

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 the Industry Act 1975 and the Industry (Amendment) Act 1976, sums to Meriden Motor Cycles Ltd in connection with its business, being sums which, when aggregated with the £4.95 million previously paid by the Secretary of State under that section in respect of that business, exceed £5 million but do not exceed £5.45 million.

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 o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12 midnight.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 22nd March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:


Mr. Joel Barnett:

Supply Estimates 1977-78 (Classes II-XVII: Civil),—Estimates for Civil Departments for the year ending 31st March 1978 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 231].
Mr. Secretary Rees:

Immigration.—Statements of Changes in Immigration Rules for Control on Entry of—

(1) Commonwealth citizens, and
(2) EEC and other non-Commonwealth nationals
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 238 and 240].

Immigration,—Statements of Changes in Immigration Rules for Control after Entry of—

(1) Commonwealth citizens, and
(2) EEC and other non-Commonwealth nationals
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 239 and 241].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 113, 1976),—Copy of the Fourth Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 1976 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 22, 1977),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Mbabane on 8th June and 28th October 1976 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland, amending and extending the Overseas Service (Swaziland) Agreement 1971 (the Overseas Service (Swaziland) Agreement 1976) [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

University Grants Committee,—Copy of the Annual Survey of the University Grants Committee for 1975-76 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:


Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th February 1977, entitled the Ardrossan Harbour Revision Order 1977, with a Certificate by the Secretary for Transport under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

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

Radiological Protection,—Account of receipts and payments of the National Radiological Protection Board for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 273].

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 Fund (Northern Ireland) in the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 272].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from the Second Reading Committee Mr. Colin Jackson (nominated in respect of the Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Arthur Davidson.

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 22nd March 1977

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

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Michael English an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Coal Industry Bill.
PRAYERS.

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

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) 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 Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill and found the same to be true; 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.

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 23rd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 281-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 23rd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 52-vii].

Overseas Development,—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 23rd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 179-vii].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Mr. Antony Buck 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 5th May and 27th October 1976, in the last Session of Parliament, and on 19th January and 2nd and 9th February; And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 282].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 5th May and 27th October 1976, in the last Session of Parliament, and on 19th January and 2nd and 9th February, to be printed [No. 282].

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 on 16th February, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, to lie upon the Table, and to be printed [No. 274].

Selection,—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords],—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Torts (Interference with Goods) 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 Torts (Interference with Goods) 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. 283].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 10th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 277].
Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Transport Boards (Adjustment of Payments) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 14th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 276].

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Michael English reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Diplomatic Immunities (Conferences) (Papua New Guinea and Western Samo) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 15th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 275].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 93].

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 22nd March to be printed [No. 55-i].

Shops (Amendment) Bill.—Sir John Langford-Holt, supported by Mr. Geoffrey Rippon, Sir John Rodgers, and Mr. Anthony Fell, presented a Bill to amend the Shops Acts 1950 to 1965: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 1st April and to be printed [Bill 92].

Penal Reform.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce the size of the prison population by providing for alternatives to custodial sentences and by limiting the offences for which custodial sentences may be awarded; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Ivor Clemिनson, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Bruce George, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. John Watkinson, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, do prepare and bring it in.

Penal Reform Bill.—Mr. Bruce Grocott accordingly presented a Bill to reduce the size of the prison population by providing for alternatives to custodial sentences and by limiting the offences for which custodial sentences may be awarded; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th May and to be printed [Bill 91].

Absence of Confidence in the 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. Michael Roberts: 298.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 322.

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 eighteen minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.42 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 23rd March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Broadcasting.—Copy of the Report of the Committee on the future of broadcasting [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

British Council.—Statement of the value of indemnities for objects borrowed by the British Council [by Command].

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Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Pensions,—Copy of an Order by Her Majesty, dated 15th March 1977, 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 world war and after 2nd September 1939 [by Command].

Pensions,—Copy of a Royal Warrant, dated 11th March 1977, 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 world war and after 2nd September 1939 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

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 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 217].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th March 1977, entitled the Oil Pollution (Compulsory Insurance) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 497) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd March 1977, entitled the Household Flour Prices (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 535) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 9th March 1977, 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 world war and after 2nd September 1939 [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords],—Report of the Attorney General on the City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

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 Incumbents (Vacation of Benefices) Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 280].

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee upon the Incumbents (Vacation of Benefices) Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 279].

National Insurance.—Accounts of the National Insurance Fund for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 278].

Tribunals and Inquiries.—Report of the Council on Tribunals for the year ended 31st July 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 236].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Redundancy Rebates Bill, viz.: Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. James Boyden, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Ivo Clemitson, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. David Madel, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. John Page, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. A. W. Stallard, and Mr. David Watkins.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Adam Hunter 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 Document No. R/1966/76 relating to Toxic and Dangerous Wastes, viz.: Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr.
Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R /2196/76 relating to the Rights of Establishment of Dentists, viz.: Mr. Jack Ashley, Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mr. Michael Brotherston, Mr. John Garrett, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. G. R. Strauss, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Mr. David Walder, and Mr. Terry Walker.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Adam Hunter 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 /2697/76 relating to Data Processing, viz.: Mr. John Cope, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Douglas Jay, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. John Loveridge, Mr. Robert Mellish, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Michael Spicer, Mr. Michael Stewart, Mr. Richard Wainwright, and Mr. Kenneth Warren.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Adam Hunter 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 Health Services Board (Deputies) Regulations 1977, viz.: Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. John Cockcroft, Mr. John Cordle, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Raphael Tuck, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. Brian Walder, and Mr. Terry Walker.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) Amendment No. 2 (Wales) Order 1977, the draft Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Amendment No. 2 (Wales) Order 1977 and the draft Community Land (Excepted Development) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 1977, viz.: Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Fred Evans, Mr. Iain Evans, Sir Raymond Gower, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Cledwyn Hughes, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Alec Jones, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Geraint Morgan, Mr. Wyn Roberts, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, Mr. Jeffrey Thomas, and Mr. Peter Thomas.


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

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill;

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

St. Paul's Playing Field (Trust) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the St. Paul's Playing Field (Trust) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next at Seven o'clock.

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

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-xiv]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-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 Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 21st and 22nd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 164-vi and vii].
Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 3, line 23, at end, insert new Clause A (Amendment of regulations for crediting contributions).

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Stanley Orme);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. James Tinn : 229.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Anthony Steen : 47.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 17 were agreed to.

Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill,—The Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Social Security,—Resolved, That the Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 3rd March, be approved.—(Mr. Eric Deakins.)

Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Social Security (Child Benefit Consequential) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 417), dated 7th March 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th March, be annulled—(Mr. Tony Newton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Peter Bottomley : 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. A. W. Stallard : 47.

So the Question was negatived.

County Courts,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th March, be approved—(Mr. Joseph Harper) : It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 24th March 1977

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 1976 [by Act].

National Debt,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1977, entitled the Savings Certificates (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 545) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the European Patent Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977, and
(2) the International Monetary Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Offshore Installations.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th March 1977, entitled the Offshore Installations (Life-saving Appliances) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 486) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Monopolies and Mergers.—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger of Pilkington Brothers Limited and UKO International Limited (formerly UK Optical and Industrial Holdings Limited) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 267].

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

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Copy of the Third Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1976-77 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 223].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 24th March 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. A. P. Costall Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and other Mammals) (Amendment) Order 1977; Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Health Services Board (Deputies) Regulations 1977; and Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) Amendment No. 2 (Wales) Order 1977, the draft Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Amendment No. 2 (Wales) Order 1977 and the draft Community Land (Excepted Development) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 1977.

[No. 77.]


The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from users of luncheon vouchers in the City of London for an increase in the tax allowance on luncheon vouchers was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Selection.—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 439) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Direct Elections to the European Parliament.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, bearing in mind the Government’s repeated pledges to use its best endeavours to bring about direct elections to the European Parliament in May or June 1978, authorizes the four Boundary Commissions to begin work forthwith—(Mr. Peter Mills):—Debate arising; And it being Four o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Diseases of Animals (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Diseases of Animals (Amendment) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 22nd April.

Service Widows (Equality of Pensions) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Service Widows (Equality of Pensions) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 17th June.

Clean Air (Places of Entertainment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Clean Air (Places of Entertainment) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.
Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Torts (Interference with Goods) 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 (Commitittal of Bills).

Electricity.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 3rd March, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—

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 Transport Boards (Adjustment of Payments) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 3rd March, 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 Diplomatic Immunities (Conferences) (Papua New Guinea and Western Samoa) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 9th March, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Friday 25th March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Import Duties.—Copy of an Order, dated 24th March 1977, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 555) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Census.—Copy of the New County Report of the Census 1971 relating to Hereford and Worcester, as constituted on 1st April 1974 [by Act].

Medicines.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th March 1977, entitled the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 511) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Industry.—Copy of a Statement by the Secretary of State for Industry concerning his direction to the National Enterprise Board in the matter of a loan to British Leyland Limited [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Electricity.—Copy of an Order, dated 17th March 1977, entitled the Electricity (Transfer of Transmission Assets) (North Western Electricity Board) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 504) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mrs. Millie Miller (nominated in respect of the Avoidance of Liability (England and Wales) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Giles Radice.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Sound Broadcasting (Joint Committee),—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 further 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 Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Sound Broadcasting in the last Session of Parliament, together with Appendices, referred to the Committee on 9th December: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Sound Broadcasting (Joint Committee) Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 284].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 28th March.

Expenditure, Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-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 Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 25th March.

Expenditure, Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 164-viii].

Defence,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 22nd March, That this House takes note of the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1977 (Command Paper No. 6735); and endorses Her Majesty's Government's policy of basing British security on collective effort to deter aggression, while seeking every opportunity to reduce tension through international agreements on arms control and disarmament; and the Question being again proposed: The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "regrets that Her Majesty's Government's defence policy has resulted in our forces being seriously deprived of modern equipment necessary to maintain, with the other members of the North Atlantic Alliance, sufficient conventional capability to deter acts of aggression, to sustain an effective fighting force in the event of actual hostilities, and thereby to strengthen our influence in formulating the policies of the Alliance", instead thereof. (Mr. Churchill.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

Decided in the negative. Teller for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 262.

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

Decided in the affirmative. Teller for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 277.

So the Question was negatived.

The Main Question being put:

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1977 (Command Paper No. 6735); and endorses Her Majesty's Government's policy of basing British security on collective effort to deter aggression, while seeking every opportunity to reduce tension through international agreements on arms control and disarmament.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords] and the Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour. (Mr. James Tinn.)

General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the General Rate (Public Utilities) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.
Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Marriage (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 8) were made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Fishery Resources.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Community Documents COM(76) 660, S/102/77, R/616/77, S/232/77 and R/388/77 and of arrangements that have been made for the control of fishing by third countries and the management of fishery resources in the waters of member states, and endorses the Government’s intention to secure any further arrangements under the Common Fisheries Policy necessary to take proper account of the needs of the UK fishing industry—(Mr. Frank Judd);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 29th March, 1977:

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 Community Documents COM(76) 660, S/102/77, R/616/77, S/232/77 and R/388/77 and of arrangements that have been made for the control of fishing by third countries and the management of fishery resources in the waters of member states, and endorses the Government’s intention to secure any further arrangements under the Common Fisheries Policy necessary to take proper account of the needs of the UK fishing industry.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

Monday 28th March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of Government Observations on the Second Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1975-76 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th March 1977, entitled the Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 500) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 28th March 1977, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 569) [by Act].

[No. 79]

Tuesday, 29th March, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Immediate Transportation (Delivery Warrants) Bill [Lords].—The Immediate Transportation (Delivery Warrants) Bill [Lords] was 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 I).

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges.—The Order made on 24th March, That the draft International Monetary Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.
Financial Statement and Budget Report 1977-78.—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.)

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. 293-i].

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 International Finance, Trade and Aid Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Job Release Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Nuclear Industry (Finance) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Representation of the People Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill, with an Amendment ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to enable the requirements of Part III of the Road Traffic Act 1960 and other requirements applying to or in connection with public service vehicles to be modified in areas designated as experimental areas by the Secretary of State ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords].

Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill,—Lords Amendment to the Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 95].

Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords].—The Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 94].

Regional Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of the Health Service in the North West be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft European Patent Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 340) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Civil Aviation (Canadian Navigation Services) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 314) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

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) Cider (motion No. 6)
(f) Tobacco (motion No. 7)
(g) Termination of surcharge (motion No. 8)
(h) Tobacco products (motion No. 9)
(i) Hydrocarbon oil etc. (motion No. 11)
(j) Vehicles excise duty (motion No. 15)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—

It was agreed to.
Ways and Means.—Amendment of the law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but

(a) this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to the surcharge imposed by the National Insurance Surcharge Act 1976 other than amendments for affording relief to charities; and

(b) without prejudice to any authorisation by virtue of any Resolution relating to value added tax, this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to that tax so as to provide—

(i) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;
(ii) for refunding any amount of tax;
(iii) for 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
(iv) for any relief other than relief applicable to goods of whatever description or services of whatever description.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):

Debate arising;

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Agricultural Holdings (Notices to Quit) Bill [Lords].—The Agricultural Holdings (Notices to Quit) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—

the House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 15 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

British Airways Board Bill [Lords].—The British Airways Board Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—

the House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 25 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.
Overseas Development,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 22nd November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Select Committee on Overseas Development be amended, by leaving out Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones and inserting Mr. Nigel Spearing.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

St. Paul's Playing Field (Trust) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the St. Paul's Playing Field (Trust) 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. Percy Grieve, Mr. Stephen Ross : 58.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. John Cartwright : 89.
So the Question was negatived.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from London and elsewhere for a moratorium on the use of psychosurgery in the National Health Service pending the result of an inquiry was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Bromley for a reversal of the decision to end initial training at the Bromley Institute of Higher Education (Stockwell College) 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 twenty-four minutes past Nine o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

APPENDIX I
Tuesday 29th March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Public Expenditure,—Copy of a Government Statement on proposed cash limits on public expenditure, 1977-78 [by Command].


Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1977-78,—Copy of the Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1977-78, as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget [pursuant to Order this day] ; to be printed [No. 271].

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 31st January, 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th and 9th February 1977, and
(2) 14th, 16th and 18th February 1977 relative to the fiduciary note issued [by Act] ; to be printed [Nos. 287 and 288].

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 23rd February 1977 on loans raised by the British Airways Board [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 289].

Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 3rd March 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 290].

New Towns (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th February 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by the Glenrothes Development Corporation [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 291].

Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 25th February 1977 on loans raised by the National Water Council [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 292].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr Secretary Millan:

Housing (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1977, entitled the Housing (Limits of Rateable Value for Improvement Grants) (Scotland) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 523) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Mulley:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1977, entitled the Child Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 534) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. John Silkin:

Smallholdings.—Copy of the Report on Smallholdings in England and Wales for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act].

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

Supreme Court of Judicature.—Copy of Rules, dated 21st March 1977, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment) 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 532) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged Mr. Gavin Strang from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (nominated in respect of the Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) (Amendment) Order 1977); and had appointed in substitution Mr. E. S. Bishop.

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 29th March 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft European Patent Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1977 and the Civil Aviation (Canadian Navigation Services) Regulations 1977 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1977 to the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Miss Janet Fookes an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill.

[No. 80.]

Wednesday, 30th March, 1977.

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).

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 30th March and a Memorandum laid
before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixteenth Report).

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

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be
printed [No. 31-xxii].

European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European
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 Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xv].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 76-iii].

European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European
Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence
taken before Sub-Committee I on 30th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 297-i].

European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European
Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence
taken before Sub-Committee II (at a meeting held concurrently with Sub-Committee A
of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities) on 27th
January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 179-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 30th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 164-ix].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had
directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry
Sub-Committee on 30th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 281-ii].

Overseas Development.—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Over-
seas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence
taken before them on 30th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 179-viii].

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 Statu-
tory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred,
and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And
the Report was brought up and read (Sixteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 32-xvi].

Avoidance of Liability (England and Wales) Bill (changed to Unfair Contract Terms Bill)—
Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through
the Avoidance of Liability (England and Wales) Bill, and had made Amendments
thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to impose further limits on
the extent to which under the law of England and Wales and Northern Ireland civil
liability for breach of contract, or for negligence, or other duty can be avoided by means
of contract terms and otherwise and under the law of Scotland civil liability can be
avoided by means of contract terms.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 6th May
and to be printed [Bill 98].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 299].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported
from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Rabies (Importa-
361), referred to a Committee on 15th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 296].
Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Health Services Board (Deputies) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 323), referred to a Committee on 21st March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 286].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) Amendment No. 2 (Wales) Order 1977, the draft Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Amendment No. 2 (Wales) Order 1977, and the draft Community Land (Excepted Development) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 1977, referred to a Committee on 18th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 295].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for the transfer to the State of South Australia in the Commonwealth of Australia of the registered offices of Emu Wine Holdings Limited, The Emu Wine Company Limited, P. J. Howes Limited and Stephen Smith & Company, Limited; for the cessation of application to those companies of provisions of the Companies Acts 1948 to 1976, and for other purposes incidental thereto; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to exempt The Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited, from the provisions of the Money-lenders Act 1900, of the Moneylenders Act 1927 and of the Moneylenders Act (Northern Ireland) 1933; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords]].

Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords].—The Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords].—The Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Health Education (Television) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 29th April, the Health Education (Television) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

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:


Cruelty to Animals Act 1876 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Kenneth Lomas 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 20th May and to be printed [Bill 97].

Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State for Scotland to rename Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women, situated in the purpose-built specialist facilities in Cramond, West Edinburgh, “The Scottish College of Movement and Education”; and for connected purposes: And that Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. George Younger, Mr. Malcolm Rikkind, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Russell Johnston, and Mr. James Sillars, do prepare and bring it in.
Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name) Bill.—Lord James Douglas-Hamilton accordingly presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State for Scotland to rename Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women, situated in the purpose-built specialist facilities in Cramond, West Edinburgh, “The Scottish College of Movement and Education”; 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 96].

Ways and Means.—Amendment of the law.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but

(a) this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to the surcharge imposed by the National Insurance Surcharge Act 1976 other than amendments for affording relief to charities; and

(b) without prejudice to any authorisation by virtue of any Resolution relating to value added tax, this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to that tax so as to provide—

(i) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;

(ii) for refunding any amount of tax;

(iii) for 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

(iv) for any relief other than relief applicable to goods of whatever description or services of whatever description;

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

It being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Joe Ashton.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 30th March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association),—Copies of Schemes, dated 24th March 1977, entitled—

(1) the East Anglian Association Scheme 1977,
(2) the Eastern Wessex Association Scheme 1977,
(3) the Greater London Association Scheme 1977,
(4) the North of England Association Scheme 1977,
(5) the North West of England and Isle of Man Association Scheme 1977,
(6) the Northern Ireland Association Scheme 1977,
(7) the South East Association Scheme 1977,
(8) the Wales Association Scheme 1977,
(9) the West Midland Association Scheme 1977,
(10) the Western Wessex Association Scheme 1977, and
(11) the Yorkshire and Humberside Association Scheme 1977

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Civil Aviation,—Statement by the Secretary of State for Trade of the salary payable on appointment to the Chairman of the British Airports Authority [by Act].
Mr. John Silkin:
Agriculture,—Statement of Exchequer Payments in aid of schemes for agriculture in Northern Ireland for the year ending 31st March 1977 [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)]:


Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Supreme Court (Northern Ireland).—Copy of Rules, dated 9th March 1977, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (No. 1) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 71) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Antony Buck, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. F. P. Crowder, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Raphael Tuck, and Mr. William Wilson.

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 draft European Patent Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. John Duffen, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. George Gardner, Mr. Colin Jackson, Mr. Evan Luard, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. John Mendelson, Mr. Stanley Newens, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. James Tinn, and Mr. Dennis Walters.

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 Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1977 and the Civil Aviation (Canadian Navigation Services) Regulations 1977, viz.: Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Michael Neabert, Mr. John Nott, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Brian Walden, Mr. Kenneth Warren, and Mr. Frank R. White.

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Gordon A. T. Biggar, Mr. W. Benson, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. John Parker, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Tom Toreny, Mr. Andrew Welsh, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

MEMORANDUM
Wednesday 30th March 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A.

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

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next at Seven o'clock.

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

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 had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on 22nd March, and 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. 298].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill.—Miss Janet Fookes reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 99].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 301].

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

The Lords have agreed to the British Transport Docks Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision for the regulation of the exercise of commoners' rights in Epping Forest; the administration of Epping Forest and other open spaces and the provision of facilities for the public therein; finance and administration of the Corporation of London; the exercise of functions of the port health authority of the Port of London; traffic safety at Blackfriars Underpass; as from Six o'clock in the evening of 29th March 1977—

of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords].

City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords].—The City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 30th March to be printed [No. 55-v].

Ways and Means.—Amendment of the law.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 29th March, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but

(a) this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to the surcharge imposed by the National Insurance Surcharge Act 1976 other than amendments for affording relief to charities; and

(b) without prejudice to any authorisation by virtue of any Resolution relating to value added tax, this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to that tax so as to provide—

(i) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;

(ii) for refunding any amount of tax;

(iii) for 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

(iv) for any relief other than relief applicable to goods of whatever description or services of whatever description:
And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.21 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 31st March 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 31st March 1977, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for Transport Services [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th March 1977, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 616) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:


Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1977, entitled the Local Education Authorities Awards (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 536) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated 31st March 1977, entitled—

(1) the Social Security Benefit (Dependency) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 620), and

(2) the Supplementary Benefits (Students) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 619) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to abrasives [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

College Charters,—Copy of the Petition, Draft Charter and Statutes relating to the incorporation of Wolfson College, Oxford [by Act].


Mr. John Silkin:


Sea Fisheries,—Copies of Orders, dated 31st March 1977, entitled—

(1) the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation Order 1977 (S.I., 1977 No. 623), and
Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [4th March] from the Anglo-Rhodesian Society and others for the cessation of aid to Mozambique and elsewhere and the ending of sanctions against Rhodesia [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Broadcasting.—Account prepared pursuant to section 27(5) of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Act 1973 of additional payments to the Independent Broadcasting Authority by programme contractors under section 26(1) and of the sums paid into the Consolidated Fund under section 27(4) in the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 300].

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. David Watkins and Mr. George Rodgers (nominated in respect of the Redundancy Rebates Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Harold Walker and Mr. Martin Flannery.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 31st March 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Redundancy Rebates Bill; Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Licensing (Amendment) Bill; Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/2196/76 relating to Toxic and Dangerous Wastes; Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft European Patent Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977; and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1977.

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 Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

Mr. Speaker discharged from their appointment as Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills Sir Robert William Arney Speed, C.B., Q.C., and Thomas George Talbot, Esquire, C.B., Q.C.

[No. 82.]

Friday, 1st April, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Parliamentary Constituency of Braintree for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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 15th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 294].

Expenditure.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Goronwy-Roberts to attend to be examined as a witness before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. James Boyden.)

Price Commission Bill.—Mr. Secretary Hattersley, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Booth, Mr. Secretary Dell, Mr. John Silkin, Mr. John Fraser, and Mr. Robert Maciennan, presented a Bill to make further
provision about the Price Commission and prices and charges, and to amend the Counter-Inflation Act 1973 and the Remuneration, Charges and Grants Act 1975: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed [Bill 100].

European Communities Act 1972.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls upon Her Majesty's Government to institute a review of the operation of the European Communities Act 1972, and meanwhile, in furtherance of the House's oversight of Commission documents, orders that Standing Order No. 73A be amended, as follows:

Leave out lines 27 to 29 and insert " and in respect of any commission document ".
Line 41, leave out " or commission document ".
Line 44, leave out " (or commission document) ".
Line 54, leave out " or commission document ".
Line 56, at end, insert " (4A) Each committee to which a commission document is referred shall consider each document on a motion to approve, disapprove, or take note of that document (to which amendments may be moved), and subject to the provisions of the following sub-paragraphs the chairman shall put any question necessary to dispose of the proceedings, if not previously concluded, when the committee shall have sat for two and a half hours after the commencement of those proceedings.

(b) At the first sitting of the committee, at any time after any question relating to the document has been proposed, a member of the committee rising in his place may claim to make a motion providing for a further sitting of the committee on another day, and the chairman shall put the question on such a motion forthwith, or may decline then to propose that question to the committee; and thereafter proceedings upon the original question shall be resumed.

(c) At the conclusion of two and half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the second day on which the committee shall sit, if proceedings on the motion relating to the document have not previously been concluded, the chairman shall put any question necessary to dispose of it.

(d) When any motion relating to the document has been disposed of, the committee shall thereupon report the document and the result of the question upon the motion to the House without further question being put.”
Line 58, leave out “ 3(ii) or 3(iii) ” and insert “ or 3(ii) ”.
Line 60, leave out “ or commission document ".
Line 63, leave out from “ thereon ” to end of line 66.
Line 69, at end, insert “ (5A) When a committee to which a commission document has been referred has reported a resolution relating to the document, a motion may be made that the House doth agree with the committee in their resolution relating to that document; notice of such a motion may be given by any Member for consideration at the commencement of public business; and the question thereon shall be put forthwith”—(Mr. John Lee);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out lines 6 to 40 and add the words—

" Leave out paragraph (4) and insert—

(4) Each committee to which a statutory instrument or draft statutory instrument is referred shall consider that instrument or draft instrument on a motion, “ That the committee has considered the instrument (or draft instrument) ”; and the chairman shall put any question necessary to dispose of the proceedings on such a motion, if not previously concluded, when the committee shall have sat for one and a half hours or, in the case of an instrument or draft instrument relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, two and a half hours after the commencement of those proceedings; and the committee shall thereupon report the instrument or draft instrument to the House without any further question being put:

(4A) Each committee to which a commission document is referred shall consider each document on a motion, “ That the committee has considered the document ” and subject to the provisions of the following sub-paragraphs 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.

(b) At the first sitting of the committee, at any time after the question, “ That the committee has considered the document ”, has been proposed a member of the Government rising in his place may claim to make a motion providing for a further sitting of the committee on another day, and the chairman shall put
the question on such a motion forthwith, or may decline then to propose that question to the committee; and thereafter proceedings upon the original question shall be resumed.

(c) At One o'clock on the second day on which the committee shall sit, if proceedings on the motion, "That the committee has considered the document", have not previously been concluded, the chairman shall put any question necessary to dispose of it.

(d) When the motion, "That the committee has considered the document", has been disposed of the committee shall thereupon report the document to the House without any further question being put," instead thereof.—(Mr. William Price.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ted Graham: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Sydney Bidwell: 28.

And it appearing from 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.

Problems of Commuter Areas.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is increasingly concerned by the hardship caused by the rising costs of travel to work, especially in the context of recent pay policy and the burden of income tax and rates; notes that many of the communities worst affected are suffering also from a serious decline in public road transport and from the failure to provide public services matching the expansion of their population; deplores the Government's actions on the distribution of financial help to local authorities, which will exacerbate these problems; and calls for a thoroughgoing review of Government policies towards these areas and the people who live in them.—(Mr. Tony Newton):—Debate rising:

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

Shops (Amendment) Bill,—The Shops (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).

Clean Air (Places of Entertainment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Clean Air (Places of Entertainment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 22nd April.

Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 22nd April.

Community Land,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Community Land (Excepted Development) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th March, be approved.—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Community Land,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Acquisition from the Crown (Grants) Amendment No. 2 (Wales) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th March, be approved.—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Community Land,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Compulsory Acquisition by Public Authorities (Compensation) Amendment No. 2 (Wales) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th March, 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 twenty-eight minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.28 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Friday 1st April 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Direct Elections to the European Assembly,—Copy of a Paper, entitled Direct Elections to the European Assembly [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Transport,—Statement of the salaries payable on appointment to four part-time members of the Scottish Transport Group [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated 31st March 1977, entitled—
(1) the Social Security (Contributions) (Employment Protection) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 622), and
(2) the Supplementary Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 621) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

[No. 83.]

Monday, 4th April, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Grimsby 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 Grimsby, in the room of the Right Honourable Charles Anthony Raven Crosland, deceased. (Mr. Michael Cocks.)

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 Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 4th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xv].

New Member sworn,—Andrew James MacKay, Esquire, Member for Birmingham, Stechford, was sworn.

Ways and Means,—Amendment of the law.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 29th March, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but
(a) this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to the surcharge imposed by the National Insurance Surcharge Act 1976 other than amendments for affording relief to charities; and
(b) without prejudice to any authorisation by virtue of any Resolution relating to value added tax, this Resolution does not extend to the making of amendments with respect to that tax so as to provide—
(i) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;
(ii) for refunding any amount of tax;
(iii) for 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
(iv) for any relief other than relief applicable to goods of whatever description or services of whatever description;

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

And the Question being put:—It 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 30th March 1977 the rates of duty specified in section 9 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1975 shall be increased from £24.6300 and £24.7050 per proof gallon to £27.0900 and £27.1650 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):—It 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 30th March 1977 the rates of duty specified in section 10(1) of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1975 shall be increased—
(a) from £15.8400 for every 36 gallons to £17.4240 for every 36 gallons;
(b) from £0.5280 for each additional degree of original gravity exceeding 1,030 degrees to £0.5808 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 30th March 1977 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</th>
<th>Rates of duty (per gallon)</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>£</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wine of an alcoholic strength—</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>not exceeding 15%</td>
<td>3.2500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>exceeding 15 but not exceeding 18%</td>
<td>3.7500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>exceeding 18 but not exceeding 22%</td>
<td>4.4150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>exceeding 22%</td>
<td>4.4150 plus £0.4700 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 £0.7150 per gallon.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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 30th March 1977 the rates of duty under section 15 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1975 shall be as follows:—

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<th>Description of made-wine</th>
<th>Rates of duty (per gallon)</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Made-wine of an alcoholic strength—</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>not exceeding 10%</td>
<td>2.1100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>exceeding 10 but not exceeding 15%</td>
<td>3.1600</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>exceeding 15 but not exceeding 18%</td>
<td>3.4750</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>exceeding 18%</td>
<td>3.4750 plus £0.4700 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 £0.3300 per gallon.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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. Cider

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That as from 30th March 1977 the rate of duty specified in section 2(1) of the Finance Act 1976 shall be increased from £0.22 a gallon to £0.242 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) :—It was agreed to.

7. Tobacco

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That as from 30th March 1977—

(a) the rates of the duties of customs and excise chargeable under the provisions of subsection (1) of section 8 of the Finance Act 1976 and the provisions mentioned in subsection (2) of that section shall each be increased by £0.585 per pound ;

(b) as respects tobacco on which there have been paid duties of customs or excise at the said increased rates, the rates of drawback allowable under those provisions shall each be increased by the like amount per pound ;

but without prejudice to the powers conferred on the Treasury by section 164 of the Finance Act 1973.

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

8. Termination of surcharge

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That the Surcharge on Revenue Duties Order 1976 shall cease to have effect on 30th March 1977.

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.

9. Tobacco products

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 as from 4th April 1977—

(1) For the Table in section 4(1) of the Finance Act 1976 there shall be substituted—

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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Cigarettes</td>
<td>An amount equal to 22 per cent. of the retail price plus £1.410 per thousand cigarettes £3.0415 per pound</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Cigars</td>
<td>£3.8250 per pound</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Hand-rolling tobacco</td>
<td>£1.7050 per pound.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Other smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

(2) For the purposes of paragraph 1 of the Table in the said section 4(1) any cigarette more than 9 cm. long (excluding any filter or mouthpiece) shall be treated as if each 9 cm. or part thereof were a separate cigarette, and for the purposes of section 6 of the said Act of 1976 (power to alter rates of duty) the percentage and the amount per thousand cigarettes in that paragraph shall be treated as separate rates of duty.

(3) The Tobacco Products Duty (Increase) Order 1976 shall cease to have effect.

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

10. Alteration and reorganisation of tobacco duties

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—

(a) the period during which orders may be made under section 14(4) of the Finance Act 1973 shall be extended to the end of 1977 ;

(b) on the repeal at the end of that year of the duties charged by section 4 of the Finance Act 1964 provision may be made for terminating drawback in respect of those duties and for further increasing the duty charged under section 4 of the Finance Act 1976 ; and

(c) provision may be made for enabling the Treasury to make orders specifying products that are or are not to be treated for the purposes of that duty as cigarettes, cigars, hand-rolling tobacco, other smoking tobacco or chewing tobacco—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer) :—It was agreed to.
11. Hydrocarbon oil etc.

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 as from Six o'clock in the evening of 29th March 1977—

(1) In section 11 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1975 (excise duty on hydrocarbon oil etc.) for the words “0.3000 a gallon” there shall be substituted the words “£0.3500 a gallon”.

(2) In section 9 of the Hydrocarbon Oil (Customs & Excise) Act 1971 (rebate on heavy oil) for the words “at a rate of 1p a gallon less than the rate at which the duty is for the time being chargeable” there shall be substituted the words “at a rate—

(a) in the case of kerosene other than aviation turbine fuel, of 1p a gallon less than the rate at which the duty is for the time being chargeable;

(b) in the case of aviation turbine fuel and heavy oil other than kerosene, of 2·1p a gallon less than the rate at which the duty is for the time being chargeable.”

(3) The provisions of the said section 9 as amended by paragraph (2) above shall become subsection (1) of that section and after those provisions there shall be added—

“(2) In this section—

‘aviation turbine fuel’ means kerosene which is intended to be used as fuel for aircraft engines and is allowed to be delivered for that purpose without being marked in accordance with the regulations made for the purposes of this section;

‘kerosene’ means heavy oil of which more than 50 per cent. by volume distils at a temperature not exceeding 240°C.”

(4) In section 12(1) of the said Act of 1971 (rebate on light oil for use as furnace fuel at a rate of 1p a gallon less than the rate at which the duty is charged) for “1p” there shall be substituted “2·1p”.

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. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Nigel Lawson: 281.

So the Question was agreed to.

12. Units of measurement in customs and excise Acts

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That provision may be made for amending the customs and excise Acts so as to replace any unit of measurement by a metric unit and the proof system of ascertaining the alcoholic strength of spirits and other liquids by a system of measurement by reference to percentages of alcohol by volume—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

13. 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 1978—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

14. Value added tax

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That the enactments relating to value added tax may be amended so as to give effect to Community obligations, and that charges to that tax may be imposed by other amendments not affecting the rates at which the tax is chargeable or the treatment, for purposes of the tax, of goods or services of any specified description—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

15. Vehicles excise duty

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 and the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 shall have effect with the amendments set out below.

But this Resolution shall not authorise the making of amendments that would result in different provisions being in force in different parts of Great Britain.
And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution

1. In the said Acts of 1971 and 1972—

(a) for the provisions of Part II of Schedules 1 to 5 (annual rates of duty) there shall be substituted the provisions set out below:

(b) in paragraph 1(2) of Part I of Schedule 4 for the words following “if a goods vehicle” there shall be substituted the words “is used for drawing a trailer, the annual rate of duty applicable thereto in accordance with the foregoing sub-paragraph shall, according to the unladen weight of the vehicle as set out in the first and second columns of Table B in Part II of this Schedule, be increased by the amount specified in the third column of that Table”;

(c) in section 16 (trade licences) for “£20” and “£3.35” there shall be substituted respectively “£25” and “£5”;

(d) in section 2(1)(b) (four month licence for vehicles with annual rate exceeding £8) for “£8” there shall be substituted “£18”.

(2) Paragraph 1 above has effect in relation to licences taken out after 29th March 1977.

### PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 1

TO ACT OF 1971 AND ACT OF 1972

<table>
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<th>Description of vehicle</th>
<th>Rate of duty</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Bicycles and tricycles of which the cylinder capacity of the engine does not exceed 150 cubic centimetres; electrically propelled bicycles; electrically propelled tricycles which do not exceed 165 pounds in weight unladen</td>
<td>£5.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Bicycles of which the cylinder capacity of the engine exceeds 150 cubic centimetres but does not exceed 250 cubic centimetres; tricycles (other than those in the foregoing paragraph) and vehicles (other than mowing machines) with more than three wheels, being tricycles and vehicles neither constructed nor adapted for use nor used for the carriage of a driver or passenger</td>
<td>£10.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Bicycles and tricycles not in the foregoing paragraphs</td>
<td>£20.00</td>
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### PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 2

TO ACT OF 1971 AND ACT OF 1972

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<tr>
<td>Hackney carriages</td>
<td>£25.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>with an additional 50p for each person above 20 (excluding the driver) for which the vehicle has seating capacity.</td>
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### PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 3

TO ACT OF 1971

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<th>Description of vehicle</th>
<th>Weight unladen of vehicle</th>
<th>Rate of duty</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Agricultural machines; digging machines; mobile cranes; works trucks; mowing machines; fishermen’s tractors</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>£8.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Haulage vehicles being showmen’s vehicles</td>
<td>Exceeding</td>
<td>Not exceeding</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7½ tons</td>
<td>7¾ tons</td>
<td>£84.00</td>
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<td>8 tons</td>
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<tr>
<td>10 tons</td>
<td>10 tons</td>
<td>£118.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Haulage vehicles, not being showmen’s vehicles</td>
<td>£118.00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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<td>2 tons</td>
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<td>10 tons</td>
<td>10 tons</td>
<td>£555.00</td>
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5. Additional for each ton or part of a ton in excess of the weight in column 2 | £80.00 | £
### PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 3 TO ACT OF 1972

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<td>1. Agricultural machines; digging machines; mobile cranes; works trucks; mowing machines; fishermen's tractors</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Haulage vehicles, being showmen's vehicles</td>
<td>74 tons</td>
<td>8 tons</td>
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<td>3. Haulage vehicles, not being showmen's vehicles</td>
<td>2 tons</td>
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### PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 4 TO ACT OF 1971

**TABLES SHOWING ANNUAL RATES OF DUTY ON GOODS VEHICLES**

#### TABLE A

**GENERAL RATES OF DUTY**

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<tr>
<td>1. Farmers' goods vehicles</td>
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<td>—</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>12 cwt</td>
<td>16 cwt</td>
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<td>10 tons</td>
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<td>2. Showmen's goods vehicles</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Electrically-propelled goods vehicles (other than farmers' goods vehicles or showmen's goods vehicles); tower wagons</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
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<td>4. Goods vehicles not included in any of the foregoing provisions of this Part of this Schedule</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>16 cwt</td>
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#### TABLE B

**RATES OF DUTY ON GOODS VEHICLES USED FOR DRAWING TRAILERS**

<table>
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<th>Weight unladen of vehicle</th>
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<tr>
<td>Exceeding</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>1. 14 tons</td>
<td>£30.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 tons</td>
<td>40.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 ton</td>
<td>67.00</td>
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<td>4 tons</td>
<td>90.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>6 tons</td>
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**GENERAL RATES OF DUTY**

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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>12 cwt</td>
<td>16 cwt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Farmers' goods vehicles</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>12 cwt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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1. Farmers' goods vehicles

2. Showmen's goods vehicles; electrically-propelled goods vehicles (other than farmers' goods vehicles); tower wagons

3. Goods vehicles not included in any of the foregoing provisions of this Part

### TABLE B

**RATES OF DUTY ON GOODS VEHICLES USED FOR DRAWING TRAILERS**

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### PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 4 TO ACT OF 1972

**TABLES SHOWING ANNUAL RATES OF DUTY ON GOODS VEHICLES**

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2. Showmen's goods vehicles; electrically-propelled goods vehicles (other than farmers' goods vehicles); tower wagons

3. Goods vehicles not included in any of the foregoing provisions of this Part

### PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 5 TO ACT OF 1971

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2. Vehicles not included above £50.00

### PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 5 TO ACT OF 1972

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2. Not electrically-propelled—

(a) if first registered under the Roads Act 1920 before 1st January 1947, or which, if its first registration for taxation purposes had been effected in Northern Ireland would have been so first registered as aforesaid under the Act as in force in Northern Ireland—

(i) not exceeding 6 horse-power £30.00

(ii) exceeding 6 horse-power, but not exceeding 9 horse-power—for each unit or part of a unit of horse-power £5.00

(b) other vehicles £50.00

—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mrs. Margaret Bain: 61.

So the Question was agreed to.

16. Income tax (charge and rates for 1977-78)

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 1977-78 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 £6,000 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 £1,500 at the additional rates of 10 per cent for the first £500 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, paragraph (b) above shall have effect with the substitution for the reference to £1,500 of a reference to £2,000.

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<td>83 per cent.</td>
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And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 369.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sidney Bidwell, Mr. Ian Mikardo: 54.

So the Question was agreed to.

17. 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 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (personal reliefs)—

(a) in subsection (1)(a) (married) for “£1,085” there shall be substituted “£1,225”;

(b) in subsection (1)(b) (single) and (2) (wife’s earned income relief) for “£735” there shall be substituted “£805”;

(c) in subsection (1A) (age allowance) for “£1,555” and “£1,010” there shall be substituted “£1,695” and “£1,080” respectively.

(2) In section 14(2) and (3) of that Act (additional relief for widows and others in respect of children) for “£350” there shall be substituted “£420”; 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 1st June 1977.

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. Child benefit &c. (income tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—

(1) In section 219(2) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (social security benefits exempt from tax) the word “and” shall be omitted and after “1971” there shall be inserted the words “and payments of child benefit.”

(2) The amendments of the Income Tax Acts made by section 32(2), (3)(a) and (d), (4), (5) and (6) of the Finance Act 1976 shall not have effect.
(3) Where for the year 1977-78 an individual is (or apart from this paragraph would be) assessable to income tax in respect of payments in respect of a child, being payments to which this paragraph applies, his income shall for the purposes of the Income Tax Acts be deemed to include only so much, if any, of the payments in respect of that child as exceeds £52 or, if the payments in question are payments for a part only of the year, a proportionate part of that amount.

(4) Paragraph (3) above applies to payments by way of—
(a) child’s special allowance or guardian’s allowance under the Social Security Act 1975 or the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975; or
(b) an allowance under section 70 of either of those Acts; or
(c) an increase under Chapter III of Part II of either of those Acts of a widow’s allowance, widowed mother’s allowance, child’s special allowance, retirement pension or invalid care allowance.

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.

19. Child tax allowances for 1977-78

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—

(1) Except in the case of a child to whom either of the next two Resolutions applies, the appropriate amount to be deducted from the claimant’s total income under subsection (1) of section 10 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (children) for the year 1977-78 shall, instead of being determined in accordance with subsection (3) of that section, be determined in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) below; and in those paragraphs “first child” means a child shown by the claimant to be the only or eldest child in respect of whom he is entitled under that section to a deduction of an amount determined in accordance with those paragraphs.

(2) The appropriate amount for the child shall vary according to the age of the child at the commencement of the year of assessment and according to whether or not he is a first child and, subject to subsection (5) of the said section 10—
(a) for a child shown by the claimant to have been over the age of sixteen at the commencement of that year, shall be £261 in the case of a first child and £235 in the case of any other child;
(b) for a child not so shown but shown by the claimant to have been then over the age of eleven, shall be £231 in the case of a first child and £205 in the case of any other child;
(c) for a child not falling within the foregoing paragraphs, shall be £196 in the case of a first child and £170 in the case of any other child.

(3) Where the appropriate amount for a child is required to be apportioned under section 11 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 between two or more individuals and the child is the first child in relation to any but not each of them, that amount shall be determined as if he were the first child in relation to each of them.

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.

20. Child tax allowances: children living abroad

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—

(1) If, in the case of a child in respect of whom a claim is made under section 10 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (children) the claimant proves that the conditions in paragraph (2) below are fulfilled, the appropriate amount to be deducted from the claimant’s income under subsection (1) of that section for the year 1977-78 shall be determined in accordance with subsection (3) of that section as amended for the year 1976-77 by section 29(2) of the Finance Act 1976.

(2) The conditions referred to in paragraph (1) above are—
(a) that the child is outside the United Kingdom throughout the year of assessment and does not in that year normally live in a country or territory specified in paragraph (3) below; and
(b) that he is under the age of nineteen years at the end of that year; and
(c) that no child benefit is paid in respect of the child for any week (as defined in the child benefit legislation) beginning in that year; and
(d) that no child benefit for any such week is (or if a claim were made would be) payable in respect of the child by virtue of Part II of the Child Benefit (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations 1976 or Part II of the Child Benefit (Residence and Persons Abroad) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976.
(3) The countries and territories referred to in paragraph (2)(a) above are Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic), Gibraltar, the Irish Republic, the Isle of Man, Israel, Italy, Jersey, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain and Sweden.

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

21. Child tax allowances: students

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—

(1) If, in the case of a child in respect of whom a claim is made under section 10 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (children) the claimant proves that the conditions in paragraph (2) below are fulfilled, the appropriate amount to be deducted from the claimant's income under subsection (1) of that section for the year 1977-78 and the two following years of assessment shall be determined in accordance with subsection (3) of that section as amended for the year 1976-77 by section 29(2) of the Finance Act 1976.

(2) The conditions referred to in paragraph (1) above are—

(a) that on 31st December 1976 the child was following a full-time course at a university, college, school or other educational establishment; and

(b) that he was then over the age of nineteen years or that the course was an advanced course; and

(c) that he is following such a course as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above in an academic year beginning in the year of assessment and either—

(i) is not in receipt of any grant from a government department or local authority or otherwise out of public funds in respect of that course for that academic year or any period determined by reference to it; or

(ii) is in receipt of such a grant, being a grant which is calculated in accordance with provisions for taking account of parental income but the amount of which does not fall to be reduced under those provisions.

(3) In paragraph (2)(b) above “advanced course” means—

(a) a course in preparation for a degree, a diploma of higher education, a higher national diploma or a teaching qualification;

(b) a course of post-graduate or post-diploma instruction; or

(c) any other course, being a course of a standard above ordinary national diploma, general certificate of education (advanced level) or Scottish certificate of education (higher level);

and if any question arises whether a course falls within the above definition, the Board may consult the Secretary of State for Education and Science.

(4) In the application of paragraph (3) above to Scotland and Northern Ireland the Secretary of State and the Department of Education for Northern Ireland shall respectively be substituted for the Secretary of State for Education and Science.

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.

22. Relief for interest (limit for 1977-78)

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 1977-78—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

23. Earnings from work done abroad (income tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That provision may be made for amending or replacing the rules contained in Schedule 2 to the Finance Act 1974—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

24. Accommodation provided for employees (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 be imposed in respect of living accommodation provided by reason of a person's employment—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.
25. Corporation tax (charge and 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 corporation tax shall be charged for the financial year 1976 at the rate of 52 per cent.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

26. Advance corporation tax (rate for financial year 1977)

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 1977 shall be thirty-five sixty-fifths—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

27. 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 1976 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 that financial year be four twenty-fifths—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

28. Company reconstructions and amalgamations (capital gains tax and corporation tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to capital gains tax and corporation tax may be imposed by provisions restricting the operation of paragraphs 6 and 7 of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 1965 and section 267 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

29. Transfer of business to non-resident company (corporation tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to corporation tax in respect of chargeable gains may be imposed by provisions applying where a business is transferred to a non-resident company—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

30. Value-shifting (capital gains tax and corporation tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to capital gains tax and corporation tax may be imposed by provisions relating to schemes or arrangements whereby there is a change in the value of an asset and a tax-free benefit is conferred on the person disposing of it or on other persons—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

31. Annual payments for non-taxable consideration (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 relating to annual payments made under a liability incurred for non-taxable consideration—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

32. Disposals of conditionally exempt property (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 amendments of sections 32(2) and 34(4) of the Finance Act 1975 and section 78(3) of the Finance Act 1976—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

33. Petroleum revenue tax (transactions between participators)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That charges to petroleum revenue tax may be imposed by provisions relating to certain transactions between participators in oil fields—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

34. Annuities under Tithe Acts 1936 and 1951

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 doubling the amounts payable on 1st October 1977 on account of annuities under the Tithe Acts 1936 and 1951—(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 tax—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

Procedure (Mutual Assistance in Recovery of Customs Duties etc.),—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, provision may be made in any Finance Bill of the present Session for giving effect to the Directive of the Council of the European Communities dated 15th March 1976 (No. 76/308/EEC)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

Procedure (Exchange Control),—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 make amendments of the Exchange Control Act 1947, being amendments to extend and supplement section 30(3) of that Act and to incorporate in that Act so much of section 55 of the Finance Act 1968 as relates to exchange control—(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 provisions, taking effect in a future year, with respect to the circumstances in which a person's employment is to be treated as director's or higher-paid under Chapter II of Part III of the Finance Act 1976—(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 Orders relating to Procedure made this day: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Booth, Mr. Secretary Ennals, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Secretary Hattersley, Mr. Secretary Rodgers, Mr. Harold Lever, 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 101].

Social Legislation on Road Transport,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of EEC draft Regulation R/642/76 of 10th March 1976 on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport, the Minister for Transport's explanatory memorandum of 23rd April 1976 and the Secretary of State for Transport's supplementary memorandum of 31st March 1977—(Mr. John Horam);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 5, at the end, to add the words "but calls upon the Government to ensure that, within certain limits and following a Community procedure, less restrictive provisions should apply for national transport than for intra-Community transport."—(Mr. Norman Fowler.)

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;

Tuesday, 5th April, 1977:

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

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC draft Regulation R/642/76 of 10th March 1976 on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport, the Minister for Transport's explanatory memorandum of 23rd April 1976 and the Secretary of State for Transport's supplementary memorandum of 31st March 1977.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Haringey for legislation to ensure proportional representation in elections was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes to One o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.42 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Monday 4th April 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th March 1977, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Fees) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 627) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Countryside Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Countryside Commission for the year ended 30th September 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 242].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Mr. John Silkin:

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Public Petitions,—Observations by the Minister of Social Security on the Petition [11th March] from citizens of the United Kingdom for the implementation of the child benefit Scheme and an annual adjustment of benefits [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

MEMORANDA

Monday 4th April 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Shops (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee C.

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 Health Service in the North-West.

[No. 84.]

Tuesday, 5th April, 1977.

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.:

City of London (Various Powers) [Lords].

Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies [Lords].

Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited [Lords].

Bills to be read a second time.

British Transport Docks Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the British Transport Docks Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).
European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-xvi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xvi].

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., 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. 43-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 the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 305].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Memoranda submitted to Subcommittee A.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 305].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Redundancy Rebates Bill,—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Redundancy Rebates Bill, 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. 306].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft European Patent Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 29th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 303].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Commission Document No. R/103/77 relating to Advisory Committees on Dentists and Senior Public Health Officials be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—(Mr. Michael Foot):

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Ted Graham and Mr. Alf Bates 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 Commission Document No. R/103/77 relating to Advisory Committees on Dentists and Senior Public Health Officials be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

National Insurance (Householders' Allowances),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the payment of an identifiable householder's allowance as a separate benefit under the National Insurance Scheme; to permit such an allowance to be varied to take account of housing costs; and for related purposes: And that Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Robert Boscawen, and Mr. John Cope, do prepare and bring it in.

National Insurance (Householders' Allowances) Bill,—Sir Brandon Rhys Williams accordingly presented a Bill to require the payment of an identifiable householder's allowance as a separate benefit under the National Insurance Scheme; to permit such an allowance to be varied to take account of housing costs; and for related purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd April and to be printed [Bill 102].

Supply [11th 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. Alf Bates);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Lester, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton : 203.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 185.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 7.13 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 5th April 1977

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 1977 and payable under the provisions of section 4(1) of the Civil List Act 1972 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th March 1977, entitled the Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 570) [by Act].

Dangerous Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th March 1977, entitled the Misuse of Drugs (Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 587) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
Miscellaneous (No. 4, 1977),—Copy of further Documents on disarmament relating to the disarmament negotiations during 1975 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 25, 1977),—Copy of a Decision, made at Brussels on 20th January 1976, of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting in Council, establishing supervision for imports of certain products originating in Sweden (1976) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 26, 1977),—Copy of a Decision, made at Brussels on 20th January 1976, of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting in Council, establishing supervision for imports of certain products originating in Austria (1976) [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Millan:
Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 25th March 1977, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 568) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 19th March 1977, amending the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th March 1977, amending the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Health Services,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 31st March 1977, entitled the Health Services Board (Hospital Premises) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 643), and
(2) 5th April 1977, entitled the Health Services Board (Authorisation and Notification) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 644) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second 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 Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/103/77 relating to Advisory Committees on Dentists and Senior Public Health Officials, viz.: Mr. Jack Ashley, Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mr. John Garrett, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. G. R. Strauss, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Mr. David Walder, and Mr. Terry Walker.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 5th April 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated Commission Document No. R/103/77 relating to Advisory Committees on Dentists and Senior Public Health Officials to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 85.]

Wednesday, 6th April, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Ashfield 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 Ashfield, in the room of David Ian Marquand, Esquire, 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.)

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—Ordered, That the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 21st April.

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

Ancient Monuments.—The Order made on 22nd February, That the Roman Settlement near Bourton Bridge Preservation Order 1977 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

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 6th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 164-x].

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. 304].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 304].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Licensing (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from Standing Committee C, That they had went through the Licensing (Amendment) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 13th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 308].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Commission Document No. R/1966/76 relating to Toxic and Dangerous Wastes, referred to a Committee on 18th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 309].

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Wells reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 439), referred to a Committee on 25th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 307].

Sittings of the House,—Resolved, That this House do meet tomorrow 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),—Resolved, That this House, at its rising tomorrow, do adjourn till Tuesday 19th April.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Pre-Release Hostels for Prisoners,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Secretary of State to make regulations with regard to pre-release hostels; and for connected purposes: And that Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Keith Stainton, Mr. Antony Buck, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. R. Bonnor Pink, and Mr. Andrew Mackay, do prepare and bring it in.

Pre-Release Hostels for Prisoners Bill,—Mrs. Jill Knight accordingly presented a Bill to empower the Secretary of State to make regulations with regard to pre-release hostels; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 29th April and to be printed [Bill 104].

Sport and Recreation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House takes note of the White Paper on Sport and Recreation (Command Paper No. 6200)—(Mr. Denis Howell);—

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Walter Harrison: 34.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. Walter Johnson: 7.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the White Paper on Sport and Recreation (Command Paper No. 6200).

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the consideration of the Lords Amendment to the Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the Returning Officers (Scotland) Bill; and the same was agreed to.

Roger John Payne,—A Petition of Roger John Payne, of Maidstone, was presented and read, setting forth that the Petitioner is the Plaintiff in an action for a Declaration fixed for hearing in the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division on the 26th April 1977 wherein a Department of State is the Defendant, and that the Petitioner requires in the said action to quote extracts from the Official Report of Debates in the House; and praying that the leave of the House be granted to the Petitioner to put in evidence extracts of the Official Report of Debates in the House for 21st June 1973, namely, columns 181 and 182, and further to put in evidence Written Answer number 120 given by the Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department on 1st July 1974 in response to a question from the honourable Member for Maidstone.

Ordered, That leave be given for reference to be made to the said Reports of Debates.—(Mr. John Wells.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.42 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 6th April 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:


Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th April 1977, entitled the Customs Duties (Greece) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 654) [by Act].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th April 1977, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 4) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 653) [by Act].

Local Loans,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Police,—Copies of Regulations, dated 28th March 1977, entitled—
(1) the Police (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 582),
(2) the Police (Complaints) (General) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 578),
(3) the Police (Copies of Complaints) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 579),
(4) the Police (Discipline) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 580),
(5) the Police (Discipline) (Senior Officers) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 581), and
(6) the Police Federation (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 583) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Post Office,—Statements of determination of the salaries payable—
(1) on re-appointment to a full-time member,
(2) on re-appointment to a part-time member, and
(3) on appointment to a part-time member
of the Post Office [by Act].

Post Office,—Statements of determination of the pensions of two members of the Post Office [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Building and Buildings,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st March 1977, entitled the House-Building Standards (Approved Scheme etc.) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 642) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:


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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [28th January] from North East Essex concerning the closure of the Colchester Military Hospital [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [24th February] from members of the medical and nursing professions praying for action to limit abortion, initiate social reforms and prevent discrimination against doctors and nurses opposed to abortion [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Peter Doig and Mr. Norman Fowler (nominated in respect of the Passenger Vehicles (Educational and Other Purposes) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peter Fry and Mr. Donald Stewart.
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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 Standing Committee C in respect of the Passenger Vehicles (Educational and Other Purposes) Bill; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/2196/76 relating to the Rights of Establishment of Dentists and Senior Public Health Officials; Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/2697/76 relating to Data-Processing; and Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1977 and the Civil Aviation (Canadian Navigation Services) Regulations 1977.

[No. 86.]

Thursday, 7th April, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

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

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 Patent Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th March, be approved—(Mr. A. W. Stallard):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Chichester and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to Five o’clock, adjourned till Tuesday 19th April, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[Adjourned at 4.54 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 7th April 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th March 1977, entitled the Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 633) [by Act].

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th March 1977, entitled the Teachers (Colleges of Education) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 634) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th April 1977, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (No. 4) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 666) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copies of—

(1) Regulations, dated 30th March 1977, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Official Log Books) (Fishing Vessels) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 628), and

(2) Rules, dated 1st April 1977, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Smooth and Partially Smooth Waters) (Amendment) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 632) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Varley:

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries.—Copies of Regulations, dated 31st March 1977, entitled—
(1) the British Aerospace Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 625), and
(2) the British Shipbuilders Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 626)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:


Mr. Michael Foot:

County Courts.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 30th March 1977, entitled the County Courts (Administration Order Jurisdiction) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 601) [by Act].


Pacific Islands.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 30th March 1977, entitled the Solomon Islands (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 590) [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 Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (No. 4) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 666).

[No. 87.]

Tuesday, 19th April, 1977.

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 Sir Peter Kirk, Member for Saffron Walden, 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.

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 1977 to 30th September 1978; 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 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 regard to the markets undertaking of the Neath Borough Council; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Neath Borough Council Bill [Lords]].

Expenditure,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Goronwy-Roberts 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.
Neath Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Neath Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Protection of Voluntary Work Bill.—The Order for Reading a second time, upon Friday, the Protection of Voluntary Work Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th May.

Pre-release Hostels for Prisoners Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 29th April, the Pre-release Hostels for Prisoners Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 13th May.

Registration of Private Security Firms Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Registration of Private Security Firms Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 13th May.

Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee—(Mr. Frank R. White);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Joseph Harper and Mr. Donald Coleman 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 Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.

Water Charges (Amendment) Bill.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the liability to pay general sewerage and sewage disposal charges levied by water authorities to all domestic ratepayers in their areas whose hereditaments are without sewerage and to remove from such ratepayers any liability to pay other charges levied by local authorities and water authorities in respect of collection and disposal of the contents of cesspools and septic tanks: And that Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. John Mendelson, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. Michael Ward, Mr. John Watkinson, and Mr. Alec Woodall, do prepare and bring it in.

Water Charges (Amendment) Bill.—Dr. Edmund Marshall accordingly presented a Bill to extend the liability to pay general sewerage and sewage disposal charges levied by water authorities to all domestic ratepayers in their areas whose hereditaments are without sewerage and to remove from such ratepayers any liability to pay other charges levied by local authorities and water authorities in respect of collection and disposal of the contents of cesspools and septic tanks: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th May and to be printed [Bill 105].

Supply (12th 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 Ten o’clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Toxic and Dangerous Wastes.—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/1966/76 on Toxic and Dangerous Wastes—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—It was agreed to.

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 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

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:

Legal Services,—Copy of a Report on Progress of the Royal Commission on Legal Services.


European Communities (No. 2, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 14th December 1976, amending the English version of Table II of Protocol 2 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation.

Poland (No. 2, 1977),—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on 16th December 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Polish People's Republic for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to taxes on income and capital gains (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged).


United States (No. 2, 1977),—Copy of a draft Convention, initialled on 26th October 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America providing for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil matters (the Convention has not been signed and is subject to ratification).

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 April 1977

Industrial Development,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th April 1977, entitled the Assisted Areas Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 683) [by Act].


14th April 1977


Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th April 1977, entitled the Civil Aviation Authority (Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 647) [by Act].

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th April 1977, entitled the Preservatives in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 645) [by Act].

15th April 1977


18th April 1977

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th April 1977, entitled the Anti-Dumping Duty (Revocation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 695) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Tuesday 19th April 1977:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury, on 11th March 1977, on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 314].
Mr. Secretary Owen:

Pollution (Miscellaneous No. 8, 1977).—Copy of the Final Act, signed at London on 17th December 1976, of the Intergovernmental Conference on the Convention on civil liability for oil pollution damage from offshore operations [by Command].

Shipping (Miscellaneous No. 5, 1977).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at London on 19th November 1976, to the Athens Convention relating to the carriage of passengers and their luggage by sea, 1974 (the Protocol has not been signed by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 30, 1977).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Maseru on 2nd August 1976, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Lesotho concerning officers designated by the Government of the United Kingdom in the service of specified organisations or institutions in Lesotho (the British Expatriates Supplementation (Lesotho) Agreement 1976) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Million:

Foods and Drugs.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) (Scotland) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Social Security.—Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee pursuant to section 139(3) of the Social Security Act 1975, together with a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services, on the Employment Protection (Recoupment of Unemployment Benefit and Supplementary Benefit) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 674) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 311].


Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Medicines.—Copy of an Order, dated 4th April 1977, entitled the Medicines (Bal Jivan Chamcho Prohibition) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 670) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industrial Development.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th April 1977, entitled the Assisted Areas (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 705) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Morris:


Mr. John Silkin:

Agriculture.—Drafts of—

(1) an Order, entitled the Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation Grants (Extension of Period) Order 1977; and

(2) a Scheme, entitled the Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation (Variation) Scheme 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill,—Report of the Attorney General on the International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

University of London Bill [Lords],—Report of the Attorney General on the University of London 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 Dartford Tunnel (Extension of Construction Period) Order 1977 and the Ardrossan Harbour Revision Order 1977 [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 [29th March] from Bromley for a reversal of the decision to end initial training at the Bromley Institute of Higher Education (Stockwell College) [by Standing Order] ; to be printed.

[No. 88.]

Wednesday, 20th April, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Immediate Transportation (Delivery Warrants) 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 Immediate Transportation (Delivery Warrants) 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.

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-xvii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie printed [No. 41-xvii].

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. 293-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 20th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 52-vii].

Overseas Development,—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 20th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 179-ix].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Passenger Vehicles (Educational and Other Purposes) Bill,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Passenger Vehicles (Educational and Other Purposes) Bill, and had made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to make provision for the use of certain motor vehicles by bodies concerned with education, with religion, with social welfare or with other activities for the benefit of the community : and for purposes connected therewith.
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 20th May; and to be printed [Bill 106].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 317].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Commission Document No. R/2196/76 relating to the Rights of Establishment of Dentists and Commission Document No. R/103/77 relating to Advisory Committees on Dentists and Senior Public Health Officials, referred to a Committee on 18th March and 5th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 316].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Commission Document No. R/2697/76 relating to Data Processing, referred to a Committee on 18th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 319].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 340) and the Civil Aviation (Canadian Navigation Services) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 314), referred to a Committee on 29th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 315].

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 England and Wales with respect to criminal conspiracy; to make new provision in that law, in place of the provisions of the common law and the Statutes of Forcible Entry, for restricting the use or threat of violence for securing entry into any premises and for penalising unauthorised entry or remaining on premises in certain circumstances; otherwise to amend the criminal law, including the law with respect to the administration of criminal justice; to provide for the alteration of certain pecuniary and other limits; to amend section 9(4) of the Administration of Justice Act 1973, the Legal Aid Act 1974, the Rabies Act 1974 and the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 and the law about juries and coroners' inquests; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Criminal Law Bill [Lords].

Criminal Law Bill [Lords],—The Criminal Law Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 108].

Domestic Premises (Lighting and Electrical Installations),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable local authorities to require the installation of artificial lighting by means of gas or electricity in all habitable rooms within their area; to require the maintenance in good repair of such installations; to enable improvement grants to be paid for the removal and replacement of defective electrical installations in domestic premises; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Cyril Smith and Mr. Jim Callaghan do prepare and bring it in.

Domestic Premises (Lighting and Electrical Installations Bill),—Mr. Cyril Smith accordingly presented a Bill to enable local authorities to require the installation of artificial lighting by means of gas or electricity in all habitable rooms within their area; to require the maintenance in good repair of such installations; to enable improvement grants to be paid for the removal and replacement of defective electrical installations in domestic premises; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 13th May and to be printed [Bill 107].

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.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr. Frank R. White.]

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

[Adjourned at 10.18 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 20th April 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:
Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the International Fund for Agricultural Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977,

(2) the International Monetary Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Health Services (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Health Service Planning Council for 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Defence,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Royal Air Force Terms of Service Regulations 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Health Services,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th April 1977, entitled the Health Services Board (Inspectors) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 673) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Rentcharges Bill, viz.: Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Paul Channon, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Fred Evans, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Nicholas Scott, Mr. Keith Stainton, Mr. Anthony Steen, and Mr. Ron Thomas.

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 Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, viz.: Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. John Watkinson, and Mr. Phillip Whitehead.

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 Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill, viz.: Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Hugh Rossi, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, and Mr. Julius Silverman.

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 Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Stan Crowther, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. Alistair Goodlad, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Horam, Mr. David Lambie, Dr. Oonagh Macdonald, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. David Watkins, and Mr. Ken Weetch.
[No. 89.]

Thursday, 21st April, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

London Transport Bill,—The London Transport Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill,—Ordered, That the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Tuesday next.


Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next at Seven o’clock.

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

Procedure (Sessional Committee).—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Sessional Committee on Procedure, That they had considered the matter of Questions to the Prime Minister, referred to them on 12th January, 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. 320].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 320].

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 April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 201-iv].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Supply [13th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Civil Estimates 1977-78

Class VIII, Vote 6, Central Administration (Department of the Environment)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £44,369,000, 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 1978 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on central administration and certain other services ;

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Subhead A1(1) (Salaries of Ministers) be reduced by £4,750—(Mr. Michael Heseltine) :—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. Michael Roberts : 233.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. A. W. Stallard : 259.

So the Question was negatived.

The original Question being again proposed :—Debate arising ;

And it being after Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Food Labelling and Jams and Marmalades.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/898/76 and R/2384/76 on Food Labelling and R/2126/75 and R/3186/76 on Jams and Marmalades.—(Mr. Gavin Strang.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

Adjourned at 11.48 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 21st April 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:


Treaty Series (No. 33, 1977),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Port Louis on 8th December 1976, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Mauritius amending and extending the British Expatriates Supplementation (Mauritius) Agreement 1971 (the British Expatriates Supplementation (Mauritius) (Continuance) Agreement 1971-76) [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1975 (provisional results) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Health and Social Services (Northern Ireland),—Summary of Health and Personal Social Services Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1976, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Offshore Installations,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st April 1977, entitled the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 712) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities and Colleges (Trusts),—Copies of—

(1) a Scheme, and

(2) an Amending Scheme

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made by St. John Baptist College, Oxford, on 31st January 1977, for administering certain funds of the College [by Act].

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute, made by the University of Cambridge on 1st February 1977, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th April 1977, entitled the Erucic Acid in Food Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 691) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Joseph Dean and Mr. W. E. Garrett (nominated in respect of the Rentcharges Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Andrew Bennett and Mr. Mike Noble.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Frank Allaun (nominated in respect of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hugh D. Brown.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 21st April 1977

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 B in respect of the Rent (Agriculture) Amendment Bill [Lords]; Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Rentcharges Bill; and Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords].

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 the Health Services in the North West in the place of Mr. A. P. Costain.

[No. 901]

Friday, 22nd April, 1977.

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).

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the Health Services Board (Hospital Premises) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 643) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.-(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 18, to leave out the words "and such other particulars as may be prescribed".—(Mr. Roger Moate.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 2 to 9) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, to leave out line 40.—(Mr. Roger Moate.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 11 and 12) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 30, at the end, to insert the words "or"

\[(d)\] that so much of its business as consists of insurance broking is carried on under the management of a registered insurance broker\].—[Mr. Roger Moate.]

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. Speaker declared that the Noes had it.

Another Amendment made to the Bill, in page 3, line 33, by leaving out the words "section 11" and inserting the words "rules under section 12(1)"; instead thereof.

Another Amendment (No. 15) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 43, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) The statement shall in no respect seek to restrict competition between registered insurance brokers".—[Mr. Roger Moate.]

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 19 and 20) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

"(1C) Subject to subsections (1D) and (1E) below, an accountant is qualified to give reports for the purposes of the rules if he is a member of a recognised body of accountants or is for the time being authorised by the Secretary of State under section 161(1)(b) of the Companies Act 1948 or, in Northern Ireland, by the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland under section 155(1)(b) of the Companies Act (Northern Ireland) 1960.

(1D) An accountant shall not be qualified to give such reports—

(a) in relation to a practising insurance broker, if he is an employee or partner of, or an employee of a partner of, the practising insurance broker;

(b) in relation to an enrolled body corporate, if he is not qualified for appointment as auditor of the enrolled body corporate.

(1E) A Scottish firm of accountants shall be qualified to give such reports if, but only if, all the partners are so qualified."—[Mr. S. Clinton Davis.]

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 2, to leave out the words "recognised body of accountants" and insert the words "body of accountants recognised by the Council in that behalf"; instead thereof.—[Mr. David Weitzman.]

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

Question, That the Amendment (No. 21) be made to the Bill, put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 22 to 58, 61, 64, 65, 67, 68 and 71 to 80) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 81) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

"'insurance broker' means a person who, acting with complete freedom as to his choice of undertaking, brings together, with a view to the insurance or reinsurance of risks, persons seeking insurance or reinsurance and insurance or reinsurance undertakings, carries out work preparatory to the conclusion of contracts of insurance or reinsurance and, where appropriate, assists in the administration and performance of such contracts, in particular in the event of a claim."—[Mr. Roger Moate.]

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

Another Amendment (No. 82) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 83) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, to leave out from the beginning of line 7 to the word "shall" in line 8, and insert the words "five persons nominated by the Secretary of State of whom one shall be a barrister, advocate or solicitor and another", instead thereof.—[Mr. S. Clinton Davis.]

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

Local Government Finance Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Finance Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 13th May.
Companies (Audit Committees) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies (Audit Committees) Bill;

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

Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill;

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

Freedom of Information and Privacy Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Bill;

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

Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name) Bill;

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to prohibit the creation, and provide for the extinguishment, apportionment and redemption, of certain rentcharges, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of that Act—(Mr. Reginald Freeson);

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).

Mr. Ted Graham and Mr. Michael Ward were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, and Mr. Arthur Lewis was appointed Teller for the Noes, but no Member being willing to act as second Teller for the Noes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to prohibit the creation, and provide for the extinguishment, apportionment and redemption, of certain rentcharges, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of that Act.

Rights of Establishment of Dentists.—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/2196/76 on Rights of Establishment of Dentists—(Mr. Ted Graham);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates : 14.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. George Cunningham : 0.

And it appearing from 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.

Advisory Committees on Dentists and Senior Public Health Officials.—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/105/77 on Advisory Committees on Dentists and Senior Public Health Officials—(Mr. Ted Graham);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates : 18.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. George Cunningham : 0.

And it appearing from 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.

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/2697/76 on Data Processing—(Mr. Ted Graham);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates : 13.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. George Cunningham : 0.
And it appearing from 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. Ted Graham.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.47 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 22nd April 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th April 1977, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 713) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Immigration,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th April 1977, entitled the Immigration (Exemption from Control) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 693) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd April 1977, entitled the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 716) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copies of—
(1) the Report and Accounts of the National Wool Textiles Export Corporation Limited for 1976, and
(2) the Report and Accounts of the Wool Industries Research Association for the year ended 30th September 1976
[by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Diseases of Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th April 1977, entitled the Importation of Cattle (Number 3) Order 1977 [by Act].

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition from Fraserburgh and elsewhere [21st March], Braintree [1st April], and Chichester and elsewhere [7th April] for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

[No. 91.]


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 25th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-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 Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 19th and 20th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 164-xi and xii].
Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 498) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joseph Harper);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Ordered, That the Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 498) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Merchant Shipping (Official Log Books) (Fishing Vessels) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 628) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joseph Harper);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. David Stoddart and Mr. Donald Coleman 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 Merchant Shipping (Official Log Books) (Fishing Vessels) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 628) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Merchant Shipping (Smooth and Partially Smooth Waters) (Amendment) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 632) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joseph Harper);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. David Stoddart and Mr. Donald Coleman 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 Merchant Shipping (Smooth and Partially Smooth Waters) (Amendment) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 632) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 623) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joseph Harper);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. David Stoddart and Mr. Donald Coleman 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 Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 623) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 624) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joseph Harper);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Thomas Cox and Mr. Joseph Harper 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 Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 624) 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 International Monetary Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joseph Harper);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Thomas Cox and Mr. Walter Harrison 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 draft International Monetary Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977 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 International Fund for Agricultural Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joseph Harper);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Michael Cocks and Mr. Walter Harrison 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 draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Harper)—It was negatived.

European Communities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 3rd March, be approved—(Mr. John Tomlinson);

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. David Stoddart, Mr. Ted Graham : 71.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. Frank Hooley : 21.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 3rd March, be approved.

European Communities.—Resolved, That the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 2) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 3rd March, be approved.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

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

Tuesday, 26th April, 1977:

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 eleven minutes past Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.11 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 25th April 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 18th March 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Airports Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 325].

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 22nd, 23rd, 25th and 28th February and 2nd March 1977, and
(2) 4th, 8th, 9th and 15th March 1977.

relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 326 and 327].


Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 21st March 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 328].
Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Pensions,—Copy of the Report of the Occupational Pensions Board for 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 310].


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Electricity,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th April 1977, entitled the Electricity (Consultative Council (Areas) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 710) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:


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

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Nick Budgen (nominated in respect of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Tony Durant.

MEMORANDA

Monday 25th April 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Health Services Board (Hospital Premises) Regulations 1977 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft International Monetary Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977 and the draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1977, the Merchant Shipping (Official Log Books) (Fishing Vessels) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 and the Merchant Shipping (Smooth and Partially Smooth Waters) (Amendment) Rules 1977 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation Order 1977 and the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 2) Order 1977 to the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords] in the place of Mr. Ifor Davies.

[No. 92.]

Tuesday, 26th April, 1977.

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.:

Neath Borough Council Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.
Greater London Council (Money) Bill (Standing Orders applicable thereto complied with).—
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for
Private Bills, That, in the case of the Greater London Council (Money) Bill, referred
after the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have
been complied with.

Bill to be read a second time.

Immediate Transportation (Delivery Warrants) Bill [Lords].—The Immediate Transportation
(Delivery Warrants) Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amend-
ment.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill,—The Order of the
day being read, for the Third Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council
(Frankwell Footbridge) Bill ;

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

City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords];

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

Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords].—The Order of the
day being read, for the Second Reading of the Emu Wine Holdings Limited and
Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords];

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

Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords].—The Order
of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Heritable Securities and Mortgage
Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords];

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

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, 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 the
Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 26th April and Memoranda laid before
them : And the Report was brought up and read (Seventeenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 31-xxiii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table ; and to be
printed [No. 31-xxiv].

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 ; and had directed her to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices:
And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table ;
and to be printed [No. 329].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 329].

Rent (Agriculture) Amendment Bill [Lords].—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing
Committee B, That they had gone through the Rent (Agriculture) Amendment 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. 332].

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 Marriage
(Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Employment and Training Act 1973
(Temporary Powers Continuation) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on
Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Agricultural and Horticultural Co-
operation Grants (Extension of Period) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee
on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)
Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation (Variation) Scheme 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Animal Welfare (Export of Live Animals for Slaughter).—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the export of live animals for slaughter; and that Mr. Robin Corbett do prepare and bring it in.

Animal Welfare (Export of Live Animals for Slaughter) Bill,—Mr. Robin Corbett accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the export of live animals for slaughter; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th May and to be printed [Bill 109].

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 put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Frank R. White);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 248.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham : 263.

So the Question was negatived.

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;

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

Mr. John Cartwright 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. Arnold Shaw, Mrs. Millie Miller : 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend : 163.

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, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Arnold Shaw : 192.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, Mr. William Shelton : 162.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Local Loans,—Resolved, That the Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 6th April, be approved.—(Mr. Denzil Davies)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 26th April 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Immigration,—Copy of a Paper, entitled British Nationality Law: Discussion of possible changes [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 3, 1977),—Copy of Agreements, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 29th November and 8th December 1976, amending Tables I and II annexed to Protocol No. 2 and amending Annex A to Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland [by Command].
European Communities (No. 4, 1977),—Copy of Agreements, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 29th November and 8th December 1976, amending Tables I and II annexed to Protocol No. 2 and amending Annex A to Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation [by Command].

European Communities (No. 5, 1977),—Copy of Agreements, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 29th November and 8th December 1976, amending Tables I and II annexed to Protocol No. 2 and amending Annex A to Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th April 1977, entitled the Army Terms of Service (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 701) [by Act].

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th April 1977, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th April 1977, entitled—

(1) the Baddesley Mine (Nos. 1 and 2 Upcast Shafts) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 736),

(2) the Dinnington Main Mine (Revocation of Special Regulations) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 737),

(3) the Ireland Mine (Diesel Vehicles) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 735), and

(4) the Ollerton Mine (No. 1 Shaft) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 738)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Freight Corporation for 1976 [by Act].

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

Distribution of German Enemy Property,—Copy of the Account of the sums received and paid by the Administrator of German Enemy Property for the two years ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 330].


MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 26th April 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation Grants (Extension of Period) Order 1977 and the draft Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation (Variation) Scheme 1977 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Employment and Training Act 1973 (Temporary Powers Continuation) Order 1977 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
Wednesday, 27th April, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

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

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-xviii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xviii].

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-xix].

Overseas Development,—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 335].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords],—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) 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 Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) 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. 333].

Regional Affairs,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, That they had considered the matter of Health Services in the North West, referred to them on 29th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 334].

House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 27th April to be printed [No. 55-vi].

Price Commission Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Price Commission 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 establishes a system of price control that will discourage investment and destroy jobs without any genuine benefit to the consumer and does nothing to mitigate the Government's disastrous record on prices which are rising at 19.9 per cent. compared with 8.4 per cent. in October 1974", instead thereof.—(Mrs. Sally Oppenheim.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Frank R. White: 279.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision about the Price Commission, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) grants in respect of expenditure incurred after 31st March 1977 in connection with the collection and dissemination of information relating to prices and charges and other information of interest to users of goods and services and in connection with the giving of advice relating to prices and charges;

(2) any administrative expenses incurred by a Government department in consequence of that Act; and

(3) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Direct Life Assurance.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/3247/73, R/3134/74 and R/402/75 on Direct Life Assurance and the Department of Trade's Supplementary Memorandum dated 26th April 1977.—(Mr. S. Clinton Davis.)

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

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

Thursday, 28th April, 1977:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Wednesday 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 ten minutes past Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.10 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 27th April 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—

(1) bedding, etc.,
(2) cardboard boxes, carton, and fibre-board packaging cases,
(3) industrial engines,
(4) insulated wires and cables,
(5) leather (tanning and dressing) and fellmongery,
(6) miscellaneous stationers' goods,
(7) packaging products of paper and associated materials,
(8) photographic and document copying equipment,
(9) pottery,
(10) radio and electronic components,
(11) scientific and industrial instruments and systems,
(12) steel tubes,
(13) surgical instruments and appliances, and
(14) wooden containers and baskets

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Transport Docks Board for 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:


(1) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings' Attributable and Non-attributable Death Awards) Order 1977,
(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings' Disablement Awards) Order 1977,
(3) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings' Service Pensions and Gratuities) Order 1977,
(4) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Locally Engaged Ratings' Disablement) Order 1977,
(5) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Disablement Awards) Order 1977,
(6) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Widows' Attributable Pensions) Order 1977, and
(7) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Reservists' Attributable Benefits) (Amendment) Order 1977

[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 Health Services Board (Hospital Premises) Regulations 1977, viz.: Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Robert Boscowen, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Marcus Lipson, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Stephen Ross, and Dr. Gerard Vaughan.

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 Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation (Variation) Scheme 1977, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Mr. Gerard Howells, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Jim Spicer, Mr. Michael Spicer, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. James White, Mr. Jerry Wiggan, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

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 International Monetary Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977 and the draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Peter Blaker, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchinson, Mr. Colin Jackson, Mr. Evan Luard, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. Harry Selby, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. A. W. Stuttard, Mr. Peter Tapsell, Mr. Dennis Walters, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

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 Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1977, the Merchant Shipping (Official Log Books) (Fishing Vessels) (Amendment) Regulations 1977, and the Merchant Shipping (Smooth and Partially Smooth Waters) (Amendment) Rules 1977, viz.: Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Walter Clegg, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. Patrick Wall, Mr. Hamish Watt, Mr. William Whitlock, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Employment and Training Act 1973 (Temporary Powers Continuation) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Tom Arnold, Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Neil Kinnoch, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Ted Lealibutter, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. John Page, Mr. Jeffrey Thomas, and Mr. Frank R. White.

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation Order 1977 and the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 2) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Walter Clegg, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Sydney Tierney, and Mr. Patrick Wall.
Thursday, 28th April, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, 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 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 facilitate the citation of statutes; 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 enable effect to be given to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea signed in London on 1st November 1974, and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill [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 111].

Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill [Lords],—The Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 110].

Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at this day's sitting, proceedings on the Motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the Committal of the Finance Bill shall not be subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills) and may be proceeded with, though opposed, for a period of three-quarters of an hour after Ten o'clock or after they have been entered upon, whichever is the later, and at the end of that period Mr. Speaker shall proceed to put any question necessary to dispose of those proceedings—(Mr. Frank R. White);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Frank R. White and Mr. Joseph Harper 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 at this day’s sitting, proceedings on the Motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the Committal of the Finance Bill shall not be subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills) and may be proceeded with, though opposed, for a period of three-quarters of an hour after Ten o'clock or after they have been entered upon, whichever is the later, and at the end of that period Mr. Speaker shall proceed to put any question necessary to dispose of those proceedings.

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:—Debate arising;

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

Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Motion relating to Ways and Means may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr. David Stoddart);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Alf Bates and Mr. Donald Coleman 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 Motion relating to Ways and Means may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
Ordered, That the following provisions, namely—
(a) Clauses 4, 15 and 21, and
(b) any new Clause first appearing on the Order Paper not later than Tuesday 3rd May and relating to value added tax, sub-contractors in the construction industry, benefits from employment (motor cars) or capital gains tax, be committed to a Committee of the whole House; that the remainder of the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee; and that, when the provisions of the Bill considered respectively by the Committee of the whole House and by the Standing Committee have been reported to the House, the Bill be proceeded with as if the Bill had been reported as a whole to the House from the Standing Committee.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Ways and Means.—Value added tax (No. 2).—Resolved, That the Resolution of the House of 4th April 1977 (Value added tax) shall have effect as if for the words "so as to give effect to Community obligations" there were substituted the words "as required by the draft Sixth Council Directive on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to turnover taxes, copies of which were deposited in the Library of the House on 1st April 1977".—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Southern Rhodesia.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Southern Rhodesia (United Nations Sanctions) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 591), a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th April, be approved—(Mr. Ted Rowlands):

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

Friday, 29th April, 1977:

And the Question being put:
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. David Stoddart: 46.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Brotherton, Dr. Alan Glyn: 6.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Southern Rhodesia (United Nations Sanctions) Order 1977, (S.I., 1977, No. 591), a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th April, be approved.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for measures to forbid the killing, hunting or infliction of suffering on otters was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes to Two o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.51 a.m.

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APPENDIX

Thursday 28th April 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Colonial Loans.—Statement of the total sums issued out of, and repayments made into, the Consolidated Fund up to 31st March 1977 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. 312].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 35, 1977).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Islamabad on 27th November 1976 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Pakistan, concerning debt relief (United Kingdom/Pakistan Debt Relief Agreement 1976) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Armed Forces Pay.—Copy of the Sixth Report of the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Morris:

Welsh Church Funds,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 17th December 1976, made by Dyfed County Council for applying certain Welsh ecclesiastical property, approved and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Wales [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 [by Act].

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st December 1976 to 28th February 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 313].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 28th April 1977

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 Rentcharges Bill; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Agricultural and Horticultural Grants (Extension of Period) Order 1977 and the draft Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation (Variation) Scheme 1977; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Monetary Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977 and the draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977; Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Employment and Training Act 1973 (Temporary Powers Continuation) Order 1977; and Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation Order 1977 and the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 2) Order 1977.

Friday, 29th April, 1977.

The House met at Eleven 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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 5th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 293-iii].

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 6th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 293-iv].

Control of Food Premises (Scotland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Control of Food Premises (Scotland) 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.

Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.  

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 4) made to the Bill.  

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment proposed upon 22nd April, on consideration of the Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Which Amendment was, in page 21, line 7, to leave out from the beginning to the word "shall" in line 8 and insert the words "five persons nominated by the Secretary of State of whom one shall be a barrister, advocate or solicitor and another", instead thereof;

And the Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 85 to 92) 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.

Corporal Punishment Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Corporal Punishment Bill:

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

Mr. R. Graham Page 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. Andrew Bowden: 6.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Ernest Perry: 17.

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.

Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name) Bill;

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

Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) 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).

Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to enable the requirements of Part III of the Road Traffic Act 1960 and other requirements applying to or in connection with public service vehicles to be modified in areas designated as experimental areas by the Secretary of State, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase in rate support grant which is attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session authorising the making of arrangements for the grant of travel concessions.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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 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 nine minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.51 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Friday 29th April 1977

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:


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


MEMORANDUM

Friday 29th April 1977

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


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 2nd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-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 2nd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-xii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Penal Reform Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 20th May, the Penal Reform Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July.

New Members sworn,—

Austin Vernon Mitchell, Esquire, Member for Grimsby, was sworn.

Timothy John Smith, Esquire, Member for Ashfield, was sworn.

Supply [15th allotted day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Civil Estimates 1977-78

Class VI, Vote 7, Central Administration (Department of Transport)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £15,614,000, 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 1978 for expenditure by the Department of Transport on central and other administration and certain other services;
Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Subhead A1(1) (Salaries of Ministers) be reduced by £100—(Mr. Norman Fowler);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 293.

So the Question was negatived.

The original Question being again proposed:—Debate arising;

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

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper : 295.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Redundancy Rebates Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Redundancy Rebates Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Redundancy Rebates Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 12, at the end, to insert the words—

" (4) An Order under subsection (1) above which would have the effect of reducing the amount of rebate shall be made only when there is an accumulated excess of liabilities over receipts in the Redundancy Fund ".—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Carol Mather : 226.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. David Stoddart : 244.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to which the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords] shall be allocated that they have power to make provision in the Bill to enable motor vehicles to be used on journeys falling partly within and partly outside experimental areas designated in accordance with the Bill.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Price Commission Bill,—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the Price Commission Bill, Standing Committee B shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which they shall meet.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Public Accounts,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th December 1974 relating to the nomination of the Committee of Public Accounts be amended, by leaving out Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk and inserting Dr. Oonagh McDonald.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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 fifteen minutes past Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.15 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 2nd May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Acquisition of Land.—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st April 1977, entitled—

(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 720), and
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(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 721) [by Act].

Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st April 1977, entitled the Opencast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 722) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:


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. Peter Tapsell (nominated in respect of the International Monetary Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977 and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Alastair Goodlad.

[No. 97.]

Tuesday, 3rd May, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—Ordered, That the Greater London Council (Money) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Neath Borough Council Bill [Lords],—The Neath Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords] ;

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

Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords] ;

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

Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords] ;

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).

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 (Eighteenth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 31-xxv].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 342].
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. 32-xvii].

Rentcharges Bill,—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Rentcharges Bill, and directed her to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 20th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 343].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. Michael English reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation Grants (Extension of Period) Order 1977 and the draft Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation (Variation) Scheme 1977, referred to a Committee on 26th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 338].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Wells reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977 and the draft International Monetary Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 25th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 340].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Employment and Training Act 1973 (Temporary Powers Continuation) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 26th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 339].

Address to Her Majesty (Silver Jubilee).—Resolved, nonine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty to congratulate Her Majesty on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Her Accession to the Throne.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by the whole House.—(The Prime Minister.)

Sittings of the House.—Resolved, That this House do meet to-morrow at Eleven o'clock.—(The Prime Minister.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Health Services Board (Authorisation and Notification) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 644) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Health Services Board (Inspectors) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 673) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 716) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Diplomatic Cars.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate certain offences committed by drivers claiming diplomatic immunity; and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Peter Brooke, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. David Penhaligon, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, and Mr. Nicholas Scott, do prepare and bring it in.

Diplomatic Cars Bill,—Mr. Philip Goodhart accordingly presented a Bill to regulate certain offences committed by drivers claiming diplomatic immunity; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 17th June and to be printed [Bill 112].

Criminal Law Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law 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. James Tinn: 188.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Stan Thorne: 15.

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion 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.—(Mr. Alf Bates).

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

Resolved, That, for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to amend the law of England and Wales with respect to criminal conspiracy, otherwise to amend the criminal law, including the law with respect to the administration of criminal justice, and to amend section 9(4) of the Administration of Justice Act 1973, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of such money under any other Act;

(b) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase in the sums payable out of that Fund under section 9 of the Administration of Justice Act 1973 which results from the amendment of subsection (4) of that section by the said Act of the present Session.—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

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 until after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 4th May, 1977:

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Stan Newens, Miss Jo Richardson: 34.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 138.

So the Question was negatived.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.47 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 3rd May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 6, 1977),—Copy of an Additional Protocol, signed at Brussels on 20th September 1976, to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic of 22nd July 1972 (together with Financial Protocol and Final Act) (the Protocols have not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

European Communities (No. 7, 1977),—Copy of an Interim Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th September 1976, between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic (together with Final Act and Exchanges of Letters) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industry,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Enterprise Board for the period 20th November 1975 to 31st December 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd May 1977, entitled the Bread Prices (No. 2) Order 1976 (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 769) [by Act].
Mr. Michael Foot:

General Medical Council,—Copy of the Accounts of the General Medical Council for 1976 [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 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 336].

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 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 337].

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker's words in presenting the Address, and Her Majesty's Most Gracious Reply, be entered upon the Journals of this House. (Mr. Michael Foot.)

Mr. Speaker presented the Address to Her Majesty in the following words:

We, Your Majesty's faithful Commons, offer our humble congratulations on the completion of twenty-five years of your reign. We assure you of our loyal devotion, both to you our Queen, and to your Royal Family. We wish to express our profound and heartfelt gratitude for the selfless and unstinting service you have so freely given to our land.

Your distinguished reign has covered a period of tumultuous change. When you ascended the Throne this ancient Parliament at Westminster still governed an Empire in which only Australia, New Zealand, Canada, India, Pakistan and the then Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) were independent. Today, counting the United Kingdom, there are thirty-six independent Members of the Commonwealth of which you are the Head. Thus your reign has witnessed the entire development of the New Commonwealth.

Your faithful Commons watched with pride the heartwarming welcome you received in your recent extensive tour in Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific, and once again it has been made manifest that your Royal Person serves as a mighty unifying influence in a Commonwealth composed of nations diverse in language, culture, religion and even in forms of Government.

Here at home your twenty-five years' reign has coincided with eight Parliaments in an era of unprecedentedly rapid change. We are a fortunate people, for our Constitutional Monarchy is a symbol of stability in a changing world. With dignity and grace you, Ma'am, and all the Royal Family have adapted to the many changes in society. Thus, today, the Monarchy is closer to the people than it has ever been before and it is cemented in affectionate loyalty from the Nation as a whole.

As the High Court of Parliament pays its tribute to Your Majesty in this historic Westminster Hall it is well that we should remind ourselves of the proud heritage it is our privilege to protect and to enhance.

During your reign our history has taken a major change of course. From being the centre of a far-flung Empire, we have carved out for ourselves a new role by becoming working partners with our neighbours in Europe. The legislative powers of the European Economic Community and its institutions have required us to master the difficulties of living in a common system with common rules. This has not been, and is not, a light task for a country with our proud history, but following in the traditions of our fathers we not only accept change but seek to use it to our advantage.
The character of the British people has not changed. The same adventurous daring, the same quiet courage and the same burning faith in democracy that inspired our earlier generations to high endeavour are all still with us. That is why, as we salute with gratitude the wisdom and the grace that has characterised your reign, we look with confidence to the future.

In the heavy responsibilities you bear and in the arduous tasks you undertake you have been nobly supported by His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, by Her Majesty the Queen Mother, by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and by all the Royal Family.

With deep respect and with abiding affection we offer you the homage of this the Mother of Free Parliaments. It is our earnest prayer that by the Grace of God Almighty you will long continue to be the Sovereign of this land we love so well and to which you are giving a life of such dedicated service.

God save Your Majesty, and give you His blessing, both now and in the years to come.

Her Majesty's Most Gracious Reply was as follows:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

I am deeply grateful for your Loyal Addresses and for the kind and generous words in which the Lord Chancellor and Mr. Speaker have expressed them.

Thank you also for what you have said about my family and the service they have given over the years. You will understand that for me personally their support has been invaluable.

It is appropriate that I should come to Westminster at the start of the Jubilee celebrations in the United Kingdom. Here, in a meeting of Sovereign and Parliament, the essence of Constitutional Monarchy is reflected. It is a form of Government in which those who represent the main elements of the community can come together to reconcile conflicting interests and to strive for the hopes and aims we all share. It has adapted itself to the changes in our own society and in international relationships, yet it has remained true to its essential role. It has provided the fabric of good order in society and has been the guardian of the liberties of individual citizens.

These 25 years have seen much change in Britain. By virtue of tolerance and understanding, the Empire has evolved into a Commonwealth of 36 Independent Nations spanning the five Continents. No longer an Imperial Power, we have been coming to terms with what this means for ourselves and for our relations with the rest of the world.

We have forged new links with other countries and in joining the European Economic Communities we have taken what is perhaps one of the most significant decisions during my reign.

At home there are greater opportunities for all sorts and conditions of men and women. Developments in science, technology and in medicine have improved the quality and comfort of life and, of course, there has also been television!

We in Government and Parliament have to accept the challenges which this progress imposes on us. And they are considerable.

The problems of progress, the complexities of modern administration, the feeling that Metropolitan Government is too remote from the lives of ordinary men and women, these among other things have helped to revive an awareness of historic national identities in these Islands. They provide the background for the continuing and keen discussion of proposals for devolution to Scotland and Wales within the United Kingdom.

I number Kings and Queens of England and of Scotland, and Princes of Wales, among my ancestors and so I can readily understand these aspirations.

But I cannot forget that I was crowned Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Perhaps this Jubilee is a time to remind ourselves of the benefits which union has conferred, at home and in our international dealings, on the inhabitants of all parts of this United Kingdom.

A Jubilee is also a time to look forward. We should certainly do this with determination and I believe we can also do so with hope. We have so many advantages, the basic stability of our institutions, our traditions of public service and concern for others, our family life and, above all, the freedom which you and your predecessors in Parliament have, through the ages, so fearlessly upheld.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

For me the 25th Anniversary of my Accession is a moving occasion. It is also, I hope, for all of us a joyous one. May it also be a time in which we can all draw closer together.

Thank you again. I begin these celebrations much encouraged by your good wishes and expressions of loyalty.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).
London Hydraulic Power 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 Hydraulic Power Bill and found the same to be true; had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-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 4th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-xiii].

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 Memoranda submitted to Sub-Committee C: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 344].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 344].

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 (Second Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 345].

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 enable the West Midlands County Council and the Coventry City Council to make grants towards the cost of insulating dwellings against noise (including vibration) attributable to aircraft using certain aerodromes; to confer further powers upon those councils; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords]].

West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords].—The West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Registration of Private Security Firms Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 13th May, the Registration of Private Security Firms Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Post Office Bill.—Mr. Secretary Varley, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Benn, Mr. Secretary Booth, Mr. Secretary Dell, Mr. Secretary Hattersley, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, and Mr. Leslie Huckfield, presented a Bill to increase the maximum number of members of the Post Office: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 113].

Private Security (Registration) Bill.—Mr. Bruce George, supported by Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Norman Fowler, Dr. Keith Hampson, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. John Lee, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Paul B. Rose, and Mr. Michael Neubert, presented a Bill to provide for the registration of firms and individuals engaged in the provision of security services: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July and to be printed [Bill 114].

Local Authorities (Discretionary Grants to the Disabled).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to raise the upper limit on rateable value of premises above which grants may not be made for the adaptation of the premises to meet the needs of disabled persons; and to empower local authorities at their discretion to make grants within the raised limit: And that Mr. James Scott-Hopkins, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. David Price, Sir George Young, Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. George Park, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Richard Mitchell, and Mr. Emlyn Hooson, do prepare and bring it in.
Local Authorities (Discretionary Grants to the Disabled) Bill.—Mr. James Scott-Hopkins accordingly presented a Bill to raise the upper limit on rateable value of premises above which grants may not be made for the adaptation of the premises to meet the needs of disabled persons; and to empower local authorities at their discretion to make grants within the raised limit: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th May and to be printed [Bill 115].

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. David Stoddart);

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Transport may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock.-(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

Transport.—Resolved, That this House take note of the Carriage of Goods (Prohibition of Discrimination) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 276), dated 21st February 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd March.-(Mr. Peter Temple-Morris.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor)

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 4th May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Scottish Transport Group for 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Legal Aid and Advice (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Report of the Legal Aid Advisory Committee on the Tenth Report of the Incorporated Law Society of Northern Ireland, 1974-75 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 302].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th May 1977, entitled the Butter Prices Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 786) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Transport,—Statement of the salary payable on appointment to the Chairman of the National Ports Council [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill (Lords), viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Stan Crowther, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. Dalydd Thomas, Mr. David Watkins, and Mr. Ken Weetch.

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Price Commission Bill, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Secretary Hattersley, Mr.
Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Mike Noble, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. Terry Walker, and Mr. Michael Ward.

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Peter Hardy (nominated in respect of the Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robin Corbett.

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Thirty-eight Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses 4, 15 and 21, and any new Clause first appearing on the Order Paper not later than Tuesday 3rd May and relating to value added tax, subcontractors in the construction industry, benefits from employment (motor cars) or capital gains tax), viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Nick Badgen, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. R. B. Cant, Mr. John Cope, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Jack Dunnett, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Ian Gow, Sir John Hall, Mr. Peter Horder, Mr. David Howell, Mr. Harry Lamborn, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Bryan Magee, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. Julius Silverman, Mr. Michael Spicer, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. David Stoddart, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. John Wakeham, Mr. James White, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Criminal Law Bill (Lords), viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Mark Carlisle, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Edward Gardner, Sir Michael Havers, Mr. Bryumor John, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, and Mr. John Watkinson.

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 Health Services Board (Authorisation and Notification) Regulations 1977 and the Health Services Board (Inspectors) Regulations 1977, viz.: Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Marcus Lipton, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Laurie Pattr, Mr. Stephen Ross, and Dr. Gerard Vaughan.

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 1977, viz.: Mr. John Carson, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Max Muden, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. John Osborn, Mr. Richard Page, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. William Small, Mr. Frank R. White, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mrs. Ann Taylor (nominated in respect of the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation Order 1977 and the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 2) Order 1977), and had appointed in substitution Mr. Joseph Harper.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 4th May 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill (Lords) to Standing Committee A, the Finance Bill (except Clauses 4, 15 and 21 and new Clauses relating to value added tax, subcontractors in the construction industry, benefits from employment (motor cars), and capital gains tax) to Standing Committee D, the Criminal Law Bill (Lords) to Standing Committee E, the Health Services Board (Authorisation and Notification) Regulations 1977 and the Health Services Board (Inspectors) Regulations 1977 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 2) Order 1977 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
Thursday, 5th May, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill;

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

City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords];

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

Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords];

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

Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—The Greater London Council (Money) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited 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, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 19th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 293-v].

Overseas Development.—Sir Bernard Braille reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him 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. 179-x].

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 623) and the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 624), referred to a Committee on 25th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 346].

Corporal Punishment Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Corporal Punishment Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July.

Local Government Finance Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 13th May, the Local Government Finance Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July.

Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Shore, supported by Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Joel Barnett, and Mr. Reginald Freeson, presented a Bill to amend provisions of certain orders made by virtue of section 254 of the Local Government Act 1972 so as to restore the powers conferred by those provisions on certain district councils; And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 116].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Thomas Cox);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Joseph Harper and Mr. Thomas Cox 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 draft Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 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 Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments &c.—(Mr. Thomas Cox);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Joseph Harper and Mr. Thomas Cox 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 draft Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, 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, for a period after Ten o'clock equal to that spent on the proceedings on the Motion relating to House of Commons (Services)—(Mr. Thomas Cox);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Walter Harrison and Mr. J. D. Dormand 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 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, for a period after Ten o'clock equal to that spent on the proceedings on the Motion relating to House of Commons (Services).

House of Commons (Services).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in their Fourth Report relating to the Size of Hansard—(Mr. Michael Foot);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word "House" to the end and add the words "welcomes proposals for improving printing arrangements for Parliamentary Papers, but requires any change in their sizes to be measurements no larger than that of the present Official Report (Hansard)", instead thereof.—(Mr. Nigel Spearing).

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. Nicholas Winterton : 63.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Dr. Reginald Bennett : 53.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Main Question, so amended, being put ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. Nicholas Winterton : 53.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Dr. Reginald Bennett : 55.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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 International Fund for Agricultural Development (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 20th April, be approved—(Mr. Alf Bates):—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 Monetary Fund (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 20th 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 Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation Grants (Extension of Period) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 19th 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 Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation (Variation) Scheme 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 19th April, be approved—(Mr. Alf Bates):—It was agreed to.

Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Employment and Training Act 1973 (Temporary Powers Continuation) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 19th 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 twenty-one minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.39 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 5th May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:
Antarctica (Miscellaneous No. 6, 1977),—Copy of the Recommendations of the Eighth Consultative Meeting, held at Oslo from 9th to 20th June 1975, relating to the Antarctic Treaty [by Command].

European Communities (No. 8, 1977),—Copy of a Commercial Co-operation Agreement, signed at Luxembourg on 19th October 1976, between the European Economic Community and the People’s Republic of Bangladesh [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Mr. Secretary Benn:

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

Employment and Training,—Accounts of the Manpower Services Commission and of its two executive agencies, the Employment Service Agency (including the Professional and Executive Recruitment Service) and the Training Services Agency, for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 347].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 5th May 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill; Mr. R. Bonner Pink and Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairmen of Standing Committee D in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clauses 4, 15 and 21 and new Clauses relating to value added tax, sub-contractors in the construction industry, benefits from employment (motor cars), and capital gains tax); Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Criminal Law Bill [Lords]; Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Health Services Board (Hospital Premises) Regulations 1977, the Health Services Board (Authorisation and Notification) Regulations 1977 and the Health Services Board (Inspectors) Regulations 1977; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 2) Order 1977; and Mr. John Spencer Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1977, the Merchant Shipping (Official Log Books) (Fishing Vessels) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 and the Merchant Shipping (Smooth and Partially Smooth Waters) (Amendment) Rules 1977.
Friday, 6th May, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Presumption of Death (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Presumption of Death (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 4) made to the Bill.

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

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

Unfair Contract Terms Bill (changed from Avoidance of Liability (England and Wales) Bill).—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Unfair Contract Terms Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Obligations under Consumer Protection Acts)—(Mr. Michael Ward)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 17) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 1, to leave out the word “but”.—(Mr. Robin Corbett.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 20 to 36) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 37) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 31, to leave out the word “which” and insert the words “or any notice which”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 39) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 12, to leave out the words “Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977” and insert the words “Unfair Exclusion Clauses in Contracts Act 1977”, instead thereof.—(Mrs. Sally Oppenheim.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 40 to 52) 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.

Unfair Dismissal (Overseas Employment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Unfair Dismissal (Overseas Employment) Bill;

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker called the attention of the House to the fact that the Bill had not yet been printed, and said that he thought that he ought not then to propose the Question, That the Bill be now read a second time.

European Parliament (Membership).—Ordered, That Mr. Geoffrey Rippon be designated a Member of the European Parliament:

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.26 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Friday 6th May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Police,—Copies of—
(1) Regulations, dated 25th April 1977, entitled the Police (Discipline) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 758), and
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th April 1977, entitled the Health and Safety (Enforcing Authority) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 746) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Protection of Wrecks,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th April 1977, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 1) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 764) [by Act].


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.
Finance Bill (Clauses 4, 15 and 21 and new Clauses relating to value added tax, sub-contractors in the construction industry, benefits from employment (motor cars), and capital gains tax).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses 4, 15 and 21 and new Clauses relating to value added tax, sub-contractors in the construction industry, benefits from employment (motor cars), and capital gains tax).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 4 (Hydrocarbon oil etc.)

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 5, line 1, to leave out subsection (1) and insert the words—

"(1) The rate of the duty of excise charged by section 11 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1975 (hydrocarbon oil etc.) shall differ according to whether the oil is light oil or heavy oil; and accordingly—

(a) in that section after the words ‘£0.3000 a gallon’ there shall be inserted the words ‘in the case of light oil and £0.3500 a gallon in the case of heavy oil’;

(b) in the following provisions (under which duty is charged by reference to the duty on hydrocarbon oil), that is to say—

(i) section 6 of the Hydrocarbon Oil (Customs and Excise) Act 1971 (petrol substitutes and power methylated spirits);

(ii) section 3(3) and (4)(c) of the Finance Act 1971 and Article 3 of the Excise Duties (Gas as Road Fuel) Order 1972,

for the words ‘hydrocarbon oil’ there shall be substituted the words ‘light oil’; and

(c) in section 92(2) of the Finance Act 1965 (grants towards duty on bus fuel) for the words ‘hydrocarbon oil’ there shall be substituted the words ‘heavy oil’.”—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 2, to leave out from the word “shall” to the end of line 15 and insert the words “be at the rate of £0.3000 a gallon”.—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 250.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Joseph Harper: 271.

Amendment (No. 1) made.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 5, line 4, to leave out subsection (2).—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 5, line 13, at the end, to insert the words “as respects the period ending at midnight on 31st May 1977; and thereafter of 1p a gallon less than the rate at which the duty is for the time being chargeable”.—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Carol Mather: 250.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 268.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 5, line 26, to leave out subsection (4) and insert the words—

“(4) In section 12 (1) of the said Act of 1971, at end add ‘except for the period from 29th March 1977 to 31st May 1977, when the rebate shall be at a rate of £1.2p a gallon less than the rate at which the duty is charged’.”—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Jim Lester: 250.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Ted Graham: 269.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 5, line 29, at the end, to insert the words—

“Provided that this subsection shall not apply after 6th August 1977 to gas oil supplied to local authorities for the purpose of supply fuel for domestic district heating schemes run by the authorities for tenants housed by them.”—(Mr. Norman Atkinson.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 10) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Change of income tax for 1977-78).

Amendment (No. 15) proposed, in page 11, line 12, to leave out the words "35 per cent." and insert the words "33 per cent."—(Mr. David Howell)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Mr. Peter Morrison: 252.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Frank R. White: 272.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. David Stoddart)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. David Stoddart 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 tomorrow again resolve itself into the Committee.

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

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

Adjourned at 11.36 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Paper delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on 6th May 1977 pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 6th May 1977, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (Extension) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 793) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 9th May 1977:

The Prime Minister:

Public Boards.—List, with salaries, of members of public boards of a commercial character, together with a list of those holding more than one appointment, as at 1st April 1977 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Hire Purchase.—Copies of Orders, dated 2nd May 1977, entitled—

1) the Control of Hiring Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 770), and

2) the Hire Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Control) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 771)

[by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute, made by the Governing Body of Wadham College, Oxford, on 8th February 1977, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

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

Health and Safety.—Accounts of the Health and Safety Commission and the Health and Safety Executive for the period ended 31st March 1976, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 348].

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 Stradling Thomas (nominated in respect of the Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Carol Mather.
Standing Committee C.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Patrick Cormack (nominated in respect of the Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Cyril D. Townsend.

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Julius Silverman (nominated in respect of the Finance Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mrs. Audrey Wise.

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Stan Thorne (nominated in respect of the Criminal Law Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Miss Jo Richardson.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 9th May 1977

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 Price Commission Bill.

[No. 102.]

Tuesday, 10th May, 1977.

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 House of Lords and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix 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 10th May and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Nineteenth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xxvi].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xxvii].

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 (Eighteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 32-xviii].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Health Services Board (Hospital Premises) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 643), the Health Services Board (Authorisation and Notification) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 644), and the Health Services Board (Inspectors) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 673), referred to a Committee on 22nd April and 3rd May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 350].

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

The Lords have agreed to the New Towns (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate the International Planned Parenthood Federation; to define the objects and powers of the new incorporated body; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords].

International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords].—The International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Employment Protection Act 1975 (Amendment) Bill, Ordered, That Standing Committee C be discharged from considering the Employment Protection Act 1975 (Amendment) Bill.

Bill withdrawn.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 500) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Rent Act 1974 (Amendment),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Rent Act 1974—(Mr. Tim Renton); 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. Michael Marshall, Mr. Michael Morris: 175.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Frank Allaun: 199.

So the Question was negatived.

Finance Bill (Clauses 4, 15 and 21 and new Clauses relating to value added tax, subcontractors in the construction industry, benefits from employment (motor cars), and capital gains tax),—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses 4, 15 and 21 and new Clauses relating to value added tax, subcontractors in the construction industry, benefits from employment (motor cars), and capital gains tax).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 15 (Charge of income tax for 1977-78).

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed, in page 11, to leave out lines 13 to 36 and add the words “all other rates of income tax shall be the same for 1977-78 as for 1976-77.”—(Dr. Oonagh McDonald.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Russell Kerr: 53.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Thomas Cox: 205.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed, in page 11, line 14, to leave out “£6,000” and insert “£9,000.”—(Mr. John MacGregor.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed, in page 11, line 14, to leave out “£6,000” and insert “£8,000.”—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Sir George Young: 208.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Joseph Harper: 235.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed, in page 11, to leave out lines 18 to 25 and insert the words “£4,000 at the additional rate of 15 per cent.”—(Mr. Peter Hordern.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Mr. Jim Lester: 194.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. James Tinn: 237.
Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed, in page 11, line 20, at the end, to insert the words "provided that any income derived from moneys awarded as compensation damages and insurance in respect of industrial or personal accident or injury shall be treated as earned income and not as investment income".—(Mrs. Audrey Wise.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed, in page 11, line 23, after the word "more", to insert the words "or in the case of a widow or single woman that her age was sixty years or more".—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed in page 11, line 23, after the word "more", to insert the words "or either he or his wife living with him was in receipt of invalidity benefit or non-contributory invalidity pension".—(Mr. Jack Ashley.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed, in page 11, line 25, at the end, to insert the words "and

(i) the tax payable by an individual in respect of his earned income shall not exceed one half of such income.

(2) For the purpose of subsection (1) above the tax applicable to a person's earned income is such proportion of the income tax (other than income tax at the additional rate) borne on his total income as his earned income bears to the aggregate of his earned income and his investment income, and for this purpose "investment income" has the same meaning as in section 32 of the Finance Act 1971.

(3) For the purpose of subsection (2) above deductions from total income under Chapter II of Part I of the Taxes Act shall be disregarded and no reduction shall be made for any deductions of a type specified in subsection (3) of section 528 of the Taxes Act or under section 75 of the Finance Act 1972".—(Mr. John Pardoe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alan Beith, Mr. John Pardoe: 16.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Joe Ashton: 199.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 21 (Child benefit and other benefits in respect of children).

Amendment (No. 31) proposed, in page 13, line 12, to leave out from the word "deemed" to the end of line 15 and insert the words "to exclude any of the payments made in respect of that child as listed in subsection (4)".—(Mrs. Audrey Wise.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr. Oonagh MacDonald, Mr. John Ovenden: 41.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. David Stoddart: 129.

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

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Question put and agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Tinn 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. James Tinn.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.32 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Tuesday 10th May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 16th, 21st, 25th and 29th March 1977, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 351].

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th March 1977 on loans to be raised by the Civil Aviation Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 352].

Coal Industry,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 31st March 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 353].

New Towns,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—
(1) 22nd March 1977, and
(2) 25th March 1977
on loans raised by development corporations [by Act]; to be printed [No. 354 and 355].

Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 1st April 1977 on a loan raised by the British Railways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 356].

Water,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—
(1) 28th March 1977 on loans raised by the National Water Council,
(2) 29th March 1977 on loans raised by the Severn-Trent Water Authority,
(3) 30th March 1977 on loans raised by the North-West Water Authority,
(4) 30th March 1977 on loans raised by the Thames Water Authority,
(5) 30th March 1977 on loans raised by the Welsh National Water Development Authority, and
(6) 30th March 1977 on loans raised by the Wessex Water Authority [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 357 to 362].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 9, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 29th November 1976, amending Tables I and II annexed to Protocol No. 2 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic [by Command].

European Communities (No. 10, 1977),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Brussels on 20th July 1976, between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Near East [by Command].

European Communities (No. 11, 1977),—Copy of Agreements, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 29th November and 8th December 1976, amending Tables I and II annexed to Protocol No. 2 and amending Annex A to Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th April 1977, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Chemical and Allied Products) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977, No. 760) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Companies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd May 1977, entitled the Companies (Register of Disqualification Orders) (Fee) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 776) [by Act].

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

Public Health,—Accounts of the Public Health Laboratory Service Board for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 563].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. David Mitchell (nominated in respect of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. George Younger.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Russell Johnston and Mr. Phillip Whitehead (nominated in respect of the Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Penhaligon and Mr. William Small.

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. John Garrett (nominated in respect of the Finance Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Tom Pendry.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 and the draft Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 to the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 103.]

Wednesday, 11th May, 1977.

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).

British Railways Bill,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the British Railways 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.

Standing Orders,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee, a Resolution: That in the case of the Fidelity Trust Bill, 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.

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-xx].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xx].

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee I on 11th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 297-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 11th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 349-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 11th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 52-viii].

Overseas Development.—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Special Report).

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 367].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. A. P. Gostain reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977, No. 710), referred to a Committee on 3rd May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 366].


Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 364].

Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of Small Businesses in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for their consideration. (Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Fishery Limits (Emergency Provisions).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the protection of fish stocks within fifty miles of the coast of the United Kingdom: And that Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Grimond, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Hamish Watt, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Douglas Henderson, and Mr. Russell Johnston, do prepare and bring it in.

Fishery Limits (Emergency Provisions) Bill,—Mr. A. J. Beith accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision for the protection of fish stocks within fifty miles of the coast of the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 17th June and to be printed [Bill 118].

Supply [17th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Civil Estimates 1977-78.

Class III, Vote 7, Central and Miscellaneous Services (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £78,519,000, 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 1978 for expenditure by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on central administration including land management and small holdings, Royal Botanic Gardens, land drainage and flood protection and certain other services including subscriptions to certain international organisations;

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Subhead A1(1) (Salaries &c. of Ministers) be reduced by £6,500—(Mr. John Peyton) ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Michael Roberts : 271.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 273.

So the Question was negatived.
The original Question being again proposed:—Debate arising;
And it being after Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

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 half-past Eleven o'clock or for one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. Donald Coleman).


Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Tinn);
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning;

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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. Frank R. White):—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 four minutes to One o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 11th May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Civil Aviation,—Copies of Schemes, dated 10th May 1977, entitled—(1) the Gatwick Airport—London Noise Insulation Grants (Amendment) Scheme 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 814), and (2) the Heathrow Airport—London Noise Insulation Grants (Amendment) Scheme 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 813)

Patents,—Copy of the Report of the Comptroller-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks for 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 318].

Mr. Secretary Morris:

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

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Gas,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th April 1977, entitled the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Gas) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 107) [by Act].

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 [by Act].

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

Administration of Justice,—Copy of the Accounts of Funds in Court in England and Wales for the year ended 29th February 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 363].

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 Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill [Lords], viz.:
Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. Geoffrey Dods-
worth, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Kevin McNamara,
Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr.
Peter Viggers, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported
from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Sixth
Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Safety Repre-
sentatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977, viz.: Mr. Gordon Bagier, Mr.
Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. John
D. Grant, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. David Knox, Mr. David Madel,
Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Paul B. Rose, Mr. Fred Silverste, Mr. William Small, Mr.
Dudley Smith, and Mr. Leslie Spriggs.

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported
from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the
Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft
Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 and the draft Stock Exchange
Completion of Bargains (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr.
John Biggs-Davison, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Ted
Fletcher, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Marcus Lipton,
Mr. Simon Mahton, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Wm. Ross, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr.
van Straubenzee, and Mr. Alan Lee Williams.

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

PRAYERS.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill,—The Shrewsbury
and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill was read the third time,
and passed.

City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords];

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

Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords],—The Order of the
day being read, for the Second Reading of the Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Sub-
sidiary Companies Bill [Lords];

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

Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords],—The Order of
the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Heritable Securities and Mortgage
Investment Association, Limited 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, some
ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee),—Sir Edward Brown reported from the Committee
on the Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the
Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at half-past Ten o’clock.

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had
directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry
Sub-Committee on 11th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 20-xiii and xiv].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 201-v].
Coal Industry Bill.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from Standing Committee A, that they had gone through the Coal Industry Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 119].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 368].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 12th January to be printed [No. 107-i].

Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 4, 15 and 21 and new Clauses relating to value added tax, subcontractors in the construction industry, benefits from employment (motor cars), and capital gains tax).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 4, 15 and 21 and new Clauses relating to value added tax, subcontractors in the construction industry, benefits from employment (motor cars), and capital gains tax).

(In the Committee)

A Clause (Value-added tax—threshold of registration)—(Mr. David Howell)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 4, to leave out “£10,000” and insert “£7,500”.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Peter Snape: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr. Carol Mather: 146.

Proposed Clause further amended, in line 5, by leaving out “‘3,500’, ‘6,000’, ‘8,500’ and ‘10,000’” and inserting “‘2,625’, ‘4,500’, ‘6,375’ and ‘7,500’”; in line 7, by leaving out “‘£8,000’” and inserting “‘£6,000’”; in line 8, by leaving out “‘£2,500’” and inserting “‘£1,875’”; and in line 9, by leaving out the word “September” and inserting the word “October”.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Clause, as amended, added.

Another Clause (Subcontractors in the construction industry)—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley)—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. David Stoddart, Mr. Peter Snape: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather: 138.

Another Clause (Benefits of employment (motor car mileage option))—(Sir John Hall)—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 (Taxation of directors and others in respect of cars)—(Sir John Hall)—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. Peter Morrison, Mr. Carol Mather: 116.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Joe Ashton: 156.

Another Clause (Capital gains tax indexation)—(Mr. John Pardoe)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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Another Clause (Capital gains tax—only or main residence)—(Mr. John Pardoe)—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. Clement Freud, Mr. Stephen Ross: 18.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mrs. Ann Taylor: 54.
Bill (Clauses Nos. 4, 15 and 21 and new Clause (Value-added tax—threshold of registration)), as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Peter Snape reported, That the Committee had gone through Clauses Nos. 4, 15 and 21 and new Clause (Value-added tax—threshold of registration), and directed him to report the same, with Amendments.

Ordered, That Clauses Nos. 4, 15 and 21 and new Clause (Value-added tax—threshold of registration), as amended, do lie upon the Table.

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 610), dated 30th March 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th April, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Expenditure,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Expenditure Committee be amended, by leaving out Sir Edward Brown and inserting Mr. W. Benyon.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Parliamentary Constituency of Eastleigh and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors praying that the Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill be referred to a Select Committee was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from pensioners and others in Great Britain for legislation to stabilise the prices of essential commodities until retirement pensions be adequately raised was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Parliamentary Constituency of the City of Westminster, Paddington, for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons 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 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 eleven minutes past Two o'clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.11 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 12th May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 5th April 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by British Shipbuilders [by Act]; to be printed [No. 370].

National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 1st April 1977 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 371].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 12, 1977),—Copy of Agreements, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 29th November and 8th December 1976, amending Tables I and II annexed to Protocol No. 2 and amending Annex A to Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway [by Command].

European Communities (No. 13, 1977),—Copy of Agreements, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 29th November and 8th December 1976, amending Table I annexed to Protocol No. 2 and amending Annex A to Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),--Copies of Orders, dated 27th April 1977, entitled—
(1) the Fermanagh and Tyrone Assize Order 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 114), and

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Atomic Energy,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State with the consent of the Treasury on 10th May 1977 on a loan facility arranged by British Nuclear Fuels Limited [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 369].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the Petition [4th April] from Haringey for legislation to ensure proportional representation in elections [by Standing Order] ; to be printed.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill [Lords]; Sir Thomas Williams Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977 ; and Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 and the draft Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977.

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Friday, 13th May, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from St. Albans and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Northern Ireland for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons 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).

Licensing (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Licensing (Amendment) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Council Tenants' Charter Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Council Tenants' Charter 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. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Anthony Steen: 24.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Thomas Cox: 32.
So the Question was negatived.

Pre-Release Hostels for Prisoners Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pre-Release Hostels for Prisoners 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, Mrs. Jill Knight, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams: 11.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Peter Snape: 24.
So the Question was negatived.

Companies (Audit Committees) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies (Audit Committees) Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—Debate arising;
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 716), dated 22nd April 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd April, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Adjourned at 4.24 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 13th May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Road Traffic.—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 25th April 1977, entitled the Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 777),
(2) 4th May 1977, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 790),
(3) 4th May 1977, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 791), and
(4) 4th May 1977, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 792)
[by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:
General Dental Council.—Accounts of income and expenditure of the General Dental Council for 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 [28th April] from citizens of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for measures to forbid the killing, hunting or infliction of suffering on otters [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges,—The Order made on 24th March, That the draft European Patent Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977, do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 376-i].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows: The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make new provision for the University of London and to repeal the University of London Act 1926; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [University of London Bill [Lords]].

University of London Bill [Lords].—The University of London Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Police Pay and Conditions,—Resolved, That this House, appreciating the genuine grievances of the police forces over their pay and conditions of service, urges Her Majesty's Government to settle the current dispute fairly and quickly; and calls upon the Home Secretary to set up without delay an independent enquiry into the Police Council and the future method of assessing a fair and just wages structure for the police forces.—(Mr. Michael Mates.)

Health Services in Medway Towns.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in view of the following facts, namely; that for over two years periodical and urgent representations have been made to the Department of Health and Social Security and the South East Regional Health Authority about the great inadequacy of hospital and other medical and health facilities in the Medway towns; that on 22nd May 1975, the then Minister of State, the Right Honourable Member for Plymouth, Devonport, in fulfilling a promise to investigate this situation stated that he had been assured that the area and regional health authorities recognised the problems which had to be faced in Medway and in particular that they were aware of the projected population increases in the district, and would take full account of them in their planning and development of health services; that in May 1975 the honourable Member for Gillingham appealed to the Chairman of the South East Thames Regional Health Authority to treat Medway as a special case and siphon off some of the money going elsewhere and make it available for some of the very urgent needs of Medway; that in reply it was acknowledged that it was only by the dedication and devotion of the staff engaged in the district that standards of care had been maintained at such a high level; that the situation has deteriorated in the intervening two years until it has reached an acute crisis, and all those engaged in operating the health service, the local authorities, newspapers, and not least the patients suffering from the acute lack of facilities, are clamouring for action and help; that one senior consultant surgeon called a Press conference because he feared that patients' lives could be at risk because all the adult surgical emergencies for 300,000 people were passing through two 50-bed wards, which at times became more like a casualty clearing station on a battlefield than the surgical wards of a hospital in a civilised country, and another senior consultant at another Medway hospital has urged local civic leaders to make a fuss about the state of their hospitals; and that the special care baby unit at one of the Medway hospitals is still in use two years after being condemned as a health risk, this House calls upon the Secretary of State for Social Services, who has ultimate responsibility for what is happening in the health services in Medway, to intervene firmly to stabilise the present position, and to act urgently to ensure that the standards are rapidly brought up to nothing less than the minimum standards that informed and responsible members of the medical and nursing professions consider necessary to enable them properly to discharge their tasks of treating the sick and injured.—(Mr. F. A. Burden):

And it being Seven o'clock, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 6 (Precedence of Government Business).
Post Office Bill.—The Post Office Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee to-morrow.

Police.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Police (Complaints) (General) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 578), dated 28th March 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th April, be annulled.—(Mr. Michael Alison):—It was negatived.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Albert Lambert and Margaret Wright for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons 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 thirteen minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.47 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 16th May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th May 1977, entitled the Import Duties (Greece) (Reductions) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 838) [by Act].

Income Tax,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of America) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Trade Unions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th May 1977, entitled the Trade Union (Nominations) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 789) [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 House of Lords and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords].

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill,—Ordered, That the Lords Amendments to the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill be considered upon Thursday.

London Hydraulic Power Bill,—Ordered, That the London Hydraulic Power Bill be considered upon Thursday.

West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Thursday.

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

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee),—Sir Edward Brown reported from the Committee on the Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 14th June at half-past Ten o'clock.

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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 (Twentieth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xxviii].

European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee II on 17th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 76-iv].

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 had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Library Sub-Committee on 30th March and 5th April, and an Appendix: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 377].

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 to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 378].

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 (Nineteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 32-xix].

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 17th May to be printed [No. 55-vii].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Alf Bates: 130.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. George Cunningham: 1.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That at this day's sitting, Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Motion relating to EEC Energy Policy with the substitution of Twelve o'clock or two hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, for the provisions in paragraph (1)(b) of the Standing Order—(Mr. Peter Snape);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Peter Snape and Mr. Alf Bates 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 at this day's sitting, Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Motion relating to EEC Energy Policy with the substitution of Twelve o'clock or two hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, for the provisions in paragraph (1)(b) of the Standing Order.

General Elections (Limitation of Expenses).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit expenditure by political parties and other organisations connected with general elections; to provide for the publication of income and expenditure of such organisations incurred in connection with general elections; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Joe Dean, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Jeff Rooker, Mr. Terry Walker, Mr. Ken Wethe, and Mr. David Young, do prepare and bring it in.
General Elections (Limitation of Expenses) Bill,—Mr. Bruce Grocott accordingly presented a Bill to limit expenditure by political parties and other organisations connected with general elections; to provide for the publication of income and expenditure of such organisations incurred in connection with general elections; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July and to be printed (Bill 120).

Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Donald Coleman: 186.


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).

Control of Office Development Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Control of Office Development 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. Alf Bates, Mr. James Hamilton: 155.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Peter Morrison: 121.

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).

Control of Office Development [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Control of Office Development [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend the duration of and otherwise amend certain enactments relating to the control of office development in England and Wales, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to that Act in the administrative expenses of the Secretary of State under any other enactment.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

EEC Energy Policy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/75/77 (rev 1), R/477/77, R/478/77, R/479/77 and R/684/77 on EEC Energy Policy—(Mr. Secretary Benn); And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning;

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And it being two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order:—It was agreed to.


Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the matter of Small Businesses 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. Donald Coleman.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order relating to Business of the House of 25th November, the Ballot for Private Members' Notices of Motions which are to have precedence over Government Business on Friday 17th June shall be held on Wednesday 25th May.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from North Cornwall and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.42 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 17th May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 38, 1977),—Copy of a Schedule to the International Whaling Convention 1946, revised to include the Amendments adopted at the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth meetings of the International Whaling Commission [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 39, 1977),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Rabat on 25th October and 20th December 1976 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, further amending the Agreement for air services between and beyond their respective territories signed on 22nd October 1965 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 40, 1977),—Copy of a Convention, signed at London between 1st June and 30th November 1967, on conduct of fishing operations in the North Atlantic [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence,—Copy of the United States Mutual Defence Assistance Programme Equipment Disposal Deposit Account for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Health Service Commissioner,—Copies of the Third and Fourth Reports of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1976-77 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 321 and 322].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Furniture Development Council for 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Railways Board for 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Bodies of—

(1) Jesus College, Oxford, on 9th February 1977, amending the Statutes of the College, and

(2) Magdalen College, Oxford, on 15th March 1977, amending the Statutes of the College

[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. Tom Pendry nominated in respect of the Finance Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Austin Mitchell.
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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Neath 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 Neath Borough Council Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

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 Rent Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereto, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 387].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 387].

European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-xxi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-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 Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 18th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-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 Environment Sub-Committee on 18th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 349-ii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 18th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 385-i].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 18th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-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 18th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-xv].

Overseas Development.—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 18th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 179-xii].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill [Lords].—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) 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 Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) 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. 381].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Thomas Williams reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 500), referred to a Committee on 10th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 380].

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 new law of patents applicable to future patents and applications for patents; to amend the law of patents applicable to existing patents and applications for patents; to give effect to certain international conventions on patents; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Patents Bill [Lords].

Patents Bill [Lords].—The Patents Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 122].

Council House Tenants (Security of Tenure).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide security of tenure for council house tenants; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. John Watkinson, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, and Mr. Arthur Latham, do prepare and bring it in.

Council House Tenants (Security of Tenure) Bill.—Mr. John Watkinson accordingly presented a Bill to provide security of tenure for council house tenants; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July and to be printed [Bill 121].

Supply [18th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

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

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

Sulphur in Fuel Oil.—Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC draft proposals R/540/76 on Health Protection Standards for Sulphur dioxide and suspended particulate matter in urban atmospheres and R/90/76 on the Sulphur Content of fuel oils, and the relevant Government explanatory memoranda dated 2nd April 1976 and 9th March 1976 respectively.—(Mr. Denis Howell.)

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

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from members of the Police Federations in England Wales and Northern Ireland for immediate and tangible recognition of the unique role played by the police in society was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Richmond-upon-Thames and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons 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 half-past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.30 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 18th May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Electricity.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 6th April 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 382 and 383].

Iron and Steel.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 7th April 1977 on loans raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 384].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Sex Discrimination.—Copy of the Report of the Equal Opportunities Commission for 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 324].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Housing (Scotland).—Copy of Statistics relating to rents of public authority houses and rent rebates and allowances in Scotland in 1976 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 17th May 1977, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (No. 5) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 861) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th May 1977, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 809) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Control of Office Development Bill, viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Anthony Berry, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Geraud Howells, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. Hugh Rossi, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. James Tinn, and Mr. Cyril D. Townsend.

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 Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. R. E. Bean, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Stanley Crowther, Mr. Reginald Freeson, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Julius Silverman, Mr. William Small, and Mr. Keith Speed.

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 Abortion (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. W. Benyon, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Alan Clark, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mrs. Jill Knight, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. Roland Moyle, Miss Jo Richardson, Mrs. Renee Short, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Keith Stainton, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. James White, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

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 Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Joseph Harper, Sir Charles Irving, Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Tom Normanton, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. John Parker, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Roger Sims, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. David Walder, and Mr. Alec Woodall.
MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 18th May 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Control of Office Development Bill to Standing Committee A, the Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill to Standing Committee B and the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1977 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

PRAYERS.

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Lords Amendments to the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill;

Ordered, That the Lords Amendments be considered upon Wednesday next at Seven o'clock.

London Hydraulic Power Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Hydraulic Power Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Wednesday next at Seven o'clock.

City of London (Various Powers) Bill.—The City of London (Various Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next at Seven o'clock.

Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next at Seven o'clock.

West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords].—The West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 392].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 393].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 394].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighth Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 395].
Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 396].

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 26th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 391-i].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 11th and 18th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 390-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 19th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 201-vi].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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 put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Tinn):—It was negatived.

Rent (Agriculture) Amendment Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Rent (Agriculture) Amendment 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.

House of Commons Members' Fund,—Resolved, That one-tenth of the sums deducted or set aside in the current year from the salaries of Members of Parliament under section one of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1939, and one-tenth of the contribution determined by the Treasury for the current year under section one of the House of Commons Members’ Fund Act 1957, be appropriated for the purposes of section four of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1948.—(Mr. George Strauss.)

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 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 19th May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 41, 1977),—Copy of Decisions of the representatives of the Governments of the member states of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting in Council at Brussels, on 17th November 1975, opening, allocating and providing for the administration of tariff quotas and opening tariff preferences for certain steel products originating in developing countries [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of a Paper, entitled Local Government Finance in Scotland [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th May 1977, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Footwear, Leather and Fur Skin) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 808) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security,—Draft of a Scheme, entitled the Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) (No. 3) Scheme 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Local Government,—Copy of a Paper, entitled Local Government Finance [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Benn:

Pipe-lines,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th May 1977, entitled the Submarine Pipelines (Inspectors etc.) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 835) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Civil Aviation,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 11th May 1977, entitled—

(1) the Aircraft (Exemption from Seizure on Patent Claims) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 829), and
(2) the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 820) [by Act].

Copyright,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 11th May 1977, entitled the Copyright (International Conventions) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 830) [by Act].


Merchant Shipping,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 11th May 1977, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 826) [by Act].


Mr. John Silkin:


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

Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Report for 1976 of the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints [by Act]; to be printed [No. 374].

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. Fred Silvester (nominated in respect of the Control of Office Development Bill) and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peter Brooke.

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Arthur Jones (nominated in respect of the Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Norman Tebbit.

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had discharged from the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Marcus Lipton (nominated in respect of the draft Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 and the draft Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977); and had appointed in substitution Mr. J. D. Concannon.
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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Post Office Bill to Standing Committee B.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Control of Office Development Bill; Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Small Businesses in Wales; and Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1977.

Friday, 20th May, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from East Hertfordshire and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from North East Kent and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons 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).

Passenger Vehicles (Educational and Other Purposes) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Passenger Vehicles (Educational and Other Purposes) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment made to the Bill (changed to "Minibus 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.

Rentcharges Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Rentcharges Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 20, after the word "services", to insert the words "or easements".-(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 18, at the end, to insert the words "otherwise than by an amount or amounts on a date or dates stated in the instrument".-(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 41, at the end, to insert the words "until the expiration of six weeks from the date of completion of the service upon all other owners of the land affected by that rentcharge of an advance copy or advance copies of the application conforming with the provisions of subsections (5) and (6) below".-(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 11, 12 and 14 to 21) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Rentcharges 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.

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Mr. Michael Cocks, 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.

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

Water Charges (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Charges (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 Four o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

Animal Welfare (Export of Live Animals for Slaughter) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Animal Welfare (Export of Live Animals for Slaughter) Bill;

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

Local Authorities (Discretionary Grants to the Disabled) Bill.—The Local Authorities (Discretionary Grants to the Disabled) Bill was, according to Order, 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. James Scott-Hopkins)—It was negatived.

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

Companies (Audit Committees) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th May, That the Companies (Audit Committees) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday 15th July.

Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 15th July.

Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name) Bill;

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

Housing (Homeless Persons) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Housing (Homeless Persons) [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision as to the functions of local authorities with respect to persons who are homeless or threatened with homelessness, to provide for the giving of assistance to voluntary organisations concerned with homelessness by the Secretary of State and local authorities, and to repeal section 25 of the National Assistance Act 1948, it is expedient to authorise—

(i) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required to enable the Secretary of State to give financial assistance to a voluntary organisation concerned with homelessness or matters relating to homelessness; and

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

and for the purpose of this Resolution "voluntary organisation" means a body the activities of which are carried on otherwise than for profit, but does not include any public or local authority—(Mr. Ted Graham);

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. Ted Graham, Mr. Ronald Brown: 21.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Roger Moate: 2.
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.

Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) 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).

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 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 Six o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 5.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 20th May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 1st, 4th and 5th April 1977, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 397].

Development of Rural Wales,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 20th April 1977 on loans raised by the Development Board for Rural Wales [by Act]; to be printed [No. 398].

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 21st April 1977 on loans raised by the British National Oil Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 399].

Mr. John Silkin:

Food and Drugs,—Copies of Orders, dated—

(1) 12th May 1977, entitled the Milk (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 858), and

(2) 16th May 1977, entitled the Milk (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 859) [by Act].

[No. 111.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Social Security,—The Order made on 19th May, That the draft Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) (No. 3) Scheme 1977, do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-xx].

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 23rd May.

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

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Ticket Touts Bill.—Mr. Gwilym Roberts presented a Bill to prohibit the sale of tickets for sports and entertainments at a price above their original price; and for connected purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July and to be printed [Bill 123].

Future of Broadcasting.—Resolved. That this House takes note of the Report of the Annan Committee on the Future of Broadcasting (Command Paper No. 6753).—(Mr. Secretary Rees.)

Employment Protection.—Resolved. That the Code of Practice on disclosure of information to trade unions for collective bargaining purposes, a draft of which was laid before this House on 3rd May, be approved.—(Mr. Harold Walker.)

Housing (Homeless Persons) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Housing (Homeless Persons) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision as to the functions of local authorities with respect to persons who are home-less or threatened with homelessness, to provide for the giving of assistance to voluntary organisations concerned with homelessness by the Secretary of State and local authorities, and to repeal section 25 of the National Assistance Act 1948, it is expedient to authorise—

(i) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums required to enable the Secretary of State to give financial assistance to a voluntary organisation concerned with homelessness or matters relating to homelessness; and

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

and for the purpose of this Resolution “ voluntary organisation ” means a body the activities of which are carried on otherwise than for profit, but does not include any public or local authority.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Gosport and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Uxbridge and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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

Monday 23rd May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 18th May 1977, entitled—

(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 3) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 876), and

(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 877)

[by Act].

Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th May 1977, entitled the Opencast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 878) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Race Relations,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th May 1977, entitled the Race Relations (Questions and Replies) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 842) [by Act].

Sex Discrimination,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th May 1977, entitled the Sex Discrimination (Questions and Replies) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 844) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th May 1977, entitled the National Health Service (Association of Community Health Councils) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 874) [by Act].
Social Security,—Draft of a Scheme, entitled the Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) (No. 3) Scheme 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 20th May 1977, entitled—
(1) the Bentley Mine (Electric Lighting for Cinematography) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 879), and
(2) the Hickleton Mine (Electric Lighting for Cinematography) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 880) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Bodies of—
(1) Christ Church, Oxford, on 21st February 1977, amending the Statutes of the House, and
(2) Darwin College, Cambridge, on 3rd March 1977, amending the Statutes of the College. [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
Fidelity Trust Bill [Lords],—Report of the Attorney General on the Fidelity Trust Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Fees and Percentages,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st March 1977, entitled the Supreme Court Fees Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 103) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM
Monday 23rd May 1977
In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Skyline Protection Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 112.]
Tuesday, 24th May, 1977.
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 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.:
University of London Bill [Lords].
Bill to be read a second time.

British Railways Bill,—Ordered, That the British Railways Bill be considered upon Thursday.

International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Thursday.

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 (Twenty-first Report).
Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xxix].

European Legislation, &c,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee I on 24th May.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 297-iii].

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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. 25-xxii].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 24th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 404].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: and the Report was brought up and read (Twentieth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 32-xxi].

Control of Office Development Bill.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Control of Office Development Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 126].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 401].

Price Commission Bill.—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Price Commission Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 127].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 402].

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 Farriers (Registration) Act 1975 with respect to the qualifications for registration thereunder; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Farriers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer powers on the North West Water Authority relating to the provision of sludge mains; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [North West Water Authority Bill [Lords]].

Farriers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Farriers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 129].

North West Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The North West Water Authority Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Police (Scotland) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Police (Scotland) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 24th May to be printed [No. 55-viii].

New Towns Bill.—Mr. Secretary Shore, supported by Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Joel Barnett, and Mr. Guy Barnett, presented (under Standing Order No. 91 (Procedure upon Bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue); a Bill to increase the limit imposed by section 43 of the New Towns Act 1965 on the amounts which may be borrowed by development corporations and the Commission for the New Towns: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 124].

Price Control.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give powers to local authorities to investigate price rises—(Miss Betty Boothroyd);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business).
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Mike Thomas : 192.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Michael Latham : 179.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mrs. Lena Jeger, Dr. M. S. Miller, Miss Jo Richardson, and Mr. Mike Thomas, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Price Control Bill,—Miss Betty Boothroyd accordingly presented a Bill to give powers to local authorities to investigate price rises: And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July and to be printed [Bill 125].

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 put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Frank R. White);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 276.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Immigration may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Immigration,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules for Control on Entry of Commonwealth Citizens, the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules for Control after Entry of Commonwealth Citizens, the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules for Control on Entry of EEC and other non-Commonwealth Nationals and the Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules for Control after Entry of EEC and other non-Commonwealth Nationals—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out the words “takes note” and insert the word “disapproves”, instead thereof—(Mr. Alexander Lyon).

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Stan Thorne : 65.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper : 140.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;


Rights of Establishment of Dentists,—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/2196/76 on Rights of Establishment of Dentists—(Mr. Donald Coleman);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Peter Snape : 128.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Laurie Pavitt : 49.

So the Question was agreed to.


Advisory Committees on Dentists and Senior Public Health Officials,—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/103/77 on Advisory Committees on Dentists and Senior Public Health Officials—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—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/2697/76 on Data Processing—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Hove and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons 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 House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 25th May, 1977:

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 past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

(Appended at 12.25 a.m.)

APPENDIX

Tuesday 24th May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Kenya (No. 1, 1977),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Nairobi on 8th February 1977, amending the Protocol of 20th January 1976 to the Agreement between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Kenya for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains, signed at Nairobi on 31st July 1973 (the Exchange of Notes has not entered into force) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

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 1976 [by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Fatal Accidents (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 [by Act].

Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—

(1) the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1977, and

(2) the Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:

Commonwealth Development Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Commonwealth Development Corporation for 1976 [by Act].

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

Building Societies,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th May 1977, entitled the Building Societies (Authorised Investments) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 851) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 24th May 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Small Businesses in Wales in the place of Mr. Ifor Davies.

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 II).

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-xxii].

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xxiii].

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 400].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-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 25th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 52-ix].

Overseas Development,—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 25th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 179-xiii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That they had considered the matter of Small Businesses in Wales referred to them on 11th May, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 408].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 17th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 405].

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Michael English reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 and the draft Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 5th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 406].

Privilege,—Complaint having been made yesterday by Mr. Robert Adley, Member for Christchurch and Lymington, of a report on the Press Association tape, of certain actions by the National Union of Public Employees which he submitted were calculated improperly to influence certain Members of this House and constituted a breach of the Privileges of this House;
And a copy of the said Press Association tape having been delivered in, and the
passage complained of read, as follows:

"MPs in spending cuts dilemma.

Six Labour MPs face losing their union sponsorship unless they agree to stop
supporting public spending cuts.

Delegates at the National Union of Public Employees conference in Brighton
decided today to demand assurances from the six that they will 'Refrain from
supporting the Government's policy of cuts in public expenditure'.

The union executive was instructed to withdraw NUPE sponsorship of the MPs
if the pledges were not made.

The six are: Arthur Bottomley, Peter Hardy, Tom Pendry, Ted Leadbitter, Ken
Lomas and Roland Moyle."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the matter of the Complaint
be referred to the Committee of Privileges—(Mr. Michael Foot);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Joseph Harper: 203.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Dennis Skinner: 45.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the matter of the Complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Local Authority Works (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Millan, supported by Mr. Hugh D.
Brown, presented a Bill to enable certain local authorities in Scotland to carry out within
their area works on behalf of other local authorities: And the same was read the first
time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 128].

Limitation of Legislation,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the
volume of legislation in force; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Norman
Tebbit, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, and Mr. Ian Gow, do prepare and bring it in.

Limitation of Legislation Bill,—Mr. Norman Tebbit accordingly presented a Bill to limit the
volume of legislation in force; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July and
to be printed [Bill 130].

Patents Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the
Patents Bill [Lords];

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

Mr. Michael Foot 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, and was committed to a Standing
Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish a
new law of patents applicable to future patents and applications for patents, it is
expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of the following sums:—

(a) any sums required for making payments under that Act to proprietors of
patents or other persons in respect of the working or use of inventions by
or with the authority of a government department;

(b) any sums required for making payments of compensation under that Act
to applicants for patents who suffer hardship by reason of directions given
under that Act for prohibiting or restricting the publication of information
the publication of which might be prejudicial to the defence of the realm
or the safety of the public;

(c) any sums required for the payment of remuneration to scientific advisers
appointed to assist the Patents Court constituted under that Act, to
assessors appointed to assist the Court of Session in proceedings under that
Act and to advisers appointed to assist the comptroller in proceedings
before him;
(d) any sums required by any Minister of the Crown or government department to meet any financial obligation of the United Kingdom under the European Patent Convention, the Community Patent Convention or the Patent Co-operation Treaty;

(e) any sums so required for the payment of compensation awarded to an employee of the Crown in respect of an invention made by him;

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums received by any Minister of the Crown or government department in pursuance of the conventions or treaty mentioned in paragraph (1)(d) above.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Bill; and the same were agreed to.

London Hydraulic Power Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the London Hydraulic Power Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords].—The Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords].—The Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from South Portsmouth and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Royal Tunbridge Wells and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.55 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 25th May 1977

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 1976, 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].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Dangerous Drugs,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th May 1977, entitled the Preservatives in Food (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 860) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration,—Copy of the Seventh Report of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration [by Command].
Mrs. Judith Hart:
Overseas Aid,—Copy of the Report of the Executive Directors of the International Development Association to the Board of Governors, dated 29th March 1977, relating to the fifth replenishment of the Association’s resources [by Command].

Overseas Aid,—Draft of an Order, entitled the International Development Association (Fifth Replenishment) Order 1977 [by Act].

Paper 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 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 375].

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 C in respect of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee C).

MEMORANDA
Wednesday 25th May 1977
In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill to Standing Committee A (transferred from Standing Committee C) and the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee F (transferred from Standing Committee A).

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Stephen McAden an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Criminal Law Bill [Lords] and Mr. Alan Fitch an additional Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Small Businesses in Wales.

Thursday, 26th May, 1977.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.
British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday 14th June.

International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 14th June.

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

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 make further provision with respect to the administration of justice and matters connected therewith, to alter the method of protecting mortgages of registered land and to amend the law relating to oaths and affirmations and to the interest of a surviving spouse in an intestate’s estate; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Administration of Justice Bill [Lords]].

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords],—The Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 131].
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 (Spring),—Resolved, That this House at its rising to-morrow do adjourn till Monday 13th June.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

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, for a period after Ten o'clock equal to that spent on the proceedings on the Motion relating to Adjournment (Spring).—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Adjournment,—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Friday, 27th May, 1977:

And the Question being put:—It was negatived.

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. Peter Snape.)

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Peter Snape 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 Readings), 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. Peter Snape.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.21 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 26th May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th May 1977, entitled the Pensions Increase (Federated Superannuation System for Universities) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 863) [by Act].
Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 26th May 1977, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Votes for Central Administration (Department of the Environment) (Class VIII, 6) and Central Administration (Department of Transport) (Class VI, 7) [by Act].

Savings Banks,—Draft of an Order, entitled the National Savings Bank (Investment Deposits) (Limits) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 42, 1977),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Dublin on 2nd June and 28th October 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; with amending Protocol [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Health Services,—Copy of a Report of the Health Services Board, entitled Common Waiting Lists for NHS and private patients in NHS hospitals [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 3rd April 1976 [by Act].

Post Office,—Statements of appointment of six members of the Post Office [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Environmental Pollution,—Copy of the Government’s Response to the Sixth Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, relating to nuclear power and the environment [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Morris:


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Proposal for a draft Order in Council under Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974, entitled the Criminal Damage (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Science and Technology,—Copy of Government Observations on the Second Report of the Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 1975-76, on advanced ground transport [by Command].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th May 1977, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 871) [by Act].

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [12th May] from the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors praying that the Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill be referred to a Select Committee [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

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. Michael Morris (nominated in respect of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peter Morrison.
Standing Committee B.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Harry Gourlay, and Mr. William Small (nominated in respect of the Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Dafydd Thomas, Mr. Geoff Edge, and Mr. David Weitzman.

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords] to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee A).

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords] to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee A).

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D (transferred from Standing Committee A).

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill; Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill; Mr. John Wells an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill; and Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords].
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Farriers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Farriers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, 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. Michael Mates);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. F. A. Burden: 11.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Brian Sedgemore: 13.

And it appearing from 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.

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 Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before the House on 28th April, be approved—(Mr. Peter Snape):—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 Stock Exchange (Completion of Bargains) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 28th April, be approved—(Mr. Peter Snape):—It was agreed to.

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 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 10th May, be approved—(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):—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 sixteen minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday 13th June, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.

[Adjourned at 4.44 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Friday 27th May 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th May 1977, entitled the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Fees and Expenses) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 875) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th May 1977, amending the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th May 1977, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Engineering) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 849) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport,—Statement of determination of the salary and pension payable to the Chairman of the British Transport Docks Board [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 Mr. Ronald Bell and Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies (nominated in respect of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Reginald Eyre and Mr. Wyn Roberts.
Standing Committee F,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr. Peter Morrison (nominated in respect of the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Carol Mather.

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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 Local Authority Works (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 116.]


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).

Overseas Aid,—The Order made on 25th May, That the draft International Development Association (Fifth Replenishment) Order 1977, do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

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 June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 37-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 8th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 20-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 Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 9th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [Nos. 20-xviii and 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 10th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 20-xx].

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 13th June.

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

Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name) Bill,—Ordered, That the Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name) Bill be read a second time upon Friday 15th July.

Farriers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Farriers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Administration of Justice [Lords],—Ordered, That the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Supply [21st allotted day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.
Overseas Development.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Second Report from the Select Committee on Overseas Development in the last Session of Parliament (House of Commons Paper No. 705), the First Special Report in the present Session of Parliament (House of Commons Paper No. 335), the Second Report in the present Session of Parliament (House of Commons Paper No. 222) and the Second Special Report in the present Session of Parliament (House of Commons Paper No. 367).—(Sir Bernard Braine.)

European Social Fund.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/752/77 on the European Social Fund—(Mr. John Grant);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word “House” to the end of the Question and add the words “declines to take note of Commission Document No. R/752/77 concerning the EEC Social Fund as it believes that assistance to persons or areas with particular needs should be the responsibility of national Parliaments and national Governments”, instead thereof—(Mr. Nigel Spearing).

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Martin Flannery: 23.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Joseph Harper: 59.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;


Local Authority Works (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authority Works (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Local Authority Works (Scotland) Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from North West Norfolk and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons 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 ten minutes to Twelve o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.50 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:


Treaty Series (No. 43, 1977).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Lima on 12th July and 1st September 1976 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Peru, amending the United Kingdom/Peru No. 1 Loan Agreement 1973 (United Kingdom/Peru No. 1 Loan Agreement 1973 Amendment No. 1).


Treaty Series (No. 46, 1977).—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.


Education (Scotland).—Copy of the Report on Education in Scotland for 1976.


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:

30th May 1977

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th May 1977, entitled the Blaennerchan Mine (Diesel Vehicles) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 917) [by Act].

31st May 1977

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th May 1977, entitled the Further Education (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 887) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copies of Orders, dated 31st May 1977, entitled—

(1) the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 941), and

(2) the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 942)

[by Act].

1st June 1977

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st June 1977, entitled the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (Revocation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 954) [by Act].

Agriculture,—Copies of Regulations, dated 20th May 1977, entitled—

(1) the Agricultural Marketing Act 1958 (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 899), and

(2) the Milk Marketing Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 900)

[by Act].

2nd June 1977

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th May 1977, entitled the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 921) [by Act].


Customs and Excise,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th May 1977, entitled the Inward Processing Relief Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 910) [by Act].

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th May 1977, entitled the Coal Mines (Precautions against Inflammable Dust) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 913) [by Act].

Prices,—Copies of Orders, dated 30th May 1977, entitled—

(1) the Household Flour Prices Order 1976 (Revocation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 935), and

(2) the Tea Prices Order 1976 (Revocation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 934)

[by Act].


Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd June 1977, entitled the West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 961) [by Act].

Industrial Tribunals,—Copies of Regulations, dated 25th May 1977, entitled—

(1) the Industrial Tribunals (Labour Relations) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 911); and
(2) the Industrial Tribunals (Labour Relations) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 912)

(by Act).


Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 3rd June 1977, entitled—

(1) the Allerton Bywater Mine (Electric Lighting for Cinematography) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 967), and
(2) the Rothwell Mine (Electric Lighting for Cinematography) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 968)

(by Act).

Offshore Installations,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd June 1977, entitled the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 966) [by Act].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd June 1977, entitled the Customs Duties (Greece) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 983) [by Act].

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th May 1977, entitled the Explosives (Registration of Premises) Variation of Fees Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 918) [by Act].

Customs and Excise,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 3rd June 1977, entitled the Customs Duty Reliefs Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 971), and

(by Act).

Water,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th May 1977, entitled the East Surrey Water (Bough Beech Reservoir) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 938) [by Act].

European Communities,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 8th June 1977, entitled the European Communities (Designation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 980) [by Act].

Plant Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th May 1977, entitled the Importation of Wood and Bark (Prohibition) (Great Britain) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 901) [by Act].


Animals,—Copies of Orders, dated—

(1) 26th May 1977, entitled the Tuberculosis (Scotland) Amendment Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 957),
(2) 1st June 1977, entitled the Brucellosis Compensation (Scotland) Amendment Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 989), and
(3) 1st June 1977, entitled the Tuberculosis (Compensation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 990)

(by Act).

Medicines,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd June 1977, entitled the Medicines (Labelling) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 996) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copies of Schemes, dated 9th June 1977, entitled—

(1) the Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) (No. 2) Scheme 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 992),
(2) the Refractories Industries (Silicosis) and Sandstone Industry (Silicosis) Schemes
(Transfer of Beneficiaries) Scheme 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 999), and

(3) the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 1977
(S.I., 1977, No. 991)
[by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations and General Directions, dated 31st May 1977,
etitled the Traffic Signs (Speed Limits) (Amendment) Regulations and General Direc-
tions 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 952) [by Act].

Animals,—Copies of Orders, dated—
(1) 23rd May 1977, entitled the Tuberculosis (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977,
No. 948),
(2) 25th May 1977, entitled the Brucellosis (England and Wales) Compensation
(Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 946),
(3) 25th May 1977, entitled the Importation of Animals Order 1977 (S.I., 1977,
No. 944),
(4) 25th May 1977, entitled the Tuberculosis (Compensation) (Amendment) Order
1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 947), and
(5) 1st June 1977, entitled the Diseases of Animals (Miscellaneous Fees) (Variation)
(No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 962)
[by Act].

Food and Drugs,—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th May 1977, entitled—
(1) the Condensed Milk and Dried Milk Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 928),
and
(2) the Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 927)
[by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on 13th June 1977:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Coal Industry,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th May 1977 on
loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed
[No. 415].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Parole Board,—Copy of the Report of the Parole Board for 1976 [by Act]; to be
printed [No. 388].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to Migration
Part V (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].
Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Defence,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Army, Air Force and Naval
Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th May 1977,
etitled the Employment Protection Code of Practice (Disclosure of Information) Order
1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 937) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Census,—Copies of the Reports of the Census 1971 for England and Wales, relating
to—
(1) Migration Regional Report (Ten per cent. sample): South West Region, Part
III, and
(2) Migration Regional Report (Ten per cent. sample): West Midlands Region,
Part III
[by Act].
Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Copy of Statements by the Secretary of
State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales concerning the residential
care of handicapped persons under the age of 65 years in England and Wales [by Act];
to be printed [No. 379].
Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—

(1) broadcast receiving and sound reproducing equipment,
(2) cement,
(3) corsets and miscellaneous dress industries,
(4) electrical machinery,
(5) fruit and vegetable products,
(6) gloves,
(7) metal hollow-ware,
(8) musical instruments,
(9) paper and board,
(10) plastics products,
(11) stone and slate quarrying and mining, and
(12) wallcoverings

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British National Oil Corporation for 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Harbours,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Ports Council for 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:


Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes made by—

(1) the University of Cambridge, on 21st March 1977, amending the Statutes of the University, and
(2) the Governing Body of King's College, Cambridge, on 15th March 1977, amending the Statutes of the College

[by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:

Overseas Aid,—Copy of a Memorandum of the President of the International Development Association, dated 2nd March 1977, on bridging arrangements for advance contributions to the fifth replenishment of the Association's resources [by Command].

Overseas Aid,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—

(1) the International Development Association (Fifth Replenishment) Order 1977, and
(2) the International Development Association (Fifth Replenishment: Interim Payments) Order 1977

[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)]:—


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

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Report for 1976 of the Northern Ireland Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration [by Act]; to be printed [No. 373].
Supreme Court of Judicature,—Copy of Rules, dated 31st May 1977, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment No. 2) 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 960) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 13th June 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Local Authorities (Discretionary Grants to the Disabled) Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 117.]

Tuesday, 14th June, 1977.

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.:

North West Water Authority Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Neath Borough Council Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the Neath Borough Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday.

University of London Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the University of London Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Thursday.

International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords];

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

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

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee),—Sir Edward Brown reported from the Committee on the Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday 29th June at half-past Ten o'clock.

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 14th June and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xxx].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xxxi].

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 24th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 410].
Privileges.—Mr. George Strauss reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom were referred the Recommendations of the Select Committee on Parliamentary Privilege in their Report of 1st December 1967, 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. 417].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 417].

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. 32-xxi].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 781) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Appointment of Ambassadors and Other Public Servants.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for a democratic system of appointment of Ambassadors and other public servants; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Ivor Clemison, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Harry Cowans, Dr. Maurice Miller, Mr. Dennis Skinner, and Mr. Brian Sedge more, do prepare and bring it in.

Appointment of Ambassadors and Other Public Servants Bill.—Mr. Dennis Canavan accordingly presented a Bill to provide for a democratic system of appointment of Ambassadors and other public servants; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July and to be printed [Bill 132].

Coal Industry Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Coal Industry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

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.

Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, to leave out from the word “ undertaking ” to the end of line 10.—(Mr. John Horam.)

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

An Amendment (No. 2) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 19, to leave out “ £45 ” and insert “ £25 ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Norman Fowler.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 4) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 10, to leave out “ £50 ” and insert “ £25 ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Roger Moate.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 13, at the end, to insert the words—

“ Provided that no money is paid in respect of any losses made by the National Freight Corporation’s foreign operations ”.—(Mr. Norman Fowler.)

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 Parliament Act 1911.
Ways and Means.—Customs duties and agricultural levies.—Resolved, That provision may be made for giving effect to Community obligations requiring customs duties or agricultural levies to be charged in certain circumstances on goods which have been imported into the United Kingdom from another member State.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on the Finance Bill that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Southampton and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons 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);

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. Frank R. White)

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

[Adjourned at 10 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 14th June 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Telecommunications (Miscellaneous No. 9, 1977).—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on 3rd September 1976, on the International Maritime Satellite Organisation (INMARSAT) (with the Operating Agreement) (the United Kingdom has neither ratified the Convention nor signed the Operating Agreement) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:


Education (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th May 1977, entitled the Residential Special Schools and Orphanages (Scotland) Grant Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 953) [by Act].

Parole Board.—Copy of the Report of the Parole Board for Scotland for 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 461].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production.—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—

(1) aerospace equipment, manufacturing and repairing,
(2) aluminium and aluminium alloys,
(3) brushes and brooms,
(4) drop forgings, &c.,
(5) dyestuffs and pigments,
(6) gramophone records and tape recordings,
(7) leather goods,
(8) linoleum, plastics floor-covering, leathercloth, &c.,
(9) men's and boys' tailored outerwear,
(10) miscellaneous wood and cork manufactures,
(11) ordnance and small arms,
(12) rubber,
(13) sports equipment, and
(14) watches and clocks

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Inner Cities.—Copy of Government Proposals, entitled Policy for the Inner Cities [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th June 1977, entitled the Clyde Port Authority (Borrowing Powers) Revision Order 1977, with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Transport under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Bus Company for 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes made by—

(1) the University of Oxford, on 25th February 1977, amending the Statutes of the University,

(2) Jesus College, Oxford, on 2nd March 1977, amending the Statutes of the College, and

(3) St. Anne’s College, Oxford, on 28th February 1977, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission on liability for defective products [by Command].

[No. 118.]

Wednesday, 15th June, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—Mr. Fred Evans reported from the Committee on the Greater London Council (Money) 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 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.

Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies 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 Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies 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.

Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, 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 Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.
West Midlands County Council 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 West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords] and had amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to enable the West Midlands County Council and the Coventry City Council to make grants towards the cost of insulating dwellings against noise attributable to aircraft using certain aerodromes; to confer further powers upon those councils; and for other purposes; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House; and the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-fourth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xxiv].

Overseas Development.—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 15th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 179-xiv].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill (changed to Firearms Bill).—Mr. John Wells reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, and had made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to amend the Firearms Act 1968 with respect to the use and possession of firearms by, and the supply of firearms to, young people; and for purposes connected therewith.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 15th July; and to be printed [Bill 135].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 419].

Restrictive Trade Practices Bill.—Mr. Secretary Hattersley, supported by Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. John Fraser, and Mr. Robert Maclean, presented a Bill to provide for the disregard of certain matters in determining whether an agreement is one to which the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 applies; 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 133].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 419].

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, Mr. Speaker shall put any Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Second Reading of the New Towns Bill not later than Seven o'clock.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Employment Protection (Holidays).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to increase the holiday entitlement of employees and otherwise to amend the law relating to holidays: And that Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, and Mr. Ion Wrigglesworth, do prepare and bring it in.

Employment Protection (Holidays) Bill.—Mr. Greville Janner accordingly presented a Bill to increase the holiday entitlement of employees and otherwise to amend the law relating to holidays: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July and to be printed [Bill 134].

New Towns Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the New Towns 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. Joe Ashton: 179.

Tellers for the Noes, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Peter Morrison: 140.

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. Donald Coleman.)

Committee to-morrow.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to increase the limit imposed by section 43 of the New Towns Act 1965 on the amounts which may be borrowed by the development corporations for the new towns and the Commission for the New Towns, it is expedient to authorise any increase in the sums—

(a) falling to be paid out of or into the National Loans Fund or the Consolidated Fund;

(b) falling to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament;

being an increase attributable to the provisions of the said Act of the present Session increasing to £3,250 million the limit imposed by the said section 43 of the amounts outstanding in respect of borrowing by the development corporations and the Commission.—(Mr. Secretary Shore.)

Control of Office Development Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Control of Office Development Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 12, to leave out the word “fourteen” and insert the word “seventeen”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Guy Barnett.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Peter Snape: 119.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Carol Mather: 94.

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

Mr. Secretary Shore, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, so far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Mr. Secretary Shore, 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, That the Bill be now read the third time; 

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Alf Bates: 119.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 93.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Financial Assistance to Industry (Offshore Supplies Interest Relief Grants Scheme),—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 and section 1 of the Industry (Amendment) Act 1976, as grants in respect of interest on money borrowed for obtaining in the United Kingdom goods and services for each of the projects specified in column 1 of the Table below carried on by persons specified in respect thereof in column 2 of the Table sums which, together with the sums already paid or undertaken to be paid by way of such financial assistance, exceed the sum of £5 million but do not exceed the sum specified in respect of the project in column 3 of the Table.


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

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

[Adjourned at 10.15 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 15th June 1977

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 1976 [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 1976 [by Command].
- Roumania.—Accounts of the Administrator of Roumanian Property in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, for the two years ended 31st March 1976 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
- Charities.—Copy of the Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales for 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 389].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
- Ancient Monuments.—Copy of the Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland for 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 409].
- Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 31st May 1977, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Shorthand Writers’ Fees) 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 969) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
- Social Security.—Drafts of—
  (1) an Order, entitled the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1977,
  (2) Regulations, entitled the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment Regulations 1977, and
  (3) Regulations, entitled the Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
- Transport.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Waterways Board for 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. Anthony Fell, Mr. Ted Fletcher, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. James White (nominated in respect of the Abortion (Amendment) Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Dr. Jeremy Bray.

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Patents Bill [Lords], viz.: Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mr. Michael English, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Mr. A. G. F. Hall-Davis, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. John Nott, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Richard Wainwright, and Mr. Alec Woodall.
Standing Committee G.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of the Post Office Bill, viz.: Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. Les Huckfield, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. Richard Page, Mr. George Park, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, and Sir George Young.

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 Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Alf Bate, Mr. Harold Boardman, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Ivor Cleminson, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Mr. Martin Flannery, Sir Michael Havers, Sir Donald Kaberry, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. John Ryman, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, and Mr. David Weitzman.

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 Local Authority Works (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Sir Frederic Bennett, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Sir William Elliott, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Sir John Rodgers, and Sir Anthony Royle.

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Eleven Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Proposal for a draft Criminal Damage (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Norman Mischapell, Mr. Airey Neave, and Mr. Ian Thorne.

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 Medical Qualifications (EEC Recognition) Order 1977, viz.: Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mr. Robert Boscauwen, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. Secretary Ennals, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Marcus Lipton, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. George Thompson, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, and Mr. Dennis Walters.

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 Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1977, viz.: Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Norman Buchanan, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Neil Cormichael, Mr. Walter Clegg, Sir John Gilmore, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. John Mackintosh, Mr. Patrick Wall, and Mr. Hamish Watt.

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 Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. James Dempsey, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Frank McElhone, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. William Small, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Andrew Welsh, and Mr. Alexander Wilson.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 15th June 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B, the Farriers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee C, the Patents Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D, the Post Office Bill to Standing Committee G (transferred from Standing Committee B), the Medical Qualifications (EEC Recognition) Order 1977 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1977 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Order 1977 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 an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords];

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

University of London Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University of London Bill [Lords];

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

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

Expenditure,—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. 424].

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 15th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 390-iii].

Procedure (Sessional Committee),—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Sessional Committee on Procedure, That they had considered the matter of the operation of Standing Order No. 9, referred to them on 12th January, 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. 422].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 422].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords],—Mr. Peter Doig reported from Standing Committee F, That they had gone through the Passenger Vehicle (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the requirements of Part III of the Road Traffic Act 1969 and other requirements applying to or in connection with public service vehicles to be modified in relation to areas designated as experimental areas by the Secretary of State.

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. 423].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the administration as a charitable trust of the Number 1 Trust held by The Fidelity Trust Limited as trustees; to revise the objects of the trust and provide for the appointment of new trustees; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Fidelity Trust Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision for the local government, health and improvement of the Royal borough of Kensington and Chelsea; and for other purposes to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Kensington and Chelsea Corporation Bill [Lords].

Fidelity Trust Bill [Lords].—The Fidelity Trust Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
Kensington and Chelsea Corporation Bill [Lords].—The Kensington and Chelsea Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Scotland and Wales Bill.—The Order for the House to resolve itself again into a Committee on the Scotland and Wales Bill was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) (No. 3) Scheme 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft International Development Association (Fifth Replenishment) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft International Development Association (Fifth Replenishment: Interim Payments) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Supply [22nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

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

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

Taxation Systems for Commercial Vehicles.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of EEC draft Directive R/1435/68 on Adjustment of National Taxation Systems for commercial road vehicles, and of the revised explanatory memorandum submitted by the Secretary of State for Transport on 19th May 1977, which includes a text of the draft Directive currently under discussion—(Mr. John Horam):—Debate arising:

Mr. Norman Fowler moved, That the Debate be now adjourned, but Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28 (Dilatory motion in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC draft Directive R/1435/8 on Adjustment of National Taxation Systems for commercial road vehicles, and of the revised explanatory memorandum submitted by the Secretary of State for Transport on 19th May 1977, which includes a text of the draft Directive currently under discussion.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.49 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 16th June 1977

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—

1. 7th, 12th, 14th, 18th, 20th and 21st April 1977, and
2. 26th and 27th April 1977

relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act] to be printed [Nos. 420 and 421].

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Mr. Secretary Owen:

Food (Miscellaneous No. 10, 1977),—Copy of a Resolution, approved by the International Sugar Council on 18th June 1976, further to extend the International Sugar Agreement 1973 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 47, 1977),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Maputo on 17th August 1976, concerning an interest-free loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the People's Republic of Mozambique (United Kingdom/Mozambique Programme Loan 1976) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Social Security,—Copy of a Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee on the Social Security (Categorisation of Earners) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1015), preceded by a Statement made by the Secretary of State for Social Services [by Act]; to be printed [No. 418].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Merchant Shipping Acts (Dispensing Powers),—Report by the Department of Trade of exemptions granted under section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906, during 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:


Mr. Michael Foot:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 8th June 1977, entitled the Collision Regulations and Distress Signals Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 982) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Plant Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th June 1977, entitled the Beet Cyst Nematode Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 988) [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. Dudley Smith (nominated in respect of the Patents Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Anthony Grant.

Standing Committee F,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill [Lords] to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee B).

Standing Committee G,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee G Mr. Colin Shepherd (nominated in respect of the Post Office Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 16th June 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee F (transferred from Standing Committee B).

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Abortion (Amendment) Bill; Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill [Lords]; Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Post Office Bill; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords]; Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Local Authority Works (Scotland) Bill; Mr. J. D. Spence Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Medical Qualifications
(EEC Recognition) Order 1977; Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1977; Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Order 1977; and Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Proposal for a draft Criminal Damage (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977.

[No. 120.]

Friday, 17th June, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Saffron Walden 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 Saffron Walden, in the room of Sir Peter Kirk, deceased.——(Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 941) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 942) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 961) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Poverty Trap.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House deplores the disastrous impact of this Government's policies on the poor, and the widening of the poverty trap by the fall in the real value of tax thresholds relative to welfare benefits; and calls on the Government to redress the position by raising tax thresholds, improving child support and taking other measures necessary to restore the incentive to work—(Mr. Ralph Howell):—It was negatived.

Journalists' Dispute in the East Midlands.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns any attempt by the National Union of Journalists to apply the closed shop principles to journalism—(Mr. John Farr):—Debate arising;

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

Diplomatic Cars Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Diplomatic Cars Bill:

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

Fishery Limits (Emergency Provisions) Bill.—The Fishery Limits (Emergency 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).

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 3rd December 1975 in the last Session of Parliament, relating to Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee), be amended as follows:—

After paragraph 1(a)(i) insert “ but excluding any Order in Council or draft Order in Council made or proposed to be made under paragraph 1 of Schedule I to the Northern Ireland Act 1974 ”.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Restrictive Trade Practices Bill.—Ordered, That in respect of the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill, notices of Amendments, new Clauses and 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. Ted Graham.)

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 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 half-past Four o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 17th June 1977

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Hovercraft.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1977 [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 Petitions [12th April—14th June] from Eastleigh, Paddington, St. Albans, Northern Ireland, North Cornwall, Richmond-upon-Thames, East Hertfordshire, North East Kent, Gosport, Uxbridge, Hove, South Portsmouth, Tunbridge Wells, Brent, Hatfield, the Isle of Wight, North West Norfolk, Southampton (Test) and elsewhere for improved provision to assist the mobility of disabled persons [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

[No. 121.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Social Security,—The Order made on 15th June, That the draft Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1977 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

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 14th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 410-ii].

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 20th June.

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

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. Donald Coleman):—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 this House do now adjourn;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 271.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the New Towns Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman)
New Towns Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the New Towns Bill.

(In the Committee)

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donald Coleman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham: 146.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Sir George Young: 118.
So the Question was agreed to.

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

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Money Bill within the meaning of the Mr. Speaker's Certificate.

Income Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that on the ratification by the Government of the United States of America of the Protocol set out in the Schedule to the Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of America) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 16th May, an Order may be made in the form of that draft—(Mr. Denzil Davies);
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 21st June, 1977:

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that on the ratification by the Government of the United States of America of the Protocol set out in the Schedule to the Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of America) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 16th May, an Order may be made in the form of that draft.

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. Frank R. White):—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-four minutes to One o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.36 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 20th June 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Police.—Copies of Regulations, dated 11th June 1977, entitled—
(1) the Police (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1006), and
(2) the Police Cadets (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1005)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of the Local Financial Returns for Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1975 [by Act].

Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th June 1977, entitled the Police (Scotland) Amendment Regulations (S.I., 1977, No. 1016) [by Act].

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Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Weights and Measures,—Copies of Orders, dated 24th May 1977, entitled—
(1) the Weights and Measures (Dried Fruits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 146), and

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Port of London,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Port of London Authority for 1976 [by Act].

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

MEMORANDUM

Monday 20th June 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Fishery Limits (Emergency Provisions) Bill to Standing Committee C.

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 E in respect of the Criminal Law Bill [Lords].

[No. 122.]

Tuesday, 21st June, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Arrest of a Member,—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received a letter from the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, which he read to the House, as follows:

New Scotland Yard
Broadway, London, SWIH 0BG
21st June 1977

Dear Mr. Speaker,

Mrs. Audrey Wise, MP,
99 Wolverhampton Road, Stafford

I have to inform you that the above-named Member of Parliament was this morning arrested by police and has been charged at Wembley Police Station as follows:

"On Tuesday 21st June 1977, at Chapter Road, N.W.2, wilfully obstructing David Voller, a Constable of the Metropolitan Police, in the execution of his duty. Contrary to section 51(b) Police Act 1964."

Mrs. Wise was released on bail at 10.50 a.m. in her own recognizance of fifty pounds to appear at Willesden Magistrates' Court on 1st July 1977.

Yours faithfully,

David McNee,
Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis
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.:

Kensington and Chelsea Bill [Lords].
Fidelity Trust Bill [Lords].

Bills to be read a second time.

Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords] be read the third time upon Thursday.

Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords].—The Heritable Securities and Mortgage Investment Association, Limited Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Neath Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Neath Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—Ordered, That the Greater London Council (Money) Bill be read the third time upon Thursday.

British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday.

North West Water Authority Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the North West Water Authority Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Thursday.

International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords];

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

University of London Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University of London Bill [Lords];

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

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. Daniel Awdry reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Employment Protection Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereto, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 443].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 443].

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. Richard Body reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereto, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 445].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 445].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Arthur Latham reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further 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 21st June and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xxxi].
Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xxxiiii].

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-xxvi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xxvi].

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-sixth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xxvi].

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 22nd June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-xxi].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 21st June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 437 -i].

Overseas Development,—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 22nd June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 179 -xv].

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 Japan Sub-Committee on 22nd June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105 -iii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix I).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Arthur Latham 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. 32-xxii].

Violence in the Family,—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, That they had made further 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 (Second Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 431].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 431].

Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill,—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) 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. 429].

Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill [Lords],—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from Standing Committee F, That they had gone through the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) 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. 426].

Post Office Bill,—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from Standing Committee G, That they had gone through the Post Office Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 139].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 430].
Local Authority Works (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Local Authority Works (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. 436].

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords].—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Administration of Justice 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 Administration of Justice 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. 439].

Northern Ireland Committee.—Mr. Michael English reported from the Northern Ireland Committee, That they had considered the matter of the Proposal for a draft Criminal Damage (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, referred to them on 27th May, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 444].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Medical Qualifications (EEC Recognition) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 827), referred to a Committee on 27th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 446].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 781), referred to a Committee on 14th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 440].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 14th June.

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 Amendments made by the Commons to the Neath Borough Council Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them with the Order of 17th June relating to Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).

Northern Ireland Committee.—Ordered, That the matter of the Northern Ireland Gas Industry, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee.—(Mr. Michael Foot)

Inward Investment Board.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for an Inward Investment Board—(Mr. Doug Hoyle);

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. Ron Thomas, Mr. Stan Thorne: 161.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. John MacGregor: 176.

So the Question was negatived.

Price Commission Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Price Commission Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee,

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, after the word "corporate", to insert the words "up to 31st July 1978, except that Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, which shall not be made unless a draft of the Order has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament, continue the Price Commission
in being as a body corporate for a period which begins with the date on which the
Commission would otherwise cease, and ends not later than 31st July 1980 and is not
longer than one year."—(Mrs. Sally Oppenheim.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather: 238.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Frank R. White: 258.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, to leave out lines 12
to 20 and insert the words—

"(2) The members of the Price Commission shall continue to be appointed as defined
by section 1(2) of the Counter-Inflation Act, with the addition of a representative
appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland", instead thereof.—(Mrs. Margaret
Bain.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Andrew Welsh: 231.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 254.

And it being Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill 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. James Tinn);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper: 265.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Government Business may be proceeded with at this day's sitting,
though opposed, until any hour.

Price Commission Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Price Commission Bill,
as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 27, to leave out the
words "the Commission consider them" and insert the words "they are", instead thereof.—(Mr. Giles Shaw)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. John Stradling Thomas: 244.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 266.

An Amendment (No. 82) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 30, after the word
"recover", to insert the word "all".—(Mr. Cecil Parkinson)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Carol Mather: 230.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 273.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 3, after the word
"expansion", to insert the words "in the United Kingdom".—(Mr. Robert Maclennan)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham: 257.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Sir George Young: 222.

Another Amendment (No. 9) made to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That further consideration of the Bill be now
adjourned.—(Mrs. Sally Oppenheim)
Mr. Gordon Wilson rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Joseph Harper : 251.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Peter Morrison : 219.

So the Question was agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Michael Roberts : 221.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Joe Ashton : 249.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 21, at the end, to insert the words “(i) the need to safeguard employment opportunities particularly in development areas.”—(Mrs. Margaret Bain.)

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

Mrs. Margaret Bain rose in her 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.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Joseph Harper : 240.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton : 217.

So the Question was agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Gordon Wilson : 225.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Joseph Harper : 238.

Another Amendment (No. 11) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 38, at the end, to insert the words—

“(e) the function of carrying out, and of preparing a report in consequence of an investigation into the wholesale and retail trades of the reasons for the imbalance of pricing in the various parts of the United Kingdom and in pursuance of such a report of issuing guidelines and recommendations for the eradication of such an imbalance.”—(Mrs. Margaret Bain.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Gordon Wilson : 14.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Joseph Harper : 238.

Another Amendment (No. 13) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 84) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 18, after the word “Act”, to insert the words “ and after consulting with the person by whom the notice was so given and with any Government department appearing to the Commission to have a general duty of supervision over the industry concerned ”.—(Mr. Cecil Parkinson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton : 48.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Thomas Cox : 236.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 20, at the end, to insert the words “ stating their reasons, and indicating to which matters listed in section 2(2) of this Act they have in particular had regard in forming their opinion ”.—(Mr. Kenneth Baker.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Sir George Young: 212.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. James Hamilton: 242.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(Mrs. Sally Oppenheim):—Debate arising;

Mr. Cyril Smith 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. Max Madden 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.

Question put, That the Question be now put.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. A. W. Stalard: 245.
Tellers for the Noes, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Carol Mather: 194.

So the Question was agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Jim Lester: 197.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Joe Ashton: 251.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 36, after the word "increase", to insert the words "in excess of cost increases incurred since the previous price increase".—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Notice having been taken that Strangers were present, Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 115 (Withdrawal of Strangers from House), put forthwith the Question, That Strangers do withdraw:—It was negatived.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 64) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

"Any such notice as may be given by the Secretary of State pursuant to this subsection shall be laid before the House of Commons in the form of a Statutory Instrument, and shall be subject to annulment by a resolution of that House".—(Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 7, to leave out the words "may if they think fit" and insert the word "shall", instead thereof.—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 194.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Frank R. White: 240.

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 20, to leave out from the word "that" to the word "or" in line 21 and insert the words "the whole or part of the increase ought not to be restricted by virtue of subsection (2)(b) of this section", instead thereof.—(Mr. John Fraser.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Alf Bates: 247.
Tellers for the Noes, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Michael Roberts: 212.

Other Amendments (Nos. 22 and 23) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 7, to leave out from the word "may" to the word "notify" in line 13.—(Mr. John Fraser.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Joe Ashton: 246.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Sir George Young: 221.

Other Amendments (Nos. 26 to 33) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—

"(7) No investigation of a margin of a distributor of goods may be carried out by the Commission under this section, except in cases where the margin in question exceeds the relevant margin reference level or levels of the distributor of goods as determined under the provisions of a code which is in operation at the time of the investigation and has been prepared or altered under the provisions of section 2 of the Counter-Inflation Act 1973."—(Mr. Michael Shersby.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Mr. Peter Morrison: 239.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ted Graham: 253.

Another Amendment (No. 75) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

"(d) to include in their report an indication as to which of the matters listed in section 2(2) of this Act they have in particular had regard in preparing that report."—(Mrs. Sally Oppenheim.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Mr. Jim Lester: 237.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ted Graham: 252.

Another Amendment (No. 35) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

"(1A) Where the relevant person notifies the Commission in writing that any statements of fact contained in the report are erroneous in a material particular or that relevant and material matters of fact have been omitted therefrom and the Commission in including any such statement or excluding such matter relied on information received from any person other than the relevant person or any servant of the Commission the Commission shall (unless a public inquiry preceded the report and the informant gave evidence therein) within seven days of receipt of the notification inform the relevant person to that effect in writing, identifying their informant and setting out the tenor of the information given by him, and shall send a copy of the relevant person's notification and of the information sent to him in reply to the Secretary of State":—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Sir George Young: 235.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Cox: 255.

Other Amendments (Nos. 83, 39 and 40) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 41) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 24, to leave out subsection (8) and insert the words—

"(8) If during a period when section 4(2)(b) of this Act applies to the whole or part of an increase of a price or a period when, apart from section 9 of this Act, an increase of a price is restricted by virtue of subsection (1) or precluded by virtue of subsection (5)(a)(ii) of this section, notice of an increase in the price is given in pursuance of an order under section 5 of the 1973 Act, the notice shall be deemed not to be given when it is actually given and shall be deemed to be given—

(a) on the first day on which no such period is current in relation to the price; or

(b) on an earlier day specified by the Secretary of State if, on the application of the Commission or the relevant person and after consulting whichever of them is not the applicant, he specifies such a day in respect of the notice":—(Mr. Robert Maclean.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.
Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—

"(9) Notwithstanding anything in the preceding provisions of this Act, if a person has given an undertaking under this section and it has been accepted or if an order made under subsection (5) of this section applies to a person and that person represents to the Commission that the circumstances have changed since the date of the undertaking or order so that a restriction of a price or margin is no longer appropriate the Commission shall forthwith investigate the representation and if the Commission think that it is justified the Commission shall not later than 28 days after receipt of the representation make recommendations to the Secretary of State in accordance with their findings; and if within 14 days after receiving such recommendations the Secretary of State does not release the undertaking or vary or revoke the order accordingly he shall lay before each House of Parliament a memorial giving his reasons therefor."—(Mr. Cecil Parkinson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 44) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 6, to leave out from the word "regulations" to the end of line 21 and insert the words—

"(2) The regulations in this section have effect—
(a) for the purposes of section 4(5) of this Act and that paragraph as applied by section 5(4) of this Act; and
(b) for the purposes of defining levels of profit which persons are not to be prevented from earning by virtue of any provision of section 7 of this Act.

(3) The regulations for the purposes of the preceding subsection relate to the following levels of profit—
(a) in the case of an enterprise either an amount of net profit equivalent to 90 per cent. of the net profit margin being earned at the base date or an amount of net profit equivalent to either 10 per cent. on capital or an amount of net profit equivalent to 2 per cent. on turnover, whichever is the greater; or
(b) in the case of a product, either 80 per cent. of the net profit margin being earned at the base date or an amount of net profit equivalent to 21 per cent. on costs, whichever is the greater", instead thereof.-(Mrs. Sally Oppenheim.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Sir George Young: 233.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 252.

Other Amendments (Nos. 45, 48 and 49) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 79) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 21, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that a draft of any such grant, stating the amount and terms proposed, shall be laid before and approved by resolution of the House of Commons".—(Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 80) proposed to the Bill, in page 23, line 39, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) On a date no earlier than 31st July 1978, the Secretary of State may by order provide for the amalgamation of the Price Commission with the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, but no order shall be made in pursuance of this subsection unless a draft of the order has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament".—(Mr. Richard Wainwright.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 50, 51, 53, 56 to 62 and 81) 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. Ted Graham, Mr. James Hamilton: 254.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Nigel Lawson: 224.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Restrictive Trade Practices Bill.—The Restrictive Trade Practices Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 9.33 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 21st June 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Fleet Air Arm Museum,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 14th June 1977, concerning the conditional gift of land and buildings to the Trustees of the Fleet Air Arm Museum [by Command].

Civil Aviation,—Statements of Guarantee, given by the Treasury on 27th April 1977, on loans proposed to be raised by the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 432 and 433].

Income Tax,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Profits) (Ethiopia) Order 1977,
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Zaire) Order 1977,
(3) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Kenya) Order 1977,
(4) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands) Order 1977, and
(5) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Poland) Order 1977 [by Act].

Taxes,—Accounts of the appointment of—
(1) Robert Audley Furtado, Esquire, CB, and
(2) Miss Ethel Wix
as Commissioners with salaries for the special purposes of the Income Tax Acts [by Act].

Water,—Statements of Guarantee, given by the Treasury on—
(1) 4th May 1977, on loans raised by the Northumbrian Water Authority, and
(2) 3rd June 1977, on loans raised by the National Water Council
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 434 and 435].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Fire Services,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Fire Services for Scotland for 1976 [by Command].

National Museums and Galleries,—Copy of a Statement on indemnities for borrowed objects (Royal Scottish Museum) [by Command].

Hospital Endowments,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Scottish Hospital Endowments Research Trust for the year ended 31st July 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 403].

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the South of Scotland Electricity Board for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security,—Report of the Occupational Pensions Board on occupational pension scheme cover for disabled people [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Rules, dated 15th June 1977, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Signals of Distress) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1010) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Dartmoor,—Statement on the non-statutory inquiry by the Baroness Sharp into the continued use of Dartmoor for military training [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Criminal Injuries (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Offshore Installations,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th June 1977, entitled the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1035) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

White Fish Authority,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the White Fish Authority for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Farriers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mr. John Cope, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Gerry Fowler, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. David James, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mr. Raphael Tuck, and Mr. William Whitlock.

Standing Committee G,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords] to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee D).

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 West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Michael Brotherton, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Tom McMillan, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. William Small, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Patrick Wall, Mr. Kenneth Warren, and Mr. James White.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Richard Luce (nominated in respect of the Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1977) ; and had appointed in substitution 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 Misuse of
Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1977 and the draft Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) (No. 3) Scheme 1977, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mr. Alan Clarke, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. John Garrett, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. Timothy Smith, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, and Mr. Alexander Wilson.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Development Association (Fifth Replenishment) Order 1977 and the draft International Development Association (Fifth Replenishment: Interim Payments) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Atkinson, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Christopher Brooklebank-Fowler, Mr. John Cockerott, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Colin Jackson, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. John Mendelson, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Stan Newens, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, Mr. John Tomlinson, Mr. Terry Walker, Mr. Dennis Walters, and Mr. Alan Lee Williams.

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 2) Order 1977, and the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Michael Brotherton, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Patrick Wall, Mr. Kenneth Warren, and Mr. Hamish Watt.

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twelve Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Northern Ireland Gas Industry, viz.: Mr. John Higgins-Davison, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Airey Neave, and Mr. Stan Thorne.

MEMORANDA
Tuesday 21st June 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee G (transferred from Standing Committee D); the Farriers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B (transferred from Standing Committee C); the West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Misuse of Drugs 1971 (Modification) Order 1977 and the draft Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) (No. 3) Scheme 1977 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft International Development Association (Fifth Replenishment) Order 1977 and the draft International Development Association (Fifth Replenishment: Interim Payments) Order 1977 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 2) Order 1977 and the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) Order 1977 to the Seventh 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 D in respect of the Patents Bill [Lords].

[No. 123.]

Thursday, 23rd June, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next at Seven o'clock.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Greater London Council (Money) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next at Seven o'clock.
British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Wednesday next at Seven o'clock.

North West Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the North West Water Authority Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next at Seven o'clock.

International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next at Seven o'clock.

University of London Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University of London Bill [Lords];

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

British Linen Bank 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 the British Linen Bank: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Wednesday 29th June and to be printed [Bill 137].

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

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 22nd June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 390-iv].

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. 449].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 449].

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. 450].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 450].

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 23rd June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 201-vii].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to restrict in Scotland the import, keeping or release of live fish or shellfish or the live eggs or milt of fish or shellfish of certain species; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Import of Live Fish (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Mason, supported by Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. James A. Dunn, and Mr. Ray Carter, presented a Bill to increase the maximum term of imprisonment which may be imposed on conviction on indictment of an offence under section 19 or 20 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1973 or section 15 of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Act 1975: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 140].
National Land Fund (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. Patrick Cormack, supported by Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, Mr. Stan Newens, Sir David Renton, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. Geoffrey Rippon, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mr. Jasper More, Mrs. Lena Jeger, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, and Mr. W. Benyon, presented a Bill to provide for the appointment of Trustees to administer the National Land Fund established by section 48(1) of the Finance Act 1946 and to extend the purposes for which the fund may be used: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July and to be printed [Bill 141].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 921) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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 put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Peter Snape);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Carol Mather : 236.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper : 250.

So the Question was negatived.

Monetary Compensation Amounts,—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/1125/77 and R/1149/77 and while welcoming the opportunity which the proposal in R/1125/77 would offer for reducing monetary compensation amounts for pigmeat, considers that the scope and criteria for its application in other sectors ought to be more clearly specified.—(Mr. Gavin Strang.)

Local Authority Works (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authority Works (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. James Hamilton)—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Canterbury and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons 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 Hamilton)—Debate arising ;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Friday morning ;

Friday, 24th June, 1977:

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 fifteen minutes past Twelve o’clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.15 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 23rd June 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr. Robert Sheldon :

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd June 1977, entitled the Import Duties (Turkey) (Reductions and Exemptions) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1046) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen :

Private International Law (Miscellaneous No. 11, 1977),—Copy of the Final Act, signed at The Hague on 23rd October 1976, of the Thirteenth Session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law including Draft Conventions and Decisions [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Millan:

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 Orkney Islands Council (Draft) 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 1977; are of the opinion that the provisions of Clause 5 of the Order raise questions of public policy of such novelty and importance that they should be dealt with by Private Bill and not by Provisional Order; and are further of the opinion that the remaining provisions of the Order should be allowed to proceed, subject to such Recommendations as they may hereafter make thereon [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Medicines.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th June 1977, entitled—
(1) the Medicines (Manufacturers' Undertakings for Imported Products) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1038), and
(2) the Medicines (Standard Provisions for Licences and Certificates) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1039)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Town and Country Planning.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Location of Offices Bureau (Amendment) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Road Traffic and Vehicles.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th June 1977, entitled the Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 163) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd June 1977, entitled the Silverhill Mine (No. 1 Downcast Shaft) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1045) [by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:

Overseas Aid.—Draft of an Order, entitled the International Fund for Agricultural Development (Initial Contribution) Order 1977 [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 1976-77 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 413].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 23rd June 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Farriers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill [Lords]; Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords]; Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1977 and the draft Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) (No. 3) Scheme 1977; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Development Association (Fifth Replenishment) Order 1977 and the draft International Development Association (Fifth Replenishment: Interim Payments) Order 1977; and Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 2) Order 1977 and the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) Order 1977.
The House met at Eleven o'clock.

Mr. Speaker's Absence.—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence from this day's sitting of Mr. Speaker, in attendance on Her Majesty at Cardiff on the occasion of Her Majesty's Jubilee visit to that City.

Whereupon Mr. Oscar Murton, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Watford and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 21st June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 410-iii].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Finance Bill.—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Finance Bill (except Clauses 4, 15, 21 and new Clauses first appearing on the Order Paper not later than 3rd May and relating to value added tax, subcontractors in the construction industry, benefits from employment (motor cars), and capital gains tax), and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday next; and to be printed [Bill 143].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 451].

European Assembly Elections Bill.—Mr. Secretary Rees, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Secretary Owen, Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, and Mr. Brynmor John, presented a Bill to make provision for and in connection with the election of representatives to the Assembly of the European Communities: And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed [Bill 142].

Coal Industry Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Coal Industry Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 12, after the word " Board ", to insert " (a) ".—(Mr. Hamish Gray.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Peter Morrison; 45.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper; 90.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 28, at the end, to insert the words " and open-cast workings of coal ".—(Mr. Gwynfor Evans.)

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

An Amendment (No. 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 25, at the end, to insert the words " and that the revenues of the Board from those activities shall not be less than sufficient for meeting all their outgoings properly chargeable to revenue account in connection with those activities on an average of good and bad years ".—(Mr. Hamish Gray.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Lester, Sir George Young: 43.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joe Ashton: 90.

Another Amendment (No. 5) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 12, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that the power to work and get minerals under this subsection shall not be exercised by means of opencast operations otherwise than in association with working and getting coal".—(Mr. John Hannam.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 44, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) The Secretary of State's authority to give consents under subsection (4) above shall be exercisable by statutory instrument which shall be laid before Parliament after being made".—(Mr. Peter Rost.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Lester, Sir George Young: 44.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. David Stoddart: 93.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 16, to leave out the word "subsection" and insert the word "subsections", instead thereof.—(Mr. Gwynfor Evans.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Illegal Immigration and Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/2655/76 on illegal immigration and employment.—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill)

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, at the end, to add the words "but since implementation of its proposals would mean major changes in the present systems and create new offences for employers, calls on Her Majesty's Government to re-submit this Regulation to the House prior to any decision being made in the Council of Ministers".—(Mr. Christopher Price.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:—The Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/2655/76 on illegal immigration and employment.

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 Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th May, be approved.—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice 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).

Administration of Justice [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Administration of Justice [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to the administration of justice and matters connected therewith, to alter the method of protecting mortgages of registered land and to amend the law relating to oaths and affirmations and to the interest of a surviving spouse in an intestate's estate, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of all expenses incurred by any Minister of the Crown in consequence of the provisions of the said Act.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)
Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That in respect of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, notices of Amendments, new Clauses and 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. Ted Graham.)

House of Commons (Services),—Ordered, That any Sub-committee on Computers that may be appointed by the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) shall have power to join with any Sub-committee thereon that may be appointed by the Select Committee of the House of Lords on House of Lords Offices.

Ordered, That any such Sub-committee shall have power to appoint persons with technical knowledge either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity relating to the matter referred to them.

Ordered, That any such Sub-committee shall have power to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom.

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

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 24th June 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Value Added Tax,—Copy of Rules, dated 16th June 1977, entitled the Value Added Tax Tribunals (Amendment) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1017) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Medicines,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 17th June 1977, entitled the Medicines (Medicines Act 1968 Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1050),
(2) 21st June 1977, entitled the Medicines (Applications for Manufacturer's and Wholesale Dealer's Licences) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1052),
(3) 21st June 1977, entitled the Medicines (Applications for Product Licences and Clinical Trial and Animal Test Certificates) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1051),
(4) 21st June 1977, entitled the Medicines (Exemption from Licences) (Wholesale Dealing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1054),
(6) 21st June 1977, entitled the Medicines (Standard Provisions for Licences and Certificates) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1053), and
(7) 24th June 1977, entitled the Medicines (Fees) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1056)
[by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th June 1977, entitled the Agricultural Levies (Export Control) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1021) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee G,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee G, Mr. Solicitor General (nominated in respect of the Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Arthur Davidson.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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 27th June.

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

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

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.: That their Order of 2nd December last relating to the appointment of the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments be amended as follows:

After paragraph 1(d) insert "but excluding any Order in Council or draft Order in Council made or proposed to be made under paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974".

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).
Class III, Vote 10, Forestry.
Class IV, Vote 16, Trade, Industry and Employment (Scottish Economic Planning Department).
Class VI, Vote 3, Roads and Transport (Scottish Development Department).
Class VII, Vote 2, Housing (Scottish Development Department).
Class X, Vote 2, Education and Libraries (Scottish Education Department).
Class XIII, Vote 22, Other Services: Scottish Office.
Class XVII, Vote 3, Rate Support Grants to Local Revenues, Scotland.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Post Office Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Post Office Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 2) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 15, at the end, to insert the words "but before such an order is laid, the Secretary of State shall make available to Parliament a White Paper detailing the results of the experiment".—(Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Social Security.—Resolved, That the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 15th June, be approved.—(Mr. Stan Orme.)

Social Security.—Resolved, That the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment Regulations 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 15th June, be approved.—(Mr. Stan Orme.)

Social Security.—Resolved, That the Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 20th June, be approved.—(Mr. Stan Orme.)

Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. James Hamilton: 147.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 119.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Industrial Development,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 16th June, be approved—(Mr. Alan Williams);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham: 117.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 94.
So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That the Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 16th June, be approved.

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 nineteen minutes to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.41 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 27th June 1977
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd June 1977, entitled the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1058) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Social Security,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 24th June 1977, entitled the Workmen's Compensation Supplementation and Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Further Amendment) Scheme 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1063) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Land Registration,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st June 1977, entitled the Land Registry (Fees) No. 2 Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 155) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Gas,—Copies of the Reports for the year ended 31st March 1977 of—
(1) the Eastern Gas Consumers' Council,
(2) the East Midlands Gas Consumers' Council,
(3) the National Gas Consumers' Council,
(4) the North Eastern Gas Consumers' Council,
(5) the Northern Gas Consumers' Council,
(6) the North Thames Gas Consumers' Council,
(7) the North Western Gas Consumers' Council,
(8) the Scottish Gas Consumers' Council.
(9) the South Eastern Gas Consumers’ Council,
(10) the Southern Gas Consumers’ Council,
(11) the South Western Gas Consumers’ Council,
(12) the Wales Gas Consumers’ Council, and
(13) the West Midlands Gas Consumers’ Council
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport,—Copy of Government proposals on transport policy [by Command].

MEMORANDA
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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Local Authority Works (Scotland) Bill to the First Scottish Standing Committee.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Stephen McAdden an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Abortion (Amendment) Bill.

[No. 126.]

Tuesday, 28th June, 1977.

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

PRAYERS

West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

Fidelity Trust Bill [Lords],—The Fidelity Trust Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Kensington and Chelsea Corporation Bill [Lords],—The Kensington and Chelsea Corporation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

University of London Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University of London Bill [Lords];

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

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

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 28th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 437-ii].

Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords],—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from Standing Committee G, That they had gone through the Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords], 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. 458].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1977 and the draft Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefits (Amendment) (No. 3) Scheme 1977, referred to a Committee on 16th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 456].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Restrictive Trade Practices Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Control of Food Premises (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to prescribe a time limit for the construction of certain roads; and for purposes incidental thereto; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Construction of Roads (Time Limit) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to regulate the transfer of Lordships of certain Manors; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Sale of Lordships of Manors Bill [Lords].

Control of Food Premises (Scotland) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Control of Food Premises (Scotland) Bill to be considered upon Friday 15th July; and to be printed [Bill 146].

AID Children (Legal Status),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide legal status for children born as a result of artificial insemination by donor; and for connected purposes: And that Miss Joan Lestor, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. Robert Hughes, and Mr. Norman Buchan, do prepare and bring it in.

AID Children (Legal Status) Bill,—Miss Joan Lestor accordingly presented a Bill to provide legal status for children born as a result of artificial insemination by donor; 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 144].

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. Frank R. White.)

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

Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 28th June 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th June 1977, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 5) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1077) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:


Treaty Series (No. 51, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Geneva on 15th November 1974, for joint financing of North Atlantic ocean stations [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Housing (Scotland),—Copy of a Government Review of housing policy in Scotland [by Command].

Electricity,—Draft of an Order, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) (No. 2) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise,—Copies of Orders, dated 27th June 1977, entitled—
(1) the Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1072),
and
(2) the Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1073)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Housing,—Copy of a Government Review of housing policy in England and Wales
[by Command].

Mr. John Silkin:

Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th June 1977, entitled the Home-Grown
Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1034) [by Act].

The Lord Advocate:

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Copy of Rules, dated 15th June 1977, entitled the
Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Arbitration Tribunal (Scottish Proceedings)
Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1020) [by Act].

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

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Copy of Rules, dated 15th June 1977, entitled the

Foreign Compensation,—Copy of the Accounts of the Egyptian and Egyptian Nationalised
Property Funds for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller
and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 457].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 28th June 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing
Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords] to Standing
Committee E, the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco) Order 1977 to the Second
Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Hovercraft (Application of
Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1977 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory
Instruments, &c.

[No. 127.]

Wednesday, 29th June, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

British Linen Bank Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for
consideration of the British Linen Bank Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered to-morrow.

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

Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill,—Sir Edward Brown reported from the Committee on
the Merseyside Passenger Transport 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.

European Legislation, &c,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European
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).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xxvii].

Overseas Development,—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 29th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 179-xvii].

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. 462].

Selection,—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Farrers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Farrers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 15th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 463].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft International Development Association (Fifth Replenishment) Order 1977 and the draft International Development Association (Fifth Replenishment: Interim Payments) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 16th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 407].

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 2) Order 1977 and the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 16th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 460].

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

The Lords communicate that in their Message yesterday they informed this House in error that they had passed the Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill, without Amendment.

Adjournment (Situation at Grunwick Limited),—Mr. Ronald Bell, Member for Beaconsfield, 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 situation at Grunwick Limited, with particular reference to the decision of the London District Council of the Union of Post Office Workers to ban all movement of mail to and from Grunwick Limited; 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.

Magistrates (Democratic Selection),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the democratic selection of magistrates; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Ivor Clemiston, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. George Rodgers, and Mr. Ken Weetch, do prepare and bring it in.

Magistrates (Democratic Selection) Bill,—Mr. Bruce Grocott accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the democratic selection of magistrates; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July and to be printed [Bill 147].

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 proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Tinn);

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 the third time, and passed.

Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords].—The Emu Wine Holdings Limited and Subsidiary Companies Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

British Railways Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 205 (Notice of Third Reading) be suspended and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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

International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords].—The International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

North West Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The North West Water Authority Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and 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:—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Incumbents (Vacation of Benefices) Measure.—Resolved, That the Incumbents (Vacation of Benefices) Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.—(Mr. Terry Walker.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Norwood and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.20 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 29th June 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Parliament,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th June 1977, entitled the Import Duties (General) (No. 4) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1087) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Police,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary for 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 414].

Mr. Secretary Millan:


Food and Drugs,—Copies of Regulations, dated 13th June 1977, entitled—

(1) the Condensed Milk and Dried Milk (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1027),
(2) the Erucic Acid in Food (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1028), and
(3) the Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1026) [by Act].

Highlands and Islands Development Board,—Copy of the Report of the Highlands and Islands Development Board for 1976 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise.—Copies of Orders, dated 28th June 1977, entitled—

(1) the Anti-Dumping (Provisional Charge to Duty) (Extension) (No. 4) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1080); and

(2) the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1082) [by Act].

Customs and Excise.—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1977, entitled the Commonwealth Preferences (Standstill Area) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1081) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Town and Country Planning.—Copy of an Order, dated 28th September 1976, entitled the Council of the City of Wakefield (Wheldon Road Castelford Recreation Ground) Appropriation 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. John Silkin:

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th June 1977, entitled the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1083) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Harold Boardman, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Iver Clemitson, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, and Mr. David Weitzman.

Scottish Grand Committee.—Mr. Adam Hunter 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, Mr. Daniel Awdry Mr. Kenneth Baker, Sir Frederic Bennett, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Sir John Rodgers, and Sir Anthony Royle.

First Scottish Standing Committee.—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Local Authority Works (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. James Hamilton, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Malcolm Rijkind, Mr. Harry Selby, and Mr. Teddy Taylor.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Adam Hunter 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 Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. G. A. T. Bagier, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. George Grant, Sir John Hall, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Michael Shaw, Mr. Michael Spicer, Mr. David Stoddart, and Mr. John Wakeham.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Adam Hunter 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 Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. David Ginsburg, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. Kenneth Warren, and Mr. Alec Woodall.
Thursday, 30th June, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

University of London Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University of London Bill [Lords];

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

British Linen Bank Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Linen Bank Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday next.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 465].

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. 466].

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 29th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 390-v].

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 30th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 201-viii].

Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill.—Miss Janet Fookes reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 148].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 464].

Criminal Law Bill [Lords].—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Criminal Law Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 151].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 467].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Transport (Financial Provisions) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Redundancy Rebates Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Redundancy Rebates Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Redundancy Rebates Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 149].

Construction of Roads (Time Limit) Bill [Lords].—The Construction of Roads (Time Limit) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July and to be printed [Bill 150].

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:

Incumbents (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1977.

Adjournment (Situation at Grunwick Limited).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Ronald Bell);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings pursuant to Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration); and the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Grenada (Gift of a Presiding Officer's Chair).—Ordered, That Mr. Anthony Berry and Mr. Dan Jones have leave of absence to present on behalf of this House a Presiding Officer's Chair to the Houses of Parliament of Grenada.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th May, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Mason):—Debate arising;

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman)

Northern Ireland.—The Question being again proposed, That the Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th May, be approved:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

Resolved, That the Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th May, be approved.

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th May, be approved. —(Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill.—The Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (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 Snape.)

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. Peter Snape 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.

Friday, 1st July, 1977:

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 14th June, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Fatal Accidents (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 24th May, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)
Dangerous Drugs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 25th May, be approved.—(Mr. Peter Snape):—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 Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) (No. 3) Scheme 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 23rd May, be approved—(Mr. Peter Snape):—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 International Development Association (Fifth Replenishment) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th June, be approved—(Mr. Peter Snape):—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 International Development Association (Fifth Replenishment: Interim Payments) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 13th June, be approved—(Mr. Peter Snape):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.14 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 30th June 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Customs and Excise,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 29th June 1977, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1092), and
(2) Regulations, dated 30th June 1977, entitled the Customs and Excise (Entry for Inward Processing) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1091)
[by Act].

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th June 1977, entitled the Import Duties (Certain Mediterranean Countries) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1093) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:


Treaty Series (No. 52, 1977),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Brasilia on 5th January 1977 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil, further amending the Air Transport Agreement of 31st October 1946 [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Housing (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the year ended 31st March 1976; with the Reports of the Local Government Auditor and of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Consumer Protection,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th June 1977, entitled the Petrol Prices (Display) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1057) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Agricultural Marketing,—Drafts of Amendments of the Hops Marketing Scheme 1932, as amended [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th June 1977, entitled the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1084) [by Act].
MEMORANDUM

Thursday 30th June 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Gas Industry in Northern Ireland; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977; and Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco) Order 1977.

[No. 129.]

Friday, 1st July, 1977.

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 Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 28th and 29th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 468-i and ii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Initial Contribution) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Criminal Injuries (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 21st June, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before this House on 11th May, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

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

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. Guy Barnett.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.17 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 1st July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Housing,—Statement of Guarantee, given by the Treasury on 23rd May 1977, on loans raised by the Housing Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 469].

New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee, given by the Treasury on 25th May 1977, on loans raised by the Stevenage Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 470].

Post Office,—Statement of Guarantee, given by the Treasury on 25th May 1977, on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 471].
Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th June 1977, entitled the Price Commission (Number of Members) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1078) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st June 1977, entitled the Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1043) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th June 1977, entitled the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1033) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th June 1977, entitled the West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1101) [by Act].

Seeds,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd June 1977, entitled the Seeds (Fees) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1049) [by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the Petition [18th May] from members of the Police Federation in England, Wales and Northern Ireland for immediate and tangible recognition of the unique role played by the police in society [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

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. Solicitor General (nominated in respect of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords]; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Arthur Davidson.

MEMORANDUM

Friday 1st July 1977

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 Estimates referred to the Committee and of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Local Authority Works (Scotland) Bill; and Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords].

[No. 130.]


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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker's Absence,—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That the University of Southampton proposed on Friday to do him the honour of conferring on him the Degree of Doctor of Laws, and he had therefore to ask the indulgence and leave of the House to absent himself to attend the University for that purpose.

The House signified its assent, for which Mr. Speaker returned his thanks.

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

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 London Transport Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

House of Lords Offices.—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.:

That the Sub-Committee on Computers appointed by the Select Committee on House of Lords Offices shall have power to join with any Sub-Committee thereon that may be appointed by the Select Committee of the House of Commons on House of Commons (Services);

That the Sub-Committee shall have leave to agree with the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman for any joint meeting;

That the Sub-Committee shall have power to appoint persons with technical knowledge either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity relating to the matter referred to them; and

That the Sub-Committee shall have power to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom.

Supply [26th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Salary of the Prime Minister.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the salary of the Prime Minister be reduced by half—(Mr. Donald Stewart);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. Douglas Crawford: 271.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. David Stoddart: 300.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, after the word "State", to insert the words "after consulting the relevant Traffic Commissioners"—(Mr. Peter Fry.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 2 and 4 to 9) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 15, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) Paragraph 13 below applies in relation to the grant of a special authorisation.”—(Mr. John Horam.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 11) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 32, to leave out from the word “give” to the word “passing” in line 34, and insert the words “the appropriate notice in one or more relevant newspapers; and where a local authority intend to revoke a special authorisation they shall also give the appropriate notice in writing to every district council, London borough council, parish council and, in Scotland or Wales, community council who will in the opinion of the local authority be affected by the revocation of the authorisation.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1) above “the appropriate notice” means—

(a) not less than 21 days notice of intention to consider a resolution or grant a special authorisation; and

(b) not less than 56 days notice of intention to revoke a special authorisation.

(3) Before “,” instead thereof.—(Mr. John Horam.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

An Amendment ((b)) made to the proposed Amendment.
Proposed Amendment, so amended, agreed to.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till One o’clock on Tuesday
morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 4th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Appropriations in Aid.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 4th July 1977, directing
the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for Education
(Department of Education and Science) (Class X, 1) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Licences Licensing.—Copy of the Report of the Carlisle State Management District
for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 452].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Prevention of Fraud.—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th June 1977, entitled the
Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act Licensing (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I.,
1977, No. 1067) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Prices.—Copy of a Consultative Document on prices policy, concerning the price
code and the safeguard regulations [by Command].

The Chairman of Ways and Means:
Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).—Report by the Chairman of Committees of
the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons,
under section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, That no Petition
has been presented against the Clyde Port Authority (Borrowing Powers) Revision
Order 1977 [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. George Grant (nominated in respect of
the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco) Order 1977); and had appointed in
substitution Mr. Harry Cowans.

[No. 131.]

Tuesday, 5th July, 1977.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill.—The House pro-
ceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough
Council (Frankwell Footbridge) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords].—The West Midlands County Council Bill
[Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill.—Ordered, That the Merseyside Passenger Transport
Bill be considered upon Thursday.
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 (Twenty-fourth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xxxiv].

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. 32-xxiii].

Local Authority Works (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Local Authority Works (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. 474].

Patents Bill [Lords],—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Patents Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 153].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 478].

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 West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Northern Ireland Committee,—Ordered. That the matters of the Seventh Report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules, and the Northern Ireland Electricity Industry, being matters relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Location of Offices Bureau (Amendment) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Heritage,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the national heritage: And that Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Paul Channon, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Andrew Faddes, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. John Parker, Sir David Renton, and Mr. George Strauss, do prepare and bring it in.

Heritage Bill,—Mr. Jasper More accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the national heritage: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July and to be printed [Bill 152].

Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) 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.

Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

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

Mr. Attorney General, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.
Mr. Attorney General, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put 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.

Redundancy Rebates Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Redundancy Rebates Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 2, line 12, at end insert—

"(3A) No order shall be made under subsection (1) above unless the Secretary of State thinks it expedient to do so with a view to adjusting the level at which the Redundancy Fund stands for the time being and having regard to the sums which may be expected to be paid from that Fund in any future period."

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. Frank R. White, Mr. James Hamilton: 143.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 130.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2 was disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments.—(Mr. Harold Walker.)

Ordered, That Mr. John Golding, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. A. W. Stallard, and Mr. Harold Walker, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Harold Walker.)

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

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Harold Walker.)

Redundancy Rebates Bill,—Mr. Harold Walker reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments to the Redundancy Rebates Bill, That they had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 2, line 12 and page 3, line 3, for the following Reason:—

Because they would unduly restrict the exercise of the powers conferred by the Bill on the Secretary of State or, as the case may be, the Department of Manpower Services for Northern Ireland.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Defence,—Resolved, That the draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 13th June, be approved.—(Dr. John Gilbert.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.48 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 5th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th July 1977, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1117) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Fisheries (Miscellaneous No. 12, 1977),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Washington on 20th December 1976, to the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries relating to the continued functioning of the Commission (the Protocol has not been approved by the United Kingdom) [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Mason:
  Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
  (1) the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, and
  (2) the Preferential Payments in Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1977
  [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
  Agriculture,—Copy of the Report of the Central Council for Agricultural and
  Horticultural Co-operation for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Legal Aid and Advice,—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 1976; with the
Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No.
475].

Legal Aid and Advice (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 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon
[by Act]; to be printed [No. 476].

MEMORANDUM
Tuesday 5th July 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing
Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Shops (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee A
(transferred from Standing Committee C), the draft International Fund for Agricultural
Development (Initial Contribution) Order 1977 to the Fourth Standing Committee on
Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Location of Offices Bureau (Amendment) Order
1977 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 132.]


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

PRAYERS.

Income Tax,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their
Address of 20th June relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty;
and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give
the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that, on the ratification by the Government of
the United States of America of the Protocol set out in the Schedule to the Order
entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of America)
Order 1977, a draft of which was laid before your House on 16th May, an Order may
be made in the form of that draft.

I will comply with your request.

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

International Planned Parenthood Federation 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 International Planned Paren-
thood Federation Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; had gone through the
Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment; and had considered
the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report
thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read the third time.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed.
Fidelity Trust Bill [Lords].—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Fidelity Trust Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

Bill to be read the third time.

City of London (Various Powers) 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 City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

North West Water Authority 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 North West Water Authority Bill [Lords] and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxviii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xxviii].

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 6th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 43-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 C on 6th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 390-vi].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the Northern Ireland Committee, That they had considered the matter of the Northern Ireland Gas Industry referred to them on 21st June and had directed her to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 482].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 17th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 479].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 23rd June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 477].

Public Health Act 1936 (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Health Act 1936: And that Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Cyril Smith, Sir David Renton, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Brian Sedge more, and Mr. Ken Weetch, do prepare and bring it in.

Public Health Act 1936 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Clement Freud accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Public Health Act 1936: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July and to be printed [Bill 154].
European Assembly Elections Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the European Assembly Elections Bill ;

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

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Berwick upon Tweed and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons 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-one minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 6th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Press,—Copy of the Final Report of the Royal Commission on the Press [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

National Assistance Services,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th June 1977, entitled the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1069) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Overseas Investment and Export Guarantees,—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade for the year ended 31st March 1977 on the discharge of his functions under the Overseas Investment and Export Guarantees Act 1972 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 438].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Local Employment,—Accounts of the financial results, for the year ended 31st March 1976, of certain activities of the Department of Industry, the Scottish Office and the Welsh Office and the activities of the Industrial Estates Corporations in the execution of the Local Employment Act ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 480].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Shops (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Brotherton, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Anthony Fell, Sir John Langford-Holt, Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. Walter Padley, Mr. Wyn Roberts, Sir John Rodgers, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Richard Wainwright, and Mr. Alan Lee Williams.

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., Sir John Hall (nominated in respect of the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco) Order 1977); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peter Hordern.

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 draft International
Fund for Agricultural Development (Initial Contribution) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. Marcus Lipton, Mr. Richard Luce, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. Tom Swain, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, Mr. John Tomlinson, and Mr. Tom Torney.

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 Location of Offices Bureau (Amendment) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Bob Bean, Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. James Tinn, and Mr. Cyril D. Townsend.

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twelve Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matters of the Seventh Report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules, and the Northern Ireland Electricity Industry, viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Michael Matev, Mr. Carol Mather, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Airey Neave, and Mr. Stan Thorne.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 6th July 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Skyline Protection Bill to Standing Committee B (transferred from Standing Committee C).

[No. 133]

Thursday, 7th July, 1977.

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.

Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Monday next at Seven o'clock.

University of London Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University of London Bill [Lords];

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

British Linen Bank Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the British Linen Bank Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

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 Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 29th June and 6th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 20-xxii and xxiii].

Procedure (Sessional Committee)—Mr. Sydney Irving reported from the Sessional Committee on Procedure, That they had considered the matter of the eligibility of Members successful in ballots for Notices of Motions and Bills to take part in subsequent ballots referred to them on 12th January, 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. 483].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 483]
Procedure (Sessional Committee).—Mr. Sydney Irving further reported from the Sessional Committee on Procedure, That they had considered the matter of the tabling of Amendments to a Bill on the day it receives a Second Reading, referred to them on 12th January, 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. 484].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 484].

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 7th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 201-ix].

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords].—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 155].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 485].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Minibus Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Unfair Contract Terms Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate section 16 of the Rent Act 1957 and Part III of the Rent Act 1965, and related enactments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Protection from Eviction Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Rent Act 1968, Parts III, IV and VIII of the Housing Finance Act 1972, the Rent Act 1974, sections 7 to 10 of the Housing Rents and Subsidies Act 1975 and certain related enactments, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Rent Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law of Scotland relating to homosexual acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill [Lords]].

Import of Live Fish (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Import of Live Fish (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July and to be printed [Bill 156].

Protection from Eviction Bill [Lords].—The Protection from Eviction Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 158].

Rent Bill [Lords].—The Rent Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 159].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) (No. 2) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

European Assembly Elections Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That the European Assembly Elections Bill be now read a second time;

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

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:—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. Frank R. White, Mr. Ted Graham: 394.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Bryan Gould: 147.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Committee tomorrow.
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Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Members' Office, Secretarial and Research Allowance and the Motion relating to Members' Salaries and Pensions may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

European Assembly Elections [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to European Assembly Elections [Money];

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for and in connection with the election of representatives to the Assembly of the European Communities, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of the reasonable charges of returning officers in connection with Assembly elections;
(b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable under any other enactment out of that Fund or out of money provided by Parliament; and
(c) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums falling to be so paid by virtue of that Act.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 11.6 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 7th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Aliens,—Copy of a Civil Service Department Minute, dated 6th July 1977, relating to aliens employed in a civil capacity under the Crown during the year ended 31st March 1977, with a List giving particulars of certificates of employment issued under section 1 of the Aliens' Employment Act 1955 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th July 1977, entitled the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1134) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Iron and Steel,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Iron and Steel (Borrowing Powers) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Industrial Relations,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th June 1977, entitled the Labour Relations Agency (Additional Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 177) [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)]:—

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection on the Petition [12th May] from pensioners and others for legislation to stabilise the prices of essential commodities until retirement pensions be adequately raised [by Standing Order] ; to be printed.

[No. 134.]

Friday, 8th July, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

Mr. Speaker's Absence,—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day's sitting, pursuant to leave given on Monday 4th July.

Whereupon Mr. Oscar Murton, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

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

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 Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Unfair Contract Terms Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Unfair Contract Terms Bill to be considered upon Friday 15th July ; and to be printed [Bill 160].

Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 15th July and to be printed [Bill 161].

Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Duty of housing authorities to provide temporary protection for movable property)—(Mr. Stephen Ross)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Payment of needs elements of rate support grant to district councils) —(Mr. Wyn Roberts)—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 to notify decisions and reasons)—(Mr. Hugh Ross)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 3, 5, 52, 7, 53 and 54) made to the Bill.

And it being Four o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 31, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) The Secretary of State may for the purposes of this Act by order specify the principles upon which the particular housing authority with responsibility for providing permanent accommodation (by reason of previous residence, employment or other circumstances) should be identified."—(Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made :—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 31, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section a person is not homeless for the purposes of this Act if he is by reason of age infirmity or other circumstances in need of care and attention under section 21(1)(a) of the National Assistance Act 1948."—(Mr. Wyn Roberts.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 16, 17 and 19 to 24) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 25, to leave out subsections (2) and (3) and insert the words—

"(2) Where—
(a) they are not satisfied that he has a priority need, or
(b) they are satisfied that he has a priority need but are also satisfied—
(i) that he became homeless or threatened with homelessness intentionally, or
(ii) that it is probable that he will be able, with advice and appropriate assistance, himself to secure that accommodation becomes or does not cease to be available for his occupation,

their duty is to furnish him with advice and appropriate assistance.

(2A) Where—
(a) they are satisfied that a person who has applied to them for accommodation or for assistance in obtaining accommodation is homeless, and
(b) they are subject to a duty towards him by virtue of subsection (2)(b) above, they shall secure that accommodation is made available for his occupation for such period as they consider appropriate.

(2B) Where they are satisfied that he has a priority need and are also satisfied—
(a) that he did not become homeless or threatened with homelessness intentionally, and
(b) that it is not probable that he will be able, even with advice and appropriate assistance, himself to secure that accommodation becomes or does not cease to be available for his occupation,

their duty is to secure that accommodation becomes or does not cease to be available for his occupation.

(2C) A housing authority may perform their duty to a person under subsection (2B) above by making available accommodation held by them under Part V of the Housing Act 1957 or Part VII of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1966 or under any other enactment or by securing that he obtains accommodation from some other person or retains his existing accommodation.

(2D) Where a housing authority would otherwise be under a duty by virtue of subsection (2B) above but are satisfied that he was not normally resident in their area prior to his application or that there is some other area with which he has a special connection by reason of family ties or employment, they may notify the making of the application to the housing authority of the area in which it appears to them that he was so resident or with which he has such a special connection.

(2E) It shall be the duty of an authority receiving a notification under subsection (2D) above on being satisfied that the applicant was normally resident in their area prior to his application or had some special connection with their area by reason of family ties or employment to secure that accommodation becomes available for his occupation as if the application under section 2(1) had been made to them in the first instance.

(2F) Upon an authority receiving a notification and becoming under a duty by virtue of subsections (2D) and (2E) above the authority giving the notification shall cease to be under a duty to secure that accommodation becomes available for the applicant's occupation.

(2G) In the event of there being disagreement between the authority giving and the authority receiving the notification as to the area in which the applicant is normally resident or with which he had some special connection by reason of family ties or employment and accordingly as to which authority is to secure that accommodation becomes available such questions (including questions as to what constitutes normal residence or special connections) shall be determined in accordance with arrangements to be made between housing authorities generally or in default of such arrangements as provided by general guidance given by the Secretary of State under section 7 of this Act.

(2H) Until any disagreement between authorities is resolved in accordance with the provisions of the preceding subsection it shall be the duty of the authority to whom the application under section 2(1) was made to secure that accommodation is available for occupation by the applicant.
(2I) Notwithstanding the right of a housing authority to give a notification under subsection (2D) above such an authority shall remain under a duty to ensure wherever possible that the applicant's accommodation does not cease to be available for his occupation.

(2J) Nothing in this section shall affect any right of a housing authority to secure vacant possession of accommodation, whether by virtue of a contract or of any enactment or rule of law*, instead thereof.—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Ted Graham and Mr. Thomas Cox were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Other Amendments (Nos. 30 to 34, 36, 37, 35, 38, 40, 42 and 44 to 51) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 921), a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd June, 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 six minutes past Six o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 6.6 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Friday 8th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Supply Estimates (Revised Estimates), 1977-78.—Revised Estimates of the sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1978 [by Command] ; to be printed [No. 441].

Supply Estimates (Supplementary Estimates, Classes I-XVII), 1977-78,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1978 [by Command] ; to be printed [No. 442].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 28th and 29th April and 3rd and 4th May 1977,
(2) 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 17th and 18th May 1977,
(3) 23rd, 24th, 27th, 30th and 31st May and 1st June 1977, and
(4) 3rd, 10th and 13th June 1977
relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act] ; to be printed [Nos. 486 to 489].

Trustee Savings Banks,—Copy of the Report of the Inspection Committee of Trustee Savings Banks for the year ended 20th November 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

National Health Service,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 30th June 1977, entitled the Prescription Pricing Authority (Establishment and Constitution) Amendment Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1102), and
(2) Regulations, dated 1st July 1977, entitled the National Health Service (Health Authorities: Membership) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1103)
[by Act].

Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated 8th July 1977, entitled—
(1) the Supplementary Benefits (Claim and Payments) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1142), and
(2) the Supplementary Benefits (General) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1141)
[by Act].

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Standing Committee A.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Michael Brotherton and Mr. Anthony Fell (nominated in respect of the Shops (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ian Grist and Mr. Richard Page.

[No. 135.]


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).

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 Licensing (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Rentcharges Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate, with certain exceptions, the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1973, the Northern Ireland (Young Persons) Act 1974 and the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Act 1975; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords]].

Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill to be considered upon Friday; and to be printed [Bill 162].

Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill to be considered upon Friday; and to be printed [Bill 163].

Rentcharges Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Rentcharges Bill to be considered upon Friday; and to be printed [Bill 165].

Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Northern Ireland Emergency Provisions Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 164].

The Lib-Lab Pact.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the new-found acceptance by the Leader of the Liberal Party of so many of the policies set out in "The Right Approach", but deplores his refusal to take the political action to secure their implementation—(Mr. Charles Morrison); and it being Seven o'clock, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 6 (Precedence of Government Business).

Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill, as amended in the Committee;

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now considered:—Debate arising:

Mr. Eric Ogden 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. Eric Ogden, Mr. Richard Crawshaw: 60.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. David Hunt: 38.
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 Bill be now considered:—The House
resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday.

Pesticides, Plant Protection and Packaging and Labelling,—A Motion was made, and the
Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents
Nos. R/89/75, R/1643/75, R/2026/76, R/2027/76 and R/2203/76 on Pesticides,
Plant Protection and Packaging and Labelling—(Mr. Gavin Strang);

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 Documents Nos. R/89/75,
R/1643/75, R/2026/76, R/2027/76 and R/2203/76 on Pesticides, Plant Protection and
Packaging and Labelling.

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.

[Adjoined at 11.52 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 11th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Tribunals,—Copies of Regulations, dated 29th June 1977, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Tribunals (Non-Discrimination Notices Appeals) Regulations
1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1094), and
(2) the Industrial Tribunals (Non-Discrimination Notices Appeals) (Scotland)
Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1095)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, re-
lying to—
(1) agricultural machinery (except tractors),
(2) dresses, lingerie, infants’ wear, etc.,
(3) electrical appliances primarily for domestic use,
(4) manufactured stationery,
(5) mining machinery,
(6) miscellaneous manufactures of paper and board, and
(7) organic chemicals
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Explosives (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of
Explosives for Northern Ireland for 1975 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 372].

Road Traffic and Vehicles,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th June 1977, entitled the
Roads (Temporary Speed Limit—Continuation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R.
& O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 180) [by Act].

Magistrates’ Courts,—Copies of Rules, dated 20th June 1977, entitled—
(1) the Magistrates’ Courts (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. &
O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 171),
(2) the Magistrates’ Courts (Children and Young Persons) (Amendment) Rules
(3) the Magistrates’ Courts (Costs in Criminal Cases) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1977
(S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 174), and

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Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute, made by the University of Oxford on 10th March 1977, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Ted Graham (nominated in respect of the draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Initial Contribution) Order 1977); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Joseph Harper.

MEMORANDA

Monday 11th July 1977

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 Shops (Amendment) Bill; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matters of the Seventh Report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules and the Northern Ireland Electricity Industry; Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1977; Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Initial Contribution) Order 1977; and Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Location of Offices Bureau (Amendment) Order 1977.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 67 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker certified that the provisions of the Import of Live Fish (Scotland) Bill [Lords] and the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 136.]

Tuesday, 12th July, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Fidelity Trust Bill [Lords].—The Fidelity Trust Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, without Amendment.

International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords].—The International Planned Parenthood Federation Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, without Amendment.

University of London Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University of London Bill [Lords];

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

British Linen Bank Order Confirmation Bill.—The British Linen Bank 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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before a Sub-Committee of the Joint Committee on 11th July: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xxxvi].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xxxvi].

European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee II on 12th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 76-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 12th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 437-iii].

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. 32-xxiv].

Shops (Amendment) Bill,—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Shops (Amendment) Bill, and directed her to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 493].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Presumption of Death (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Water Charges Equalisation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments the Deer Act 1963; to provide for the better management of deer in England and Wales and Northern Ireland; to prevent the poaching and the illegal taking, killing and injuring of deer in England and Wales and Northern Ireland; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Deer Bill [Lords].

Deer Bill [Lords].—The Deer Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 167].

Water Charges Equalisation Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Water Charges Equalisation Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 168].

New Member sworn,—Alan Gordon Baraclough Haselhurst, Esquire, Member for Saffron Walden, was sworn.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Kenya) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Zaire) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Profits) (Ethiopia) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Poland) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Guardianship (Amendment)—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Guardianship of Minors Acts 1971 and 1973 and the Guardianship of Children (Scotland) Acts 1886 to 1973 to provide for access to minors by grandparents; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mrs. Barbara Castle, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Mr. Michael Marshall, Sir David Renton, Mr. Neville Sandelson, and Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, do prepare and bring it in.

Guardianship (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Robert Rhodes James accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Guardianship of Minors Acts 1971 and 1973 and the Guardianship of Children (Scotland) Acts 1886 to 1973 to provide for access to minors by grandparents; 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 166].

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. Peter Snape);

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 Local Authority Works (Scotland) Bill, the Rent Bill [Lords] and the Protection from Eviction Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Local Authority Works (Scotland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Local Authority Works (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

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. Donald Coleman: 99.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. George Younger: 105.

So the Question was negatived.

Rent Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent Bill [Lords];

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;

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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. Frank R. White.)

Committee this day.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to consolidate the Rent Act 1968, Parts III, IV and VIII of the Housing Finance Act 1972, the Rent Act 1974, sections 7 to 10 of the Housing Rents and Subsidies Act 1975, and certain related enactments, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State in making grants to local authorities in connection with schemes for the appointment of rent officers.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Protection from Eviction Bill [Lords],—The Protection from Eviction Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)
Committee this day.

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 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-four minutes to One o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.36 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 12th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—
(1) glass, and
(2) miscellaneous manufacturing industries
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Water,—Copy of a Paper, entitled the Water Industry in England and Wales: the Next Steps [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Weights and Measures,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cheese) Order 1977, and
(2) the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Sugar) (Amendment) Order 1977
[by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Mrs. Judith Hart:
Overseas Aid,—Draft of an Order, entitled the African Development Fund (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1977 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Plant Health,—Copies of Orders, dated 27th June 1977, entitled—
(1) the Dutch Elm Disease (Local Authorities) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1074), and
(2) the Dutch Elm Disease (Restriction on Movement of Elms) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1075)
[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 draft North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) (No. 2) Order 1977 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands) Order 1977, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Kenya) Order 1977, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Zaire) Order 1977, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Profits) (Ethiopia) Order 1977, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Poland) Order 1977 to the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

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

PRAYERS.

City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

North West Water Authority Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the North West Water Authority Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

British Railways 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 British Railways: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 157].

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

Social Security,—The Order made on 15th June, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1977 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Events at Her Majesty's Prison, Hull,—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 an Inquiry by the Chief Inspector of the Prison Service into the cause and circumstances of the events at Her Majesty's Prison, Hull, during the period 31st August to 3rd September 1976.—(Mr. Secretary Rees)

Conduct of Members,—Mr. Michael Stewart reported from the Select Committee on Conduct of Members, That they had considered the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, 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. 490].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 490].

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-xxxi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xxix].

European Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and has agreed to a Report, which they have 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. 41-xxx].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xxx].
European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had directed him 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. 43-vi].

Overseas Development.—Sir Bernard Braine reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 13th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 179-xvii].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Abortion (Amendment) Bill.—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday ; and to be printed [Bill 169].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 494].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendments) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 23rd June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 496].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Initial Contribution) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 1st July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 495].

Inflation (Information).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide information about inflation : And that Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, and Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, do prepare and bring it in.

Inflation (Information) Bill.—Mr. Peter Viggers accordingly presented a Bill to provide information about inflation: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 22nd July and to be printed [Bill 170].

Criminal Law Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Criminal Law Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Alteration of maximum periods of imprisonment in default of payment of fines, etc.)—(Mr. Brynmor John)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to order search of persons before Crown Court)—(Mr. Brynmor John)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendments of Obscene Publications Act 1959 with respect to cinematograph exhibitions)—(Mr. Brynmor John)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Prison sentence partly served and partly suspended)—(Mr. Brynmor John)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Right to have someone informed when arrested)—(Mr. George Cunningham)—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. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Frank Hooley: 89.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joe Ashton: 86.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Right of peaceful demonstration on the highway)—(Mr. George Cunningham)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Amendment of Children and Young Persons Act 1969)—(Mr. Edward Gardner)—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 Criminal Law Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Criminal Law Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded to consider the Criminal Law Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Amendment of Children and Young Persons Act 1969) be read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 103.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Hamilton: 151.

Another Clause (Misuse of Drugs Act 1971: Alteration of penalties and other amendments)—(Mr. Robin Corbett)—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 (Notice of choice of court)—(Mr. Stan Thorne)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Protection from eviction without due process of law)—(Mr. John Lee)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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Question put and negatived.

Another Clause (Determination of defendant's title)—(Mr. John Lee)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Solicitation by a man)—(Mr. Leo Abse)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Theft of less than £20)—(Mr. Leo Abse)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

An Amendment (No.1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, after the word "offences", to insert the words "(not being a summary offence or summary offences)".—(Mr. Robin Corbett.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 2 to 4, 15, 17 and 18) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 36, to leave out subsection (3) and insert the words—

"(3) The offences of conspiring to corrupt public morals, conspiracy to outrage public decency, corruption of public morals, outraging public decency, are all hereby abolished"; instead thereof.—(Mr. Ian Mikardo.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 20 to 23, 25 and 26) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 27) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 34, to leave out the words "to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or".—(Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 29) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 39, to leave out subsection (6).—(Miss Jo Richardson.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 31, 33 and 35) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 36) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 8, to leave out the words “or on behalf of”.—(Mr. Ian Mikardo.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 37, 40, 44 and 48) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 32, to leave out from the word “above” to the end of line 35 and insert the words—

“‘offensive weapon’ means any article made or adapted for use for causing injury to the person, or intended by the person having it with him for such use by him”, instead thereof.—(Miss Jo Richardson.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 56 and 58) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 61) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 6, at the end, to insert the words “if he acts in a violent way or a manner likely to provoke a breach of the peace”.—(Mr. Martin Flannery.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 65, 69, 73 and 76) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 77) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 43, after the word “search”, to insert the words “for that person”.—(Miss Jo Richardson.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 79 to 81, 83, 84, 86, 88, 89 and 91 to 99) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 100) proposed to the Bill, in page 43, line 25, to leave out the words “subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either” and insert the words “and approved by a resolution of each”, instead thereof.—(Sir Michael Havers.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 101 to 123) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Matters ancillary to section 46A)—(Mr. Secretary Rees)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 129, 131 to 133, and 136 to 179) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 180) proposed to the Bill, in page 109, line 58, column 3, at the end, to insert the words—

“In section 22, subsections (5) and (6).

In section 23, subsections (2) and (3).”—(Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Ian Mikardo: 15.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 83.

Other Amendments (Nos. 181 to 193) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes past Seven o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

Adjourned at 7.25 a.m.
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 13th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 15th, 16th and 17th June 1977, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 497].

Civil Aviation.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 16th June 1977 for the payment of a debt incurred in United States dollars by the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 498].

Iron and Steel.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 9th May 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 499].

Water.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—

1. 2nd May 1977,
2. 22nd June 1977,
3. 22nd June 1977, and
4. 22nd June 1977

on loans raised by the National Water Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 500 to 503].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Fire Services.—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Fire Services for 1976 [by Command].

Events at Her Majesty’s Prison, Hull.—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day for the Report of an Inquiry by the Chief Inspector of the Prison Service into the cause and circumstances of the events at Her Majesty’s Prison, Hull, during the period 31st August to 3rd September 1976; to be printed [No. 453].

Fire Services.—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th July 1977, entitled the Contracted-out Employment (Fire Services) Regulations 1977 (S.I. 1977, No. 1118) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Mineral Exploration and Investment Grants.—Report by the Secretary of State for Industry on the discharge of his functions under the Mineral Exploration and Investment Grants Act 1972 for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 455].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Criminal Damage (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Weights and Measures.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cocoa and Chocolate Products) Order 1977 [by Act].

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

Scottish Development Agency.—Copy of the Accounts of the Scottish Development Agency for the period 15th December 1975 to 31st March 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 504].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had appointed Sixteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) (No. 2) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Hamish Gray, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, Mr. Hector Monro, Dr. Maurice Miller, Mr. William Small, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Alexander Wilson, Mr. Gordon Wilson, and Mr. George Younger.

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands) Order 1977, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Kenya) Order 1977, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Zaire) Order 1977, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Profits) (Ethiopia) Order 1977, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Poland) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. John Biffen, Mr. R. B. Cant, Mr. Bernard Conical, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. David Ginsburg, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. Harry Lamborn, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Michael Shaw, Mr. Keith Stainton, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Neville Trotter, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

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Thursday, 14th July, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 11th July, That the Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill be now considered;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.

University of London Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University of London 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, 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 Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 13th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-xxiv].

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 July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 201-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 Japan Sub-Committee on 14th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-iv].

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

The Lords have agreed to the New Towns Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Redundancy Rebates Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords have agreed to the London Hydraulic Power 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 Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to regulate the production, distribution and use of detonators; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Detonators Bill [Lords]].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1134) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1084) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1083) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1101) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, 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 intervals between the stages of Bills brought in upon Way and Means Resolutions.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Finance Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Finance Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order—
(a) new Clauses other than those mentioned in paragraph (c) below;
(b) Amendments relating to Clause 1, Schedules 1 and 2, Clauses 2 and 3, Schedule 3, Clauses 4 and 5, Schedule 4, Clause 6, Schedule 5, Clauses 7 to 14, Schedule 6 and Clauses 15 to 17;
(c) new Clauses relating to subcontractors in the construction industry or relating to the percentages specified in section 112(3) or 113 of the Finance Act 1972;
(d) Amendments relating to Clauses 18 to 30, Schedule 7, Clauses 31 to 34, Schedule 8 and Clauses 35 to 51;
(e) new Schedules;
(f) Amendments relating to Schedule 9.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

A Clause (Interests in settled property)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Maintenance funds for historic buildings: income tax relief)—Mr. Joel Barnett—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Leave travel facilities for the services)—(Mr. Robert Sheldon)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Interest relief for those in job-related living accommodation)—(Mr. Robert Sheldon)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Capital gains tax: Tapering relief)—(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. Spencer Le Marchant, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 221.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Ted Graham: 268.

Another Clause (Avoidance of double taxation)—(Mr. David Howell)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Peter Morrison: 218.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Peter Snape: 253.
Another Clause (Capital gains tax on small disposals (£2,000))—(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. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Peter Morrison: 221.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mrs. Ann Taylor: 244.

Another Clause (Profits from trade, &c., carried on partly abroad)—(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, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Peter Morrison: 182.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Joe Ashton: 226.

Another Clause (Divers in the North Sea)—(Mr. David Howell)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Lester, Sir George Young: 161.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper: 194.

Another Clause (Tax treatment of mobility allowance paid to wife)—(Mr. Tony Newton)—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 (Trusts for benefit of employees, &c.)—(Mr. David Hunt)—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 (Trusts for persons in receipt of attendance allowance)—(Mr. John Pardoe)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Maintenance payments)—(Mr. John Pardoe)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

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An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 23, at the end, to insert the words—

" (8A) The excise duty payable in respect of wines derived from vines growing in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland shall, in respect of amounts chargeable as a result of deliveries made from such vineyards, after 1st June 1977, be payable not later than 90 days after the end of the month in which the delivery is made."—(Mr. John Wakeham.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 2 to 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 31, at the end, to insert the words “ and any such order shall only be made after the Treasury are satisfied that the necessary spirit “ tables ” for ascertaining the strength of spirits at various temperatures and certified metric measuring instruments are adequately available ”.—(Mr. David Mitchell.)

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

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee, to be further considered this day.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till One o’clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1 a.m.]
APPENDIX
Thursday 14th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bethlem Royal Hospital,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 13th July 1977, relative to the leasing at a nominal rent of land at the Bethlem Royal Hospital, Beckenham, to the Board of Governors of the Bethlem Royal and Maudsley Hospitals [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
Ethiopia (No. 1, 1977),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Addis Ababa on 1st February 1977 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Provisional Military Government of Socialist Ethiopia, for the avoidance of double taxation on profits derived from air transport (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th July 1977, entitled the Police Cadets (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1131) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 5th July 1977, and
(2) 6th July 1977 amending the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th July 1977, entitled the Films (Exemption from Quota Order 1977 [by Act].

Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 1977 [by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers’ Licensing) (Reserve Fund) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Lands Tribunal,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st July 1977, entitled the Lands Tribunal (Salaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 189) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Consumer Protection,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th July 1977, entitled the Aerosol Dispensers (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1140) [by Act].

Monopolies and Mergers,—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the supply in the United Kingdom of wheat flour and of bread made from wheat flour [by Act]; to be printed [No. 412].

Mr. John Silkin:

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

Ecclesiastical Law,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 8th July 1977, entitled the Legal Officers Fees Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1149), and
(2) Regulations, dated 7th July 1977, entitled the Clergy Occupational Pensions Scheme Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1146) [by Measure].
The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Control of Food Premises (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Control of Food Premises (Scotland) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Unfair Contract Terms Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Unfair Contract Terms Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, leave out from beginning to “subject” in line 2 and insert—

“(2) This Part of this Act is subject to Part III; and in relation to contracts, the operation of sections 2 to 4 and 7 is “.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Michael Ward):—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 consideration of Private Members' Bills may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until Five o'clock—(Mr. Ted Graham);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann : 67.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Roger Moate : 4.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the consideration of Private Members' Bills may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until Five o'clock.

Unfair Contract Terms Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Unfair Contract Terms Bill.

The Question being again proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in their Amendment (No. 1) :—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 2 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 3, in page 2, line 14, at end insert “ of the occupier “.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Michael Ward):—Debate arising;

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

Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Lords Amendments to the Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill;

Ordered, That the Lords Amendments be considered upon Monday next.

Rentcharges Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Rentcharges Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Firearms Bill (changed from Firearms Act 1968 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill).—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Firearms Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Monday next.

Farriers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Farriers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.
Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Monday 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 next.

Local Government Finance Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Finance Bill;

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

Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dunfermline College of Physical Education for Women (Change of Name) Bill;

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

Guardianship (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Guardianship (Amendment) Bill;

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

Hovercraft,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 17th June, be approved—(Mr. A. W. Stallard):—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 draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Initial Contribution) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 23rd June, be approved—(Mr. A. W. Stallard):—It was agreed to.

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 Six o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 5.34 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 15th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Social Security,—Copies of Reports of the Occupational Pensions Board, preceded by Statements by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on—

(1) the Contracted-out Employment (Fire Services) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1118), and

(2) the Contracted-out Employment (Police) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1119)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

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 1977 under the Dispensing Order of 14th January 1922 made under section 22 of the Air Force (Constitution) Act 1917 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security,—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—

(1) the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977, and

(2) the Family Income Supplements (Computation) (No. 2) Regulations 1977

[by Act].
Mr. Secretary Shore:

Housing.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Variation of Subsidy) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Prices.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th July 1977, entitled the Bread Prices (No. 2) Order 1976 (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1166) [by Act].

MEMORANDA

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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 the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) (No. 2) Order 1977; and Sir Thomas Williams Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands) Order 1977, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Kenya) Order 1977, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Zaire) Order 1977, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Profits) (Ethiopia) Order 1977, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Poland) Order 1977.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Location of Offices Bureau Amendment Order 1977, in the place of Mr. Arthur Jones.

[No. 140.]

Monday, 18th July, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker's Absence,—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That the University of Wales proposed on Friday to do him the honour of conferring on him the Degree of Doctor of Laws, and he had therefore to ask the indulgence and leave of the House to absent himself to attend the University for that purpose.

The House signified its assent, for which Mr. Speaker returned his thanks.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (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 18th July.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Price Commission Bill, with an Amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Price Commission Bill,—Lords Amendment to the Price Commission Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 138].

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 and that, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph No. 3(1)(b) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business), Mr. Speaker shall put any Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion relating to Energy, the Motion relating to the Community Budget and the Motion relating to the European Regional Development Fund not later than two and a half hours after each has been entered upon; and that, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 4 (Statutory Instruments, &c. (procedure)), Mr. Speaker shall put any Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion relating to the Police (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 at half-past Eleven o'clock or one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. Peter Snape).

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Sugar) (Amendment) Order 1977 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 (Cocoa and Chocolate Products) Order 1977 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 (Cheese) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Supply [28th allotted day],—The House according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Energy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/1284/77, R/1292/77, R/1294/77, R/1325/77 and R/1417/77 on Energy—(Dr. John Cunningham);

And it being two and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Order of the House this day:—It was agreed to.


Community Budget,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/1541/77 relating to the EEC 1978 Preliminary Draft General Budget, together with Nos. R/1013/77, R/851/77, R/1226/77, R/480/77 and R/848/77—(Mr. Joel Barnett);

And it being two and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Order of the House this day:—It was agreed to.


European Regional Development Fund,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/1611/77, R/1334/77 and R/1613/77 on the European Regional Development Fund—(Mr. Alan Williams);

And it being two and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to the Order of the House this day:—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/1611/77, R/1334/77 and R/1613/77 on the European Regional Development Fund.

Police,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Police (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1006), dated 11th June 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th June, be annulled—(Mr. Michael Alison);

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 negatived.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.23 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 18th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Housing,—Copy of the Report of the Housing Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Friendly Societies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th July 1977, entitled the Friendly Societies (Life Assurance Premium Relief) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1143) [by Act].

Industrial Assurance,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th July 1977, entitled the Industrial Assurance (Life Assurance Premium Relief) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1144) [by Act].

Tuesday, 19th July, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

London Hydraulic Power Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the London Hydraulic Power Bill; and the same were agreed to.

City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords],—The City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

North West Water Authority Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the North West Water Authority Bill [Lords] be read the third time upon Thursday.

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.

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-sixth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xxxvii].

Privileges,—Mr. G. R. Strauss reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the complaint by Mr. Robert Adley, Member for Christchurch and Lymington, of certain actions by the National Union of Public Employees, 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. 512].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 512].

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. 32-xxv].

Scottish Estimates,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Estimates to them referred and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 510].

Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Thomas Williams reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands) Order 1977, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Kenya) Order 1977, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Zaire) Order 1977, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Profits) (Ethiopia) Order 1977 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Poland) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 12th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 507].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Control of Office Development Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to rights of employees arising out of their employment; and certain enactments relating to the insolvency of employers; to industrial tribunals; to recoupment of certain benefits; to conciliation officers; and to the Employment Appeal Tribunal; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Employment Protection (Consolidation) Bill [Lords].

Unfair Contract Terms Bill.—Ordered, That the Lords Amendments to the Unfair Contract Terms Bill be further considered to-morrow.

Control of Office Development Bill.—Lords Amendment to the Control of Office Development Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 171].

Employment Protection (Consolidation) Bill [Lords].—The Employment Protection (Consolidation Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 173].

Business of the House (Supply).—Ordered, That at this day’s sitting, in the case of the Question which under the provisions of paragraph 11 of Standing Order No. 18 (Business of Supply) Mr Speaker is directed to put forthwith at Ten o’clock he shall put such Question forthwith as soon as the House has entered upon the Business of Supply.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

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 draft Criminal Damage (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 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 (b) of the Standing Order.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers’ Licensing) (Reserve Fund) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Films (Exemption from Quota) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Family Income Supplements (Computation) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

Rape.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to rape and sexual assault; and for connected purposes—(Mr. Jack Ashley);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. 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. Robin Corbett, Mr. William Molloy: 52.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. John Lee: 114.

So the Question was negatived.

Supply [29th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put forthwith the Question, That the total amount of the Votes outstanding for the year 1977-78 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund for the services defined in those Votes.
Defence and Civil Estimates, 1977-78 (Outstanding Votes)

And the Question being put, That a sum, not exceeding £22,730,155,000, 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 1978, as set out in House of Commons Papers 174, 231, 441 and 442:—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. 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 1978, 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 172].

Supply,—The House, according to Order, again proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

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

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

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Criminal Damage (Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 13th July, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Preferential Payments in Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 5th July, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 5th July, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

Agricultural Marketing,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Amendments of the Hops Marketing Scheme 1932, as amended, which were laid before this House on 30th June, be approved—(Mr. E. S. Bishop);

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

Wednesday, 20th July, 1977:

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

Resolved, That the draft Amendments of the Hops Marketing Scheme 1932, as amended, which were laid before this House on 30th June, be approved.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Westmorland for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.39 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 19th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 17, 1977),—Copy of a Report on developments in the European Communities during the United Kingdom Presidency [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 57, 1977),—Copy of a Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council at Brussels on 21st December 1976, establishing supervision for certain products originating in Sweden (1977) [by Command].
Treasury Series (No. 58, 1977),—Copy of a Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council at Brussels on 21st December 1976, establishing supervision for certain products originating in Austria (1977) [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Health Services (Scotland),—Copy of the Report on Health Services in Scotland for 1976 [by Command].

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th July 1977, entitled the Education Authority Bursaries (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1150) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Education,—Copy of a Consultative Document, entitled Education in Schools [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Children,—Copy of particulars of the number of children in care of local authorities under the Children Act 1948, the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 and other legislation, the manner of their accommodation, and the estimated costs of maintenance; and the number of children in registered voluntary homes or boarded out by voluntary organisations [by Act]; to be printed [No. 506].

War Pensioners,—Copy of the Report on War Pensioners for 1976 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 472].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Bankruptcy,—Copy of the Report on Bankruptcy for 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Post Office,—Copy of the Report of the Post Office Review Committee [by Command].

Census of Production,—Copies of the Reports on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—

(1) bolts, nuts, screws, rivets, &c.,
(2) bread and flour confectionery,
(3) cans and metal boxes,
(4) canvas goods and sacks and other made-up textiles,
(5) chalk, clay, sand and gravel extraction,
(6) engineers' small tools and gauges,
(7) footwear,
(8) household textiles and handkerchiefs,
(9) iron and steel (general),
(10) radio, radar and electronic capital goods,
(11) soft drinks, and
(12) women’s and girls’ tailored outerwear [by Act].

Iron and Steel,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Steel Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Monopolies and Mergers,—Copy of a Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the supply in the United Kingdom of cat and dog foods [by Act]; to be printed [No. 447].

Mr. Attorney General:

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 1976 [by Command].
Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

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 1976; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 511].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 19th July 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) Order 1977, the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1977 and the West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 2) Order 1977 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 3) Order 1977 and the draft Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers' Licensing) (Reserve Fund) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Sugar) (Amendment) Order 1977, the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cocoa and Chocolate Products) Order 1977 and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cheese) Order 1977 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 1977 and the Films (Exemption from Quota) Order 1977 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Family Income Supplements (Computation) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 and the draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.


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.

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

Kensington and Chelsea Corporation 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 Kensington and Chelsea Corporation 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. 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 National Health Service 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 a 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. 521].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 521].

European Legislation, &c.,—Mr. Julius Silverman reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-xxxii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xxi].
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 (Seventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 508].

So much of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee as relate to the Report to be printed [No. 508].

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 had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Accommodation and Administration Sub-Committee between 16th February and 23rd March, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 509].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Mr. Antony Buck 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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 2nd March, 20th April and 4th, 18th and 25th May: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 524].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 12th January, 2nd March, 20th April and 4th, 18th and 25th May to be printed [No. 524].

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 had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Technological Innovation, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 522].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Northern Ireland Committee.—Mr. Michael English reported from the Northern Ireland Committee, That they had considered the matters of the Seventh Report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules and of the Northern Ireland Electricity Industry, referred to them on 5th July, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 523].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Location of Offices Bureau (Amendment) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 5th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 514].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) (No. 2) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 7th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 515].

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 City of London (Various Powers) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 20th July to be printed [No. 55-ix].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joe Aston).
Urban Aid (Incentive for Community and Voluntary Work).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the urban aid programme in towns and cities and areas of high deprivation; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Anthony Steen do prepare and bring it in.

Urban Aid (Incentive for Community and Voluntary Work) Bill.—Mr. Anthony Steen accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision for the urban aid programme in town and cities and areas of high deprivation; 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 174].

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—Mr. Joe Ashton:—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 this House do now adjourn;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 282.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 312.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, the Motions relating to Ways and Means, the consideration of the Lords Amendment to the Price Commission Bill and the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Water Charges Equalisation Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Ways and Means.—Income tax (charge and rates for 1977-78) (No. 2),—Resolved, That in the Resolution of the House of 4th April (Income tax (charge and rates for 1977-78)) for the words "at the basic rate of 35 per cent." there shall be substituted the words "at the basic rate of 34 per cent."

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.)

Ways and Means.—Advance corporation tax (rate for financial year 1977) (No. 2),—Resolved, That in the Resolution of the House of 4th April (Advance corporation tax (rate for financial year 1977)) for the words "thirty-five sixty-fifths" there shall be substituted the words "thirty-four sixty-sixths".—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Ways and Means.—Capital gains tax (reduction on disposals of shares in unit trusts etc.),—Resolved, That in section 1123(b) and (c) of the Finance Act 1972 for the references to 171- per cent. there shall be substituted references to 17 per cent.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Price Commission Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the Price Commission Bill.

Lords Amendment, in page 1, line 8, after " corporate ", insert, ", up to 31st July 1978, except that Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, which shall not be made unless a draft of the Order has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament, continue the Price Commission in being as a body corporate for a period which begins with the date on which the Commission would otherwise cease and which is not longer than one year ".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Hattersley);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper: 270.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr. Peter Morrison: 255.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment.—(Mr. Secretary Hattersley.)

Ordered, That Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Secretary Hattersley, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, and Mr. Giles Shaw, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Secretary Hattersley.)

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

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Secretary Hattersley.)
Price Commission Bill.—Mr. Secretary Hattersley reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment to the Price Commission 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 8, for the following Reason:

Because it is desirable that the Price Commission should continue to exist on a permanent basis.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill, and Amendment.

Water Charges Equalisation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Water Charges Equalisation Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 1, line 5, leave out “any financial year” and insert “the year 1978 or any subsequent year”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Denis Howell);

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

Thursday, 21st July, 1977:

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

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 4 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 5 was amended, in line 14, by leaving out the words “Subject to subsection (2C) below”, by leaving out from the beginning of line 35 to the end of line 41, and by leaving out from the beginning of line 42 to the end of line 47—(Mr. Denis Howell)—and, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 6 to 16 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 17 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 18 and 19 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 20 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 21 to 24 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 25 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 26 to 39 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 40, at end insert—

“(2A) This Act shall come into force at the expiration of the period of three months beginning with the day on which it is passed”.

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 1, to leave out the word “three” and insert the word “five”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Arthur Jones.)

And the Question being put, that the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—It was negatived.

Lords Amendment agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 41 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.—(Mr. Denis Howell.)

Ordered, that Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Alec Jones, Mr. Arthur Jones, and Mr. Jim Lester, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Denis Howell.)

Ordered, that Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Denis Howell.)

Ordered, that the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Denis Howell.)

Water Charges Equalisation Bill.—Mr. Denis Howell reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Water Charges Equalisation 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 second Amendment made by the Lords in page 2, line 34, and to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 3, line 1, and line 16, for the following Reason:

Because they might affect the levy and application of water charges, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill, and Amendments.
Expenditure,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Expenditure Committee be amended, by leaving out Mr. Roger Sims and inserting Mr. David Madel.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Scottish Grand Committee,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 71 (Matters relating exclusively to Scotland) shall have effect for this Session with the substitution of the word “four” for the word “two” in line 15.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That the matters of Agriculture and Forestry in Scotland and Transport in Scotland, being matters relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for their consideration.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Ashford and elsewhere for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons 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 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 Two o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 2 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 20th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of a Paper, entitled the Attack on Inflation after 31st July 1977 [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Statement of Guarantee, given by the Treasury on 29th June 1977, on loans proposed to be raised by British Shipbuilders [by Act]; to be printed [No. 517].

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee, given by the Treasury on 22nd June 1977, for the payment of a debt incurred in United States dollars by the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 518].

New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee, given by the Treasury on 29th June 1977, on loans proposed to be raised by the Warrington New Town Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 519].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Prisons,—Copies of—

(1) the Report of the Home Office on the work of the Prison Department for 1976, and

(2) Statistical Tables supplementary to the Report

[by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Crime (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Reparation by the Offender to the Victim in Scotland [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 19th July 1977, entitled—

(1) the Daw Mill Mine (No. 2 Upcast Shaft) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1196), and

(2) the Penallta Mine (Electric Lighting for Cinematography) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1195)

[by Act].
Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Fair Trading.—Copy of a Report by the Consumer Protection Advisory Committee on practices relating to advertising, displaying or otherwise quoting VAT-exclusive prices or charges [by Act]; to be printed [No. 416].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic.—Copy of the new Highway Code, containing proposed alterations [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 Council of the City of Wakefield (Wheldon Road Castleford Recreation Ground) Appropriation Order 1976 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Scottish Grand Committee.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Ten Members to serve on the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Agriculture and Forestry in Scotland, viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Sir Frederic Bennett, Dr. Rhodes Boyson, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Sir John Rodgers, and Sir Anthony Royle.

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 matter of Transport in Scotland, viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Sir Frederic Bennett, Dr. Rhodes Boyson, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Sir John Rodgers, and Sir Anthony Royle.

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 Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) Order, the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1977 and the West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 2) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. John Forrester, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Simon Mahon, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Patrick Wall, and Mr. Hamish Watt.

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 Duty (No. 3) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. Arthur Lewis, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. John Osborn, Mr. George Park, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Michael Spicer, Mr. George Thompson, 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 Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Sugar) (Amendment) Order 1977, the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cocoa and Chocolate Products) Order 1977 and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cheese) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. John Biffen, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. John Gorst, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. Robert Maclean, Mrs. Millie Miller, Mr. Tom Normanton, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Sidney Tierney, Mrs. Audrey Wise, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

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 Films (Exemption from Quota) Order 1977, the draft Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 1977 and the draft Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers' Licensing) (Reserve Fund) (Amendment) Regulations 1977, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. Tony Durnin, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. John Foord, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Kenneth Lewis, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. John Nott, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. George Reid, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. A. W. Stallard, and Mr. Norman Tebbit.
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 Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977, the draft Family Income Supplements (Computation) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 and the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1977, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Frank Hutton, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Tony Newton, and Mr. Roger Sims.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 20th July 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1977 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers' Licensing) (Reserve Fund) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (transferred from 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. Peter Doig Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the matters of Agriculture and Forestry in Scotland and Transport in Scotland.


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

PRAYERS.

North West Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the North West Water Authority Bill [Lords];

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

Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 11th July, That the Merseyside Passenger Transport Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

University of London Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University of London Bill [Lords];

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

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill shall have leave to suspend any further proceedings 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 presented 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 presented 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 and second time and committed.

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.

Ordered, That no further Fees shall be charged in respect of any proceedings 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.
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 made further 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 Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them; and the Report was brought up and read (Tenth Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 525].

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 20th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 390-vii].

Scottish Grand Committee.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, that they had considered the matters of Teacher Training in Scotland from 1977 onwards and Agriculture and Forestry in Scotland, referred to them on 26th January and 20th July, respectively, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 527].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the British Linen Bank Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Post Office Bill, with an Amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Post Office Bill.—Lords Amendment to the Post Office Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 175].

Finance Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 77) proposed to the Bill, in page 60, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

"12A. For section 45 of the 1972 Act (meaning of "business" etc.) the following section shall be substituted—

45.—(1) In this Part of this Act "business" includes any trade, profession or vocation.

(2) The following (without prejudice to the generality of anything else in this Part) are deemed to be the carrying on of a business—

(a) the provision by a club, association or organisation (for a subscription or other consideration) of the facilities or advantages available to its members; and

(b) the admission, for a consideration, of persons to any premises.

(3) Where a body has objects which are in the public domain and are of a political, religious, philanthropic, philosophical or patriotic nature, it is not to be treated as carrying on a business only because its members subscribe to it, if a subscription obtains no facility or advantage for the subscriber other than the right to participate in its management or receive reports on its activities.

(4) Where a person, in the course or furtherance of a trade, profession or vocation, accepts any office, services supplied by him as the holder of that office are treated as supplied in the course of furtherance of the trade, profession or vocation.

(5) Anything done in connection with the termination or intended termination of a business is treated as being done in the course of furtherance of that business.

(6) The disposition of a business as a going concern, or of its assets or liabilities (whether or not in connection with its reorganisation or winding up), is a supply made in the course of furtherance of the business."—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Question proposed. That the Amendment be made.

An Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out lines 11 to 15 and insert the words—

"(3) Where a non-profit-making body with aims of a political, trade union, religious, patriotic, philosophical, philanthropic or civic nature provides services or goods closely
linked thereto for the benefit of its members in return for a subscription fixed in accordance with its rules such supply shall be an exempt supply”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment:—

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment ((b)) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 13, to leave out from the word “ only ” to the end of line 15 and insert the words “ by virtue of the supply of services and goods closely linked thereto for the benefit of its members in return for a subscription fixed in accordance with its rules ; provided that this exemption is not likely to cause distortion of competition ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. David Howell.)

Question put, That the Amendment to the proposed Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Jim Lester: 250.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn: 282.

Question, That the Amendment (No. 77) be made, put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 78 and 8) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 95) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 33, to leave out the words “ 35 per cent ” and insert the words “ 34 per cent ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

An Amendment ((a)) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 1, to leave out “ 34 ” and insert “ 33 ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. David Howell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Peter Morrison: 238.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Peter Snape: 268.

Question, That the Amendment (No. 95) be made, put and agreed to.

Another Amendment (No. 114) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 39, after “ £1,500 ”, to insert the words “ in the case of an individual qualifying for a personal relief under section 8(1)(b) of the Taxes Act or £2,200 in the case of an individual qualifying for a personal relief under section 8(1)(a) of the Taxes Act ”.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 108) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 40, to leave out “ £500 ”, and insert “ £1,000 ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Nigel Lawson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Peter Morrison: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Alf Bates: 250.

A Clause (Capital gains: Unit Trusts, &c.)—(Mr. Joel Barnett)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Sub-contractors (exemption))—(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 (Sub-contractors in the building industry)—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley)—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. Peter Morrison, Mr. Carol Mather: 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham: 213.

Another Clause (Decrease in deductions to be made from payments to sub-contractors in the construction industry)—(Sir Geoffrey Howe)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendments ((a)) and ((b)) made to the proposed Clause.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 96) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 22, to leave out " 42 " and insert " 25 ", instead thereof.—(Mr. David Mitchell.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 24, at the end, to insert the words—

" (1A) Where in section 95(4) and (5) of the Finance Act 1972 provision is made for restricting the small company relief in respect of associated companies, such provision shall not reduce the total relief below the amount which would have applied if all the associated companies had been one company. "—(Mr. David Mitchell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 93) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—

" (2) In paragraph 4(1) of that Schedule, after paragraph (b), there shall be inserted the following additional paragraph—

' or

c) is at the time the interest is paid used as the residence of a divorced or separated spouse, who has borrowed additionally on the security of his main residence to provide for the other former or separate spouse, subject to total borrowing for this purpose or as part of the original mortgage not exceeding the annual limit.’ "

—(Mr. John MacGregor.)

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

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee, to be further considered upon Monday next.

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 Kingdom of the Netherlands of the Protocol set out in the Schedule to the draft Order, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands) Order 1977, which draft was laid before this House on 21st June, an Order may be made in the form of that draft—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—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) (Kenya) Order 1977 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 21st June—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—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 (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Zaire) Order 1977 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 21st June—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—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 (Air Transport Profits) (Ethiopia) Order 1977 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 21st June—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—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 Poland of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the draft Order,
entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Poland) Order 1977, which
draft was laid before this House on 21st June, an Order may be made in the form of
that draft.—(Mr. Donald Coleman): 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.

House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 15th November 1974
related to nomination of members of the Select Committee on House of Commons
(Services) be amended, by leaving out the word “Eighteen” and inserting the word
“Nineteen”.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 15th November 1974
related to nomination of members of the Select Committee on House of Commons
(Services) be amended, by adding Mr. Eric Ogden and Mr. Cecil Parkinson.—(Mr.
Donald Coleman.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.57 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 21st July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Expenditure,—Copy of Government Observations on the Second Report from the
Expenditure Committee, Session 1976-77 relating to Defence Expenditure [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Statement by the Secretary of State for Social
Services and the Secretary of State for Wales concerning the separation of younger from
older patients in hospitals [by Act]; to be printed [No. 491].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th July 1977, entitled the Aerodromes
(Designation) (Facilities for Consultation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1164) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th July 1977, entitled the
Merchant Shipping (Certification of Deck Officers) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1152) [by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:

Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 14th July 1977, entitled—

(1) the Indian Civil Service Family Pension Fund (Transferred) Scheme (Amend-
ment) Scheme 1977,
(2) the Indian Military Service Family Pension Fund (Transferred) Scheme (Amend-
ment) Scheme 1977,
(3) the Indian Military Widows' and Orphans' Fund (Transferred) Scheme (Amend-
ment) Scheme 1977, and
(4) the Superior Services (India) Family Pension Fund (Transferred) Scheme
(Amendment) Scheme 1977
[by Act].

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 1976,
Part 2: Building Societies [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Com-
mitttees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Wells Chairman of the First Standing Committee
on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designa-
tion (No. 3) Order 1977, the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 5)
(Variation) Order 1977 and the West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 2) Order
1977; Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory
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Instruments, &c., in respect of the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 3) Order 1977; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Sugar) (Amendment) Order 1977, the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cocoa and Chocolate Products) Order 1977, and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cheese) Order 1977; Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 1977, the Films (Exemption from Quota) Order 1977, and the draft Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers’ Licensing) (Reserve Fund) (Amendment) Regulations 1977; and Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Family Income Supplements (Computation) (No. 2) Regulations 1977, the draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977, and the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1977.

[No. 144.]

Friday, 22nd July, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

Mr. Speaker’s Absence.—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker from this day’s sitting, pursuant to leave given on Monday 18th July.

Whereupon Mr. Oscar Murton, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

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

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Price Commission Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

Patents Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Patents Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Costs and expenses in proceedings before the court under s. 40) (Mr. Clinton Davis) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Misuse of title “ Patent Office “) (Mr. Clinton Davis) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 18) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 34, line 20, to leave out from the word “ shall “ to the end of line 37 and insert the words “ be taken to belong to that employee for the purposes of this Act and all other purposes, unless the employer can show that the invention was made in the course of undertaking or managing research work for which the employee was employed or in the course of a specific project on which the employee was working and the circumstances in either case were such that an intervention might reasonably be expected to result from such work:

Provided always it shall not be presumed against an employee that an invention is expected to result from the carrying out of such work unless it is specified in his contract of employment.

(2) When an invention made by an employee is deemed under subsection (1) above to belong to the employer and where the employer having patented that invention has not within a period of two years from having been awarded the patent fully worked that patent, the comptroller, upon application by the employee, shall revoke the patent and assign it to the employee who made the invention “, instead thereof. (Mr. Ian Mikardo.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 22 and 23) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 52, line 26, to leave out the words “ contrary to the public interest “ and insert the words “ prejudicial to the defence of the realm or the safety of the public “, instead thereof. (Mr. John Nott.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 25 to 27) made to the Bill.
Royal Assent.—Mr. Deputy Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, that Her Majesty had signified Her Royal Assent to the following Acts agreed upon by both Houses:

8. Control of Food Premises (Scotland) Act 1977.

Patents Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded to consider the Patents Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 28 to 46) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 47) proposed to the Bill, in page 112, line 34, after the word "years", to insert the words "or, in the case of a pharmaceutical patent, fourteen years".—(Mr. David Crouch.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 49) proposed to the Bill, in page 113, line 1, to leave out sub-paragraphs (3) and (4).—(Mr. John Nott.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 51 to 54 and 56 to 95) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Administration of Justice Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Rectification of the register)—(Mr. Arthur Davidson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 4 to 6) made to the Bill.

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

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

The Lord Advocate, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales'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 (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords];

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

Employment Protection Consolidation Bill [Lords].—The Employment Protection Consolidation 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 on Monday next.
Protection from Eviction Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Protection from Eviction Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)
Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Clause No. 3 (Prohibition of eviction without due process of law).
Amendment (No. 1) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 4 to 7 agreed to.
Clause No. 8 (Interpretation).
Amendment (No. 2) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 9 to 13 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
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.

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.

Rent Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rent Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)
Clauses Nos. 1 to 17 agreed to.
Clause No. 18 (Regulated tenancies).
Amendment (No. 1) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 19 to 96 agreed to.
Clause No. 97 (Interpretation of Part VI).
Amendment (No. 2) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 98 to 155 agreed to.
Clause No. 156 (Short title, commencement and extent).
Amendment (No. 3) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 13 agreed to.
Schedule No. 14 (Conversion of housing association tenancies into regulated tenancies).
Amendment (No. 4) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 15 to 22 agreed to.
Schedule No. 23 (Consequential amendments).
Amendments (Nos. 5 to 8) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 24 (Transitional provisions and savings).
Amendment (No. 9) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 25 agreed to.
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.

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.

Iron and Steel.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Iron and Steel (Borrowing Powers) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman):—Debate arising:

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That at this day’s sitting the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Unfair Contract Terms Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Iron and Steel,—The Question being again proposed, That the draft Iron and Steel (Borrowing Powers) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Resolved, That the draft Iron and Steel (Borrowing Powers) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.

Electricity,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) (No. 2) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 28th June, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Town and Country Planning,—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 Location of Offices Bureau (Amendment) Order 1977 be made in the terms of the draft laid before this House on 23rd June—(Mr. Ted Graham):—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.

Unfair Contract Terms Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [15th July] on consideration of Lords Amendments, That this House doth agree with the Lords in their Amendment No. 3, in page 2, line 14; And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 to 9 were agreed to
Lords Amendment No. 10 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 11 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 12, in page 6, line 5, at end insert—

" (3) Where by reference to a contract term or notice a person seeks to restrict liability to a specified sum of money, and the question arises (under this or any other Act) whether the term or notice satisfies the requirement of reasonableness, regard shall be had in particular (but without prejudice to subsection (2) above in the case of contract terms) to—

(a) the resources which he could expect to be available to him for the purpose of meeting the liability should it arise; and

(b) how far it was open to him to cover himself by insurance,"

was amended, in line 6, by inserting, after the word " which ", the words " in the course of his business ", and in line 8, by inserting, after the word " him ", the words " in the course of his business ", and, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 13 and 14 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 15 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 16 to 19 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 20 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 21 to 32 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 33 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 34 to 47 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 48 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 49 to 56 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 57 was 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.—(Mr. John Fraser.)

Ordered, That Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. Michael Neubert, and Mr. Michael Ward, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. John Fraser.)

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

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. John Fraser.)

Unfair Contract Terms Bill,—Mr. Michael Ward reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Unfair Contract Terms 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 first Amendment made by the Lords in page 5, line 28, to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 7, line 15, and page 7, line 31, to the second Amendment made by the Lords in page 9, line 10, and to Amendments made by the Lords in page 13, line 37, and in line 7 of the Title, for the following Reason:

Because they do not consider the arbitration procedure proposed to be appropriate.

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. Walter Harrison.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.16 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 22nd July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Counter-Inflation,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Counter-Inflation (Continuation of Enactments) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

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

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Counter-Inflation,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Limits on Remuneration Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

National Health Service,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th July 1977, entitled the National Health Service (Association of Community Health Councils—Establishment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1204) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Prices,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Price Investigation and Examination (Exceptions) Order 1977 [by Act].

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

Magistrates' Courts,—Copies of Rules, dated 13th July 1977, entitled—

(1) the Magistrates' Courts (Amendment) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1174), and
(2) the Magistrates' Courts (Forms) (Amendment) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1175) [by Act].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them; And the Report was brought up and read (Eleventh Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 535].

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, 19th, 20th and 21st July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 20-xxv to xxix].

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 had directed him to report the Memoranda submitted to the Energy Resources Sub-Committee: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 534].

Minutes of Evidence taken before the Energy Resources Sub-Committee in the last Session of Parliament, together with Appendices, to be printed [No. 534].

So much of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee as relate to the Report to be printed [No. 534].

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 Coal Industry Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Criminal Law Bill [Lords]; the Lords have agreed to certain other Amendments made by this House, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; the Lords have made consequential Amendments to the Bill, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; the Lords have disagreed to certain other Amendments made by this House, but propose Amendments in lieu thereof, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; and the Lords have disagreed to certain other Amendments made by this House, for which disagreement they assign their Reason.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain provisions relating to the health service for England and Wales; and to repeal certain enactments relating to the health service which have ceased to have any effect; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [National Health Service Bill [Lords]].

Coal Industry Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Coal Industry Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 178].

Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 179].

Criminal Law Bill [Lords],—Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments, consequential Amendments made by the Lords, Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Commons Amendments and Lords Reason for disagreeing to certain Commons Amendments to the Criminal Law Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 176].

National Health Service Bill [Lords],—The National Health Service Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 180].
Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill (Lords).—The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill (Lords), was read and discharged.

Town and Country Planning (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. Michael Shersby, supported by Mr. F. P. Crowder, presented a Bill to require local authorities to prepare and publish feasibility studies in connection with certain developments; to consult with persons likely to be affected by such development; to provide for local polls in respect of development proposals in certain circumstances; 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 177].

Finance Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 97 to 99 and 92) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 90) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, after the words last inserted, to insert the words—

“(d) in subsection (1B) for £3,250’ there shall be substituted ‘£3,500’ ”.—(Mr. John Pardoe.)

An Amendment ((a)) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 2, to leave out “£3,500” and insert “£3,700”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton : 247.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Tinn : 287.

Question, That the Amendment (No. 90) be made, put and agreed to.

Another Amendment (No. 100) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 122) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, to leave out lines 19 to 23.—(Mr. John Pardoe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. John Pardoe : 24.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper : 268.

Another Amendment (No. 31) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 29, to leave out from the word “where” to the word “living” in line 6.—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 39) proposed to the Bill, in page 23, line 13, at the end, to insert the words "excess of normal requirements in".—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 41, 46 and 47) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 109) proposed to the Bill, in page 24 line 24, to leave out "£5,000" and insert "£6,500", instead thereof.—(Mr. David Howell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Peter Morrison: 230.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Ted Graham: 261.

Other Amendments (Nos. 49, 88, 89 and 50) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 51) proposed to the Bill, in page 24 line 24, to leave out "£5,000" and insert "£6,500", instead thereof.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Question put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 56) proposed to the Bill, in page 31, line 24, to leave out the words "materially reduced" and insert the words "reduced by more than 30 per cent.", instead thereof.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 57) proposed to the Bill, in page 31, line 42, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4) This section shall not apply where the value of shares in one member of a group of companies has been reduced and the shares of another member of that group of companies has been increased by virtue of a transaction falling within section 273(1) of the Taxes Act (disposals within a group of companies)."—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 58) proposed to the Bill, in page 32, line 15, to leave out from the word "by" to the end of line 19 and insert the words "the amount by which the consideration for the disposal of the asset mentioned in paragraph (a) above had been increased by virtue of subsection (4) above", instead thereof.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 59, 60, 62, 101, 116 and 117) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 65) proposed to the Bill, in page 36, line 2, to leave out from "1977" to the end of line 4, and insert the words "or to any payment made after that date under a liability incurred for consideration in money or money's worth before that date", instead thereof.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 67, 69 and 72) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 126) proposed to the Bill, in page 37, line 28, at the end, to insert the words "and for paragraph 3 of the said Schedule 9 to the Finance Act 1975 (basis and rate of tax chargeable on disposal of trees and underwood) the following paragraph shall be substituted:—

'3.—(1) Where the value of any trees or underwood has been left out of account in determining the value transferred on the death of any person and tax is chargeable under paragraph 2 above on a disposal of the trees or underwood, it shall be charged on the following amount (hereinafter called "the taxable amount"), namely—

(a) if the disposal is a sale for full consideration in money or money's worth, on the net proceeds of the sale; and

(b) in any other case, on the net value, at the time of the disposal, of the trees or underwood.

(2) The amount of tax chargeable shall be ascertained by multiplying the taxable amount by the relevant factor provided that in no case shall the tax be charged at a rate or rates greater than the rate or rates at which tax would have been chargeable
on the death if the taxable amount, and any other amount on which tax was previously chargeable under paragraph 2 above in relation to the death, had been included in the value transferred on death and the taxable amount on which the tax is chargeable had formed the highest part of that value.

(3) The relevant factor shall be ascertained by dividing the deferred tax by the deferred value. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph—

"the deferred value" shall be the value, at the date of the death, of the timber or underwood left out of account in calculating the value transferred on the death;

"the deferred tax" shall be the tax which would have been chargeable on that death if the deferred value (reduced by the amount of any relief under Schedule 10 to the Finance Act 1976) and the deferred value (similarly reduced) of any other timber or underwood in respect of which tax was previously chargeable under paragraph 2 above had been included in the value transferred on death and the deferred value (so reduced) of the timber and underwood in respect of which the tax is chargeable had formed the highest part of that value.”—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 73, 74 and 106) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Joel Barnett, 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. Joel Barnett, 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.

Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 5 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 6, in page 3, line 39, leave out from beginning to “appeal” in line 42 and insert “Before refusing an application for registration under section 3 of this Act or an application for enrolment under section 4 of this Act, the Council shall give the person by whom or the body corporate by which the application was made an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a Committee of the Council.

(1A) Where the Council refuse any such application, the Council shall, if so required by the person by whom or the body corporate by which the application was made within seven days from notification of the decision, serve on that person or body a statement of the reasons therefor.

(1B) A person or body corporate whose application is so refused may within twenty-eight days from—

(a) notification of the decision, or

(b) if a statement of reasons has been required under subsection (1A) above, service of the statement,”.

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 10, to leave out from the word “may” to the end of line 14.—(Mr. Roger Moate.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Richard Body: 2.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. Alf Bates: 46.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 7 to 23 were agreed to.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Taunton for legislation to save civilian jobs by keeping the Army in Taunton was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Wiveliscombe for legislation providing for a relief road was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes to Four o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.44 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 25th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Redundancy Payments (Variation of Rebates) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Copy of the Report on research and development work on equipment for the disabled in 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 448].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th July 1977, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Seamen’s Documents) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1181) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—
(1) general printing and publishing,
(2) milk and milk products,
(3) office machinery,
(4) printing, bookbinding and paper goods machinery,
(5) refractory goods,
(6) refrigerating machinery, space-heating, ventilating and air-conditioning equipment,
(7) shop and office fittings,
(8) timber, and
(9) toys, games and children’s carriages
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Housing,—Copies of Orders, dated 21st July 1977, entitled—
(1) the Grants by Local Authorities Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1212),
(2) the Improvement Grant (Eligible Expense Limits) Orders 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1211), and
(3) the Improvement Grant (Rateable Value Limits) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1213)
[by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—Report of the Attorney General on the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

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. Robert Macleman (nominated in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Sugar) (Amendment) Order 1977, the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cocoa and Chocolate Products) Order 1977, and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cheese) Order 1977); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Tom Urwin.
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., Mr. John Nott (nominated in respect of the Films (Exemption from Quota) Order 1977, the draft Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 1977, and the draft Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers’ Licensing Reserve Fund) Amendment Regulations 1977); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Neubert.

[No. 146.]

Tuesday, 26th July, 1977.

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 21st July relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Kenya) Order 1977, the Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Zaire) Order 1977, and the Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Profits) (Ethiopia) Order 1977 be made in the form of the drafts laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

Income Tax.—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of 21st July 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 on the ratification by the Government of the Netherlands of the Protocol set out in the Schedule to the draft Order, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands) Order 1977, and on the ratification by the Government of Poland of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the draft Order, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Poland) Order 1977, Orders be made in the form of those drafts.

I will comply with your request.

Town and Country Planning.—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 22nd July relating to Town and Country Planning had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that the Location of Offices Bureau (Amendment) Order 1977 be made in the terms of the draft laid before your House on 23rd June.

I will comply with your request.

North West Water Authority Bill [Lords].—The North West Water Authority Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

University of London Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Promoters of the University of London 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.

Ordered, That no further Fees shall be charged in respect of any proceedings 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 Chairman of Ways and Means).

To be communicated to the Lords.

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 the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-seventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 31-xxxviii].

European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xxxii].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 530].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 530].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 531].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 531].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Ninth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 532].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 532].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Tenth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 536].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 536].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Scottish Grand Committee,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the matter of Transport in Scotland, referred to them on 20th July and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 544].
First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1084), the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1083), and the West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1108), referred to a Committee on 14th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 540].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Anti-Dumping Duty (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1134), referred to a Committee on 14th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 543].

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

The Lords have agreed to the British Railways Order Confirmation 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 Amendments made by this House to the Lords Amendment to the Water Charges Equalisation Bill, without Amendment, and the Lords do not insist on their Amendments to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Administration of Justice Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That if, at this day's sitting, proceedings on the Motions relating to Conduct of Members are not disposed of before Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker shall at that hour proceed to put any Question already proposed from the Chair, any outstanding Amendments selected by Mr. Speaker and any outstanding Motions may thereupon be moved, and the Questions necessary to dispose of such Amendments and Motions shall be put forthwith.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Supplementary Benefits (General) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1141) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Independence of House of Commons,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that charges on the public revenue relating to the internal management of the House of Commons shall not require to be recommended from the Crown; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Fred Silvester do prepare and bring it in.

Independent of House of Commons Bill,—Mr. Fred Silvester accordingly presented a Bill to provide that charges on the public revenue relating to the internal management of the House of Commons shall not require to be recommended from the Crown; 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 181].

Conduct of Members,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Report from the Select Committee on Conduct of Members be now considered.—(Mr. Michael Foot)

Mr. Reginald Maudling was heard in his place:—And then he withdrew.

Mr. Albert Roberts was heard in his place:—And then he withdrew.

Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop proposed that the House might be willing not to require the continued withdrawal of the Right honourable Member and the honourable Member.

Mr. Speaker accordingly took the pleasure of the House, which having been signified, Mr. Reginald Maudling and Mr. Albert Roberts resumed their seats.

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

Ordered, That the Report from the Select Committee on Conduct of Members be now considered.

Resolved, That this House agrees with the Report of the Committee insofar as it relates to Mr. John H. Cordle.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Report of the Committee insofar as it relates to Mr. Reginald Maudling—(Mr. Michael Foot);

An Amendment ((c)) was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out the words “agrees with” and insert the words “takes note of”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Ronald Bell.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Patrick Cormack: 230.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Arnold Shaw: 207.

So the Question was agreed to.

Another Amendment ((g)) was proposed to the Question, in line 2, at the end, to add the words "and that Mr. Maudling be expelled this House".—(Mr. W. W. Hamilton.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. W. W. Hamilton: 11.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Timothy Kitson, Mr. Nicholas Scott: 331.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put the outstanding Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions relating to Conduct of Members.

Another Amendment ((h)) was proposed to the Question, in line 2, at the end, to add the words "and since his conduct was inconsistent with the standard the House is entitled to expect from its Members suspends him from membership of this House for six months and suspends his salary as a Member for that period; these suspensions to be Standing Orders of the House".—(Mr. G. R. Strauss.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. William Small: 97.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Robert Banks: 324.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;
Resolved, That this House takes note of the Report of the Committee insofar as it relates to Mr. Reginald Maudling.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Report of the Committee insofar as it relates to Mr. Albert Roberts.—(Mr. Michael Foot);

An Amendment ((i)) was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out the words "agrees with" and insert the words "takes note of", instead thereof.—(Mr. Ronald Bell)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Charles Morrison: 288.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Andrew Bennett: 144.

So the Question was agreed to.

Another Amendment ((j)) was proposed to the Question, in line 2, at the end, to add the words, "and that Mr. Roberts be expelled this House".—(Mr. W. W. Hamilton.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Neil Kinnock: 11.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Timothy Kitson, Mr. Nicholas Scott: 353.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment ((m)) was proposed, in line 2, at the end, to add the words "and since his conduct was inconsistent with the standards the House is entitled to expect from its Members suspends him from membership of this House for six months and suspends his salary as a Member for that period; these suspensions to be Standing Orders of the House".—(Mr. G. R. Strauss.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. William Small: 78.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Mark Carlisle, Mr. Kenneth Baker: 329.

So the Question was negatived.
And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Report of the Committee insofar as it relates to Mr. Albert Roberts.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motion relating to Members' Office, Secretarial and Research Allowance, the Motion relating to Members' Salaries and Pensions, the Motion relating to Sound Broadcasting and the Motion relating to Sound Broadcasting (Joint Committee) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or for one and half hours after each has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(The Prime Minister.)

Overseas Aid.—Resolved, That the draft African Development Fund (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 12th July, be approved. —(Mr. John Tomlinson.)

Housing.—Resolved, That the draft Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Variation of Subsidy) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 15th July, be approved.—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong.)

Members' Office, Secretarial and Research Allowance.—Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the limits on the allowance payable to any Member of this House in respect of expenses incurred for his Parliamentary duties—

(a) as general office expenses;
(b) on secretarial assistance; and
(c) on research assistance for work undertaken in the proper performance of those duties;

should be replaced by one limit on the aggregate of the expenses so incurred and that limit should be, for the year ending 31st March 1978, £3,652, and for any subsequent year, £3,687.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Wednesday, 27th July, 1977:

Members' Salaries and Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the following provision about salaries and pensions of Members of this House should be made with respect to service on or after 13th June 1977:—

(1) The salary payable to Members of each of the descriptions in the first column of Table 1 below shall be at the yearly rate specified in relation to that description in the second column of that Table.

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(2) The ordinary salary of every Member shall be regarded for pension purposes as being at the rate of £8,208 a year (the proper rate for Members within paragraph 1 of Table 1).

(3) Members of each of the descriptions in the first column of Table 2 shall be credited, by way of supplement to their salaries, with amounts at the yearly rate specified in relation to that description in the second column of that Table (that is to say, amounts adjusted for increases of salaries in 1976 but otherwise equal to 5 per cent. of the yearly amount by which the salary of a Member within paragraph 1 of Table 1 falls short of what a Member's ordinary salary is regarded to be for pension purposes).
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Parliament.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved—(Mr. Michael Foot);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Alf Bates: 47.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Michael English: 10.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved.

Sound Broadcasting.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 16th March 1976 and certain Recommendations made in the Second Report of the Joint Committee on Sound Broadcasting—

(1) the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Independent Broadcasting Authority (“the broadcasting authorities”) be authorised to provide and operate singly or jointly sound signal origination equipment for the purpose of recording or broadcasting the proceedings of the House and its committees subject to the directions of the House or a committee empowered to give such directions (“the committee”);

(2) the broadcasting authorities may supply signals, whether direct or recorded, made pursuant to this Resolution to other broadcasting organisations, and shall supply them to any other organisation whose request for such a facility shall have been granted by the committee, on such conditions as the committee may determine;

(3) no signal, whether direct or recorded, made pursuant to this Resolution shall be used by the broadcasting authorities, or by any organisation supplied with such signal, in light entertainment programmes or programmes designed as political satire; nor shall any record, cassette or other device making use of such signal be published unless the committee shall have satisfied themselves that it is not designed for such entertainment or satire;

(4) archive tapes of all signals supplied by the broadcasting authorities shall be made, together with a selection for permanent preservation, under the direction of the committee—(Mr. John Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Tim Rathbone: 37.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Norman Tebbit: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 16th March 1976 and certain Recommendations made in the Second Report of the Joint Committee on Sound Broadcasting—

(1) the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Independent Broadcasting Authority (“the broadcasting authorities”) be authorised to provide and operate singly or jointly sound signal origination equipment for the purpose of recording or broadcasting the proceedings of the House and its committees subject to the directions of the House or a committee empowered to give such directions (“the committee”);

(2) the broadcasting authorities may supply signals, whether direct or recorded, made pursuant to this Resolution to other broadcasting organisations, and shall supply them to any other organisation whose request for such a facility shall have been granted by the committee, on such conditions as the committee may determine;

(3) no signal, whether direct or recorded, made pursuant to this Resolution shall be used by the broadcasting authorities, or by any organisation supplied with such signal, in light entertainment programmes or programmes designed as political satire; nor shall any record, cassette or other device making use of such signal be published unless the committee shall have satisfied themselves that it is not designed for such entertainment or satire;

(4) archive tapes of all signals supplied by the broadcasting authorities shall be made, together with a selection for permanent preservation, under the direction of the committee.
Sound Broadcasting (Joint Committee).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put,
That it is expedient that the powers of a committee of the House in relation to
broadcasting authorities and other organisations for which provision has been made in
the Resolution of the House this day relating to Sound Broadcasting be exercised by the
Joint Committee on Sound Broadcasting—(Mr. Michael Foot);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. James Tinn: 29.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Norman Tebbit: 4.
And it appearing from 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.

Michael Hugh Litchfield v. Times Newspapers and Susan Joy Kentish v. Times Newspapers,—
A Petition of Feruccio John Calderan and Paul Louis Martin Butner was presented and
read; setting forth, first, that the first-named Petitioner is the Solicitor representing
Times Newspapers Ltd. and the second-named Petitioner is the Solicitor representing
Michael Hugh Litchfield and Susan Joy Kentish; secondly, that two actions have been
brought in the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, against Times Newspapers
Limited, one by Michael Hugh Litchfield and the other by Susan Joy Kentish, the
numbers of the two actions are respectively 1975 L. No. 2577 and 1975 K. No. 1034;
thirdly, that in each action the Plaintiff claims damages for libel on the basis of
articles published in the "Sunday Times" Newspaper; fourthly, that in each action
issues arise as to the investigations made by Mr. Litchfield and Mrs. Kentish into the
practice of obtaining abortions in the United Kingdom, as to their methods of obtaining
and recording information in the course of those investigations, as to their use of such
information, and as to the publication of a book entitled "Babies for Burning" and the
newspapers all of which were written by them following those investigations; fifthly, that on Monday, 7th July 1975, Mr. Litchfield and Mrs. Kentish gave evidence
to the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill and the Minutes of their
Evidence were ordered to be printed by the House of Commons on 7th July 1975
(No. 253-xl); and sixthly, that the evidence given by Mr. Litchfield and Mrs. Kentish to the
said Select Committee as printed in the said Minutes of Evidence relates directly to the
issues referred to in paragraph 4 hereof, and reference is desired to be made by Your
Petitioners in the two actions referred to in paragraph 2 hereof, to the evidence printed
in the said Minutes which was given by Mr. Litchfield and Mrs. Kentish, as well as
to the tape recordings, transcripts and documents which were laid before the Committee;
and praying that reference may be made in the two actions presently proceeding in the
High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, referred to herein to the said Minutes of
Evidence, tape recordings, transcripts and documents, and that leave be given to the
proper Officers of the House formally to prove the same according to their competence.

Ordered, That reference may be made in the two actions presently proceeding in the
High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, referred to in the Petition to the said
Minutes of Evidence, tape recordings, transcripts and documents, and that leave be
given to the proper Officers of the House formally to prove the same according to their
competence.—(Mr. Kenneth Baker.)

Adjourment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes to Five o'clock
on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Adjourned at 4.52 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 26th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 26th July 1977, directing
the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for Environ-
mental Research (Class VIII, 3) and Transport Services (Class VI, 2) [by Act].

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 21st, 22nd, 27th and 28th June 1977, and
(2) 1st, 4th, 5th and 6th July 1977
relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 541 and 542].

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th July 1977, entitled the Value
Added Tax (Self-Supply) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1259) [by Act].

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Mr. Secretary Rees:—Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th July 1977, entitled the Amusements with Prizes (Variation of Fees) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1176) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:—Commonwealth,—Copy of the Communiqué from the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting held at London between 8th and 15th June 1977 [by Command].

            Netherlands (No. 1, 1977),—Copy of a Protocol signed at London on 22nd March 1977, amending the Convention between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital signed at London on 31st October 1967 (the Protocol is not in force) [by Command].


            United States (No. 3, 1977),—Copy of the Second Protocol, signed at London on 31st March 1977, 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 and by a Protocol signed at London on 26th August 1976 (Instructions of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:—Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th July 1977, entitled the Amusements with Prizes (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1179) [by Act].

            Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th July 1977, entitled the Milk and Meals (Education) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1203) [by Act].

            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 1977 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 473].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:—Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th July 1977, entitled the Provision of Milk and Meals (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1193) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:—Pensions,—Copy of the Army Pensions Warrant 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:—Industrial Training,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1977 of the Clothing and Allied Products Industry Training Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:—Pensions,—Copies of Regulations, dated 18th July 1977, entitled—
(1) the Contracted-out Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1188), and
(2) the Occupational Pension Schemes (Preservation of Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1187) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1977, entitled the Supplementary Benefits (General) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1226) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copies of the Reports of the Occupational Pensions Board—
(1) preceded by a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services pursuant to section 61(3) of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975, concerning the Contracted-out Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1188), and
(2) pursuant to section 68(1) of the Social Security Act 1973, preceded by a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services pursuant to section 68(2) of that Act, concerning the Occupational Pension Schemes (Preservation of Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1187) [by Act] ; to be printed [Nos. 513 and 454].
Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industry,—Copy of the Reports of the Secretaries of State for Industry, Scotland and Wales on the discharge of their functions under the Industry Act 1972 for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 545].

Post Office,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Post Office for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Public Health,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th July 1977, entitled the Control of Pollution (Licensing of Waste Disposal) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1185) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Morris:

Ancient Monuments,—Copy of the Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Wales for 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 525].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Gas,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Gas Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Post Office,—Copies of the Reports for the year ended 31st March 1977 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. 551 to 553].

Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st March to 31st May 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 459].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Devolution,—Copy of Government Proposals, entitled Devolution: Financing the Devolved Services [by Command].

Mr. John Silkin:

Open Spaces,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Regulations 1977 [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 1977, and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 546].

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 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 547].


National Savings Bank,—Accounts of the National Savings Bank Investment Account Fund for 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 548].

National Savings Bank,—Accounts with respect to ordinary deposits and expenses of the National Savings Bank for 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 549].

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 1976; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 550].
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 Supplementary Benefits (General) Regulations 1977, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Eric Deusker, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Tony Newton, Miss Jo Richardson, and Mr. Roger Sims.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged Mrs. Helene Hayman and Mr. William Molloy from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., (nominated in respect of the draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977, the draft Family Income Supplements (Computation) (No. 2) Regulations 1977, and the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1977) and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Ellis and Miss Jo Richardson.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 26th July 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Supplementary Benefits (General) Regulations 1977 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

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

PRAYERS.

Kensington and Chelsea Corporation Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Kensington and Chelsea Corporation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 205 (Notice of Third Reading) be suspended and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means)

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

British Railways Bill.—Ordered, That in the case of the British Railways Bill, Standing Order 208 (Notice of Consideration of Lords Amendments) be suspended and that the Lords Amendments be now considered.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means)

The Lords Amendments were agreed to.

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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 5th and 12th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 410-iv and 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 19th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 554-i].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Sugar) (Amendment) Order 1977, the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cocoa and Chocolate Products) Order 1977 and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cheese) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 18th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 555].
Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers' Licensing) (Reserve Fund) (Amendment) Regulations 1977, the draft Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 1977, and the Films (Exemption from Quota) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 19th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 559].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977, the draft Family Income Supplements (Computation) (No. 2) Regulations 1977, the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1977, and the Supplementary Benefits (General) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1141), referred to a Committee on 19th, 20th and 26th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 560].

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

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 Patents Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Kensington and Chelsea Corporation Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the North West Water Authority Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 5 (Exempted business), Mr. Speaker shall put any Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the first Motion relating to Counter-Inflation at One o'clock or three hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, and that Mr. Speaker shall then put forthwith any Questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings on the second Motion relating to Counter-Inflation and the Motion relating to Prices as soon as they have been entered upon.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Rent Acts (Amendment),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Rent Acts (Mr. Kevin McNamara); and the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of Public Business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Terry Walker : 219.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. John Wells : 155.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Robin Corbett, and Dr. Edmund Marshall, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Rent Acts (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Kevin McNamara accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Rent Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 182].

Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2, in page 1, line 21, at end insert new Clause A (Provisions concerning exercise of powers)—

"A. The parties to an agreement or intended agreement whereby any building or work (in this Act called a 'relevant work') is to be constructed by a district council (in this Act called a 'contracting council') under an agreement made by virtue of section 1 above shall comply with sections (Obligation to put work out to tender) (Form of Contract) and (Separate accounting) 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. Reginald Freeson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joe Ashton: 261.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Mr. Peter Morrison: 200.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 6 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 7 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 8 was 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.—(Mr. Reginald Freeson.)

Ordered, That Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Reginald Freeson, Mr. Michael Morris, and Mr. Keith Speed, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Reginald Freeson.)

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

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Reginald Freeson.)

Coal Industry Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Coal Industry Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3, in page 8, line 17, at end insert—

“(1A) Where the Board intend to exercise their powers under this section to work and get minerals by means of open-cast operations otherwise than in association with working and getting coal, the Secretary of State shall not give his approval under subsection (1) above unless he is satisfied, after consultation with the Secretary of State for the Environment and having regard to the overall demand on the capacity of the mineral industry, that the exercise of such powers by the Board would be commercially reasonable and in the national interest.”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Alex Eadie);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ted Graham: 248.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Michael Roberts: 218.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 and 5 were disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments.—(Mr. Alex Eadie.)

Ordered, That Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. John Hannam, and Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Alex Eadie.)

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

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Alex Eadie.)

Criminal Law Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments, consequential Amendments made by the Lords, Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Commons Amendments and a Lords Reason for disagreeing to certain Commons Amendments to the Criminal Law Bill [Lords].

Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2, in page 7, line 8, leave out from first “of” to end of line 8 and insert—

“(a) a displaced residential occupier of the premises; or

(b) an individual who is a protected intending occupier of the premises by virtue of subsection (1A) or subsection (1C) below.

(1A) For the purposes of this section an individual is a protected intending occupier of any premises at any time if at that time—

(a) he has in those premises a freehold interest or a leasehold interest with not less than 21 years still to run and he acquired that interest as a purchaser for money or money’s worth; and

(b) he requires the premises for his own occupation as a residence; and

(c) he is excluded from occupation of the premises by a person who entered them, or any access to them, as a trespasser; and
(d) he or a person acting on his behalf holds a written statement—
(i) which specifies his interest in the premises, and
(ii) which states that he requires the premises for occupation as a residence for himself; and
(iii) with respect to which the requirements in subsection (1B) below are fulfilled.

(1B) The requirements referred to in subsection (1A)(d)(iii) above are—
(a) that the statement is signed by the person whose interest is specified in it in the presence of a justice of the peace or commissioner for oaths; and
(b) that the justice of the peace or commissioner for oaths has subscribed his name as a witness to the signature;

and a person is guilty of an offence if he makes a statement for the purposes of subsection (1A)(d) above which he knows to be false in a material particular or if he recklessly makes such a statement which is false in a material particular.

(1C) For the purposes of this section an individual is also a protected intending occupier of any premises at any time if at that time—
(a) he has been authorised to occupy the premises as a residence by an authority to which this subsection applies; and
(b) he is excluded from occupation of the premises by a person who entered the premises, or any access to them, as a trespasser; and
(c) there has been issued to him by or on behalf of the authority referred to in paragraph (a) above a certificate stating that the authority is one to which this subsection applies, being of a description specified in the certificate, and that he has been authorised by the authority to occupy the premises concerned as a residence.

(1D) Subsection (1C) above applies to the following authorities:—
(a) any body mentioned in section 14 of the Rent Act 1977 (landlord’s interest belonging to local authority etc.); and
(b) the Housing Corporation; and
(c) a housing association, within the meaning of section 189(1) of the Housing Act 1957, which is for the time being either registered in the register of housing associations established under section 13 of the Housing Act 1974 or specified in an order made by the Secretary of State under paragraph 23 of Schedule 1 to the Housing Rents and Subsidies Act 1975.

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 13, at the end, to insert the words—
“ (bb) he intends to take up residence of the premises within six weeks; and ”.—
(Miss Jo Richardson.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—The Amendment was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 14 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 15, the Lords Reason for disagreeing to the Commons Amendment in page 34, line 7.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth insist on its Amendment in page 34, line 7—(Mr. Brynnor John);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. David Stoddart: 223.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Jim Lester: 196.

Lords Amendment No. 16 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 17, in line 3 of the Commons Amendment (insert new Clause (Right to have someone informed when arrested)) leave out “ a person of his choosing ” and insert “ one person reasonably named by him, without delay or, where some delay is necessary in the interest of the investigation or prevention of crime or the apprehension of offenders, with no more delay than is so necessary.”

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 2, to leave out from the word “ delay ” to the end of the Amendment.—(Mr. Christopher Price.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann: 68.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Donald Coleman: 242.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 18 to 20 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 21, the Lords Reason for disagreeing to the Commons Amendment in page 92, line 55, column 3.

Resolved, That this House doth insist on its Amendment in page 92, line 55, column 3.—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

Lords Amendment No. 22 was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for insisting on certain of the Amendments made by the Commons.—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

Ordered, That Mr. Alf Bates, Sir Michael Havers, Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. Ian Percival, and Mr. Secretary Rees, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

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

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill, Mr. Reginald Freeson reported from the Committee to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) 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 five Amendments made by the Lords, in page 1, line 21, and to the Amendment in the Title, line 1, for the following Reason:

Because they do not represent a code of general application but impose obligations in respect of only a part of the work carried out by a limited number of authorities.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Coal Industry Bill, Mr. Alex Eadie reported from the Committee to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments to the Coal Industry Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same were read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords, in page 7, line 14, and in page 8, lines 6 and 17, for the following Reason:

Because so far as the aims of the Amendments are desirable, they are adequately secured by existing legislation.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords, in page 8, line 23, for the following Reason:

Because it is unnecessary to impose on the Board a statutory obligation to consult organisations representative of the mineral industry.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords, in page 8, line 26, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendment is consequential upon the Amendments made by the Lords, in page 8, lines 17 and 23, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill.

Criminal Law Bill [Lords], Mr. Secretary Rees reported from the Committee to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for insisting on Amendments made by the Commons to the Criminal Law Bill [Lords], 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 Amendment to leave out Clause 43 and their Amendment in page 92, line 55, for the following Reason:

Because to remove the restriction imposed by section 3 of the Criminal Justice Act 1961 (elimination of intermediate and short prison sentences) would increase the number of young offenders of or over 17 and under 21 in the prisons (including prisons for adult offenders) at a time when the prisons are already severely overcrowded.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Control of Office Development Bill, The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the Control of Office Development Bill.

Lords Amendment, in page 1, line 12, leave out “seventeen” and insert “fifteen”.
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. James Hamilton, Mr. James Tinn: 235.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Jim Lester: 179.
So the Question was agreed to.
Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the
Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment.—(Mr. Guy Barnett.)
Ordered, That Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Hugh Rossi, Mr. Reginald
Freeson, and Mr. James Tinn, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Guy Barnett.)
Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Guy Barnett.)
Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Guy Barnett.)

Control of Office Development Bill.—Mr. Guy Barnett reported from the Committee to draw
up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment to the
Control of Office Development 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 12, for
the following Reason:
Because the Commons consider the period of three years too short a period for the
development of viable policies on the control of office development.
The Reason was agreed to.

Counter-Inflation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft
Counter-Inflation (Continuance of Enactments) Order 1977, which was laid before this
House on 22nd July, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Booth):—Debate arising;
And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the National Health Service Bill [Lords], the con-
sideration of a Lords Amendment to the Post Office Bill, any proceedings on Motions
relating to Committees to draw up Reasons, and the consideration of any Lords
Messages which may be received may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though
opposed, until any hour, the Motion relating to Sound Broadcasting (Joint Committee)
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.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Counter-Inflation.—The Question being again proposed, That the draft Counter-Inflation
(Continuance of Enactments) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 22nd
July, be approved:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.
And the Question being put;
The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper: 209.
Tellers for the Noes, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Peter Morrison: 165.
So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That the draft Counter-Inflation (Continuance of Enactments) Order 1977,
which was laid before this House on 22nd July, be approved.

Counter-Inflation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Limits
on Remuneration Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 22nd July, be
approved—(Mr. Alf Bates);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Thomas Cox: 172.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Dennis Canavan: 1.
So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That the draft Limits on Remuneration Order 1977, which was laid before
this House on 22nd July, be approved.
Prices.—Resolved, That the draft Price Investigation and Examination (Exceptions) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 22nd July, be approved.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Redundancy Payments (Variation of Rebates) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 25th July, be approved.—(Mr. Harold Walker):—

Debate arising:

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

Debate to be resumed this day.

National Health Service Bill [Lords].—The National Health Service Bill [Lords], was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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 130 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 14 agreed to.

Schedule No. 15 was amended, in page 126, line 14, at the end, by inserting the words "and for the words 'subsection (3) of that section' substitute 'paragraph 2 of that Schedule'"—(Mr. Arthur Davidson)—and, so amended, was agreed to.

Schedule No. 16 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Peter Snape 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.

Post Office Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the Post Office Bill; and the same was disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment.—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman.)

Ordered, That Mr. Leslie Huckfield, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Jim Lester, and Mr. Frank R. White, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman.)

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

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman.)

Post Office Bill.—Mr. Gerald Kaufman reported from the Committee to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment to the Post Office 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 17, for the following Reason:

Because it is desirable that the experiment in industrial democracy which the Bill enables to take place should begin as soon as appropriate appointments to the Post Office can be made.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill.

Message from the Lords.—Mr. Deputy Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill, with Amendments: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill to be printed [Bill 183].
Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill.—Ordered, That the Lords Amendments to the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill be now considered.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 41 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 42, in page 8, line 21, leave out “fails to give information reasonably required by the authority” and insert “knowingly withholds information which the authority have reasonably required him to give”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Stephen Ross);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. A. J. Beith: 96.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Morris: 1.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 43 to 50 agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 51, in page 11, line 4, at end insert new Clause E (Persons intentionally homeless or threatened with homelessness).

“E.—(1) Subject to subsection (3) below, for the purposes of this Act a person becomes homeless intentionally if he deliberately does or fails to do anything in consequence of which he ceases to occupy accommodation which is available for his occupation and which it would have been reasonable for him to continue to occupy.

(2) Subject to subsection (3) below, for the purposes of this Act a person becomes threatened with homelessness intentionally if he deliberately does or fails to do anything the likely result of which is that he will be forced to leave accommodation which is available for his occupation and which it would have been reasonable for him to continue to occupy.

(3) An act or omission in good faith on the part of a person who was unaware of any relevant fact is not to be treated as deliberate for the purposes of subsection (1) or (2) above.

(4) Regard may be had, in determining for the purposes of subsections (1) and (2) above whether it would have been reasonable for a person to continue to occupy accommodation, to the general circumstances prevailing in relation to housing in the area of the housing authority to whom he applied for accommodation or for assistance in obtaining accommodation.”

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 6, at the end, to insert the words “and does or fails to do so with the primary intention of securing accommodation under the provisions of this Act”.—(Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—It was negatived.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 12, at the end to insert the words “and does or fails to do so with the primary intention of securing accommodation under the provisions of this Act”—(Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—It was negatived.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 13, to leave out the words “in good faith”—(Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—It was negatived.

Lords Amendment agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 52 to 57 were agreed to.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the London Borough of Hillingdon praying for a speedy passage for the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the London Borough of Newham praying against the closure of Plaistow Maternity Hospital was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Market Harborough for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons 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 five minutes to Five o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 4.55 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Wednesday 27th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Immigration.—Statistics relating to the control of immigration in 1976 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of a Report on fisheries of Scotland for 1976 [by Command].
Agriculture.—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1977, entitled the Artificial Insemination of Cattle (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1230) [by Act].
Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd July 1977, entitled the Sheriff (Removal from Office) Order 1977 [by Act].
Tourism.—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security.—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th July 1977, entitled the Mobility Allowance (Vehicle Scheme Beneficiaries) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1229) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Cinematograph Films.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Film Fund Agency for the year ended 25th September 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 516].
Civil Aviation.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Airports Authority for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].
General Lighthouse Fund.—Statement of Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended 31st March 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 427].
Insurance Business.—Copy of the Report for 1976 by the Secretary of State for Trade on the exercise of his functions under the Insurance Companies Act 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Town and Country Planning.—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 1977 on the control of office development [by Act]; to be printed [No. 537].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Post Office.—Copy of the Report of the Post Office Users’ National Council for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 561].

Mr. John Silkin:


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 Dioceses Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 557].

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee upon the Dioceses Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 558].
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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

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 (Fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 564].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 565].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Control of Office Development Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Coal Industry Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Local Authorities (Restoration of Works Powers) Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Post Office Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Protection from Eviction Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Rent Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the National Health Service Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their disagreement to the Commons Amendments to the Criminal Law Bill [Lords], on which this House has insisted.

Private Bills (Suspension).—The Lords communicate that they have considered the Commons Message of Tuesday 26th July relating to the University of London Bill [Lords] and have come to the following Resolutions, 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 28th July 1977:

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.

The Lords concur with the Commons in their Message of Tuesday 26th July relating to the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.

Broadcasting (Joint Committee).—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz:—That it is expedient that the powers of a committee of the House in relation to broadcasting authorities and other organisations for which provisions has been made in the Resolution of the House this day relating to Sound Broadcasting be exercised by the Joint Committee on Sound Broadcasting.

European Assembly Elections Bill.—The Order for the House to resolve itself, to-morrow into a Committee on the European Assembly Elections Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.
Employment Protection (Consolidation) Bill [Lords].—The Order for the House to resolve itself, to-morrow, into a Committee on the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Bill [Lords], was read and discharged.

Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That, at to-morrow's sitting, Mr. Speaker shall not adjourn the House until he shall have reported the Royal Assent to the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, but that, subject to this condition, Mr. Speaker shall at half-past Four o'clock, or as soon thereafter as he shall have so reported, adjourn the House without putting any Question.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Adjournment (Summer).—Resolved, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn till Wednesday 26th October.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Business of the House.—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. James Tinn.)

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill be now read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

Friday, 29th July, 1977:

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. Peter Snape, Mr. Ted Graham: 106.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Norman Tebbit: 21.

So the Question 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 4 agreed to
Schedules A, B and C agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 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.

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. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1134), a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—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 draft Civil Aviation (Air Traffic Organisers’ Licencing) (Reserve Fund) (Amendment) Regulations 1977, which were laid before this House on 14th July, be approved.—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—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 draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cocoa and Chocolate Products) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 12th July, be approved.—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—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 draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cheese) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 12th July, be approved.—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—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 draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Sugar) (Amendment) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 12th July, be approved.—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—It was agreed to.

Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 1977, which were laid before this House on 14th July, be approved.—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—It was agreed to.

Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Films (Exemption from Quota) Order 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th July, be approved.—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—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 Film (Exemption from Quota) Order 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th July, be approved.—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—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 draft Family Income Supplements (Computation) (No. 2) Regulations 1977, which were laid before this House on 15th July, be approved.—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—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 draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977, which were laid before this House on 15th July, be approved.—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—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 draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 13th July, be approved.—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—It was agreed to.
House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 15th November 1974 relating to the nomination of members of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) be amended, by leaving out Mr. Cecil Parkinson and inserting Mr. Michael Spicer.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Terms and Conditions of Employment.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That the draft Redundancy Payments (Variation of Rebates) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 25th July, be approved;

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. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Thomas Cox: 102.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. David Mitchell: 6.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Redundancy Payments (Variation of Rebates) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 25th July, be approved.

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.

Birmingham, Ladywood, 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 Birmingham, Ladywood, in the room of Alastair Brian Walden, 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.)

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:


Message from the Lords.—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Unfair Contracts Terms Bill to which this House hath disagreed, and they disagree to the Amendments made by this House to one of the Lords Amendments, for which disagreement they assign their Reasons.
Unfair Contract Terms Bill.—Lords Reasons for disagreeing to Commons Amendments to one of the Lords Amendments to the Unfair Contract Terms Bill to be printed [Bill 184].

Unfair Contract Terms Bill.—Ordered, That the Lords Reasons for disagreeing to the Commons Amendments to a Lords Amendment to the Unfair Contract Terms Bill be considered forthwith.—(Mr. Michael Ward.)

Resolved, That this House doth not insist on its Amendment in line 7 of the Lords Amendment to Clause No. 10, page 6, line 5.—(Mr. Michael Ward.)

Resolved, That this House doth not insist on its Amendment in line 10 of the Lords Amendment to Clause No. 10, page 6, line 5.—(Mr. Michael Ward.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes past Three o'clock on Friday afternoon, adjourned till Wednesday 26th October, pursuant to the Resolution of the House this day.

[Adjourned at 3.19 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 28th July 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Superannuation,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 27th July 1977, entitled the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1977 [by Act].

Mr Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 28th July 1977, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Votes for Department of Employment (Class IV, 14), central and miscellaneous services (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) (Class III, 7), economic and financial administration: Treasury (Class XIII, 4), Economic and financial administration: Exchequer and Audit Department (Class XIII, 5), economic and financial administration: Inland Revenue (Class XIII, 7), economic and financial administration: National Debt Office (Class XIII, 9), office and general accommodation services (Class XIV, 1), stationery and printing (Class XIV, 2), computers and telecommunications (Class XIV, 3), rates on Government property (Class XIV, 6) and other common services: Government Actuary (Class XIV, 7) [by Act].

Building Societies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th July 1977, entitled the Building Societies (Designation for Trustee Investment) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1207) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Telegraphs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th July 1977, entitled the Wireless Telegraphy (Broadcast Licence Charges and Exemption) (Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1286) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 14, 1977),—Copy of a Co-operation Agreement, signed at Vienna on 1st December 1975, between the European Atomic Energy Community and the International Atomic Energy Agency [by Command].


Treaty Series (No. 63, 1977),—Copy of a Decision of Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council at Brussels on 16th June 1976, opening tariff preferences for products covered by that Community and originating in Portugal [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Statement by the Secretary of State for Scotland on separation of younger from older patients in hospital in Scotland in 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 529].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th July 1977, entitled the Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1291) [by Act].
Mrs. Secretary Williams:

- Medical Research Council,—Copy of the Report of the Medical Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 566].
- Natural Environment Research Council,—Copy of the Report of the Natural Environment Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 567].
- Science Research Council,—Copy of the Report of the Science Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 568].
- Social Science Research Council,—Copy of the Report of the Social Science Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 481].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

- Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 21st July 1977, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

- Industrial Training,—Copies of Orders, dated 18th July 1977, entitled—
  (1) the Industrial Training Levy (Furniture and Timber) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1192), and
  (2) the Industrial Training Levy (Road Transport) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1191)
[by Act].

- Industrial Training,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Carpet Industry Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

- Health Service Commissioner,—Copy of the Fifth Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1976-77 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 505].
- Medicines,—Copy of the Report of the Medicines Commission for 1976, with the Reports of the Committee on Safety of Medicines, the Veterinary Products Committee, the British Pharmacopoeia Commission, the Committee on the Review of Medicines and the Committee on Dental and Surgical Materials, and a memorandum prepared by the Medicines Division of the Department of Health and Social Security [by Act]; to be printed [No. 428].

- National Health Service,—Copies of the Reports of—
  (1) the Central Health Services Council for 1976, 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 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 520 and 492].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

- Companies,—Copy of a Consultative Document on the future of company reports [by Command].
- Prevention of Fraud,—Copy of a Consultative Document on amendments to the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act 1958 [by Command].
- Civil Aviation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Airways Board for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

- New Towns,—Copy of the Report of the Commission for the New Towns, relating to Crawley, Hatfield, Hemel Hempstead and Welwyn Garden City, for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 538].


Mr. Secretary Morris:

- Education,—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Wales on schools in Wales for 1976 [by Act].
New Towns.—Copy of the Reports of the Cwmbran and Newtown (Mid-Wales) Development Corporations for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 533].

Roads.—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Wales on roads in Wales for the period 1st January 1975 to 31st March 1976 [by Act].

Tourism.—Copy of the Report of the Wales Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Coroners.—Copies of Rules, dated 18th July 1977, entitled—

(1) the Coroners Salaries (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 206), and

(2) the Coroners (Salaries, Fees and Expenses) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 207)

[by Statutory Instrument].

Judgments (Enforcement).—Copies of the Reports of the Master for the Enforcement of Judgments Office for the three years ended 31st March 1976, together with Statements of Accounts for the period 1st January 1974 to 31st March 1976 ; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon [by Statutory Instrument] ; to be printed [No. 562].


Mr. Secretary Benn:

Atomic Energy.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of British Nuclear Fuels Limited for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].


Electricity.—Copies of the Reports and Statements of Accounts and Statistics, for the year ended 31st March 1977, 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 1977, 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].

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th July 1977, entitled the Coal and Other Mines (Electricity) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1205) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Consumer Protection.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Business Advertisements (Disclosure) Order 1977 [by Act].

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Counter-Inflation.—Copies of Orders, dated 27th July, entitled—

(1) the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1272), and
(2) the Prices and Charges (Notification of Increases and Information) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1281)

[by Act].

Counter-Inflation.—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th July 1977, entitled—

(1) the Prices and Charges (Adaptation of the Counter-Inflation Act 1973) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1220),
(2) the Prices and Charges (Notices and Orders) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1222), and
(3) the Prices and Charges (Recommended Resale Prices) (Enforcement) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1224)

[by Act].

Prices,—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 26th July 1977, entitled the Prices and Charges (Definitions) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1221), and
(2) 27th July 1977, entitled the Prices and Charges (Safeguard for basic profits) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1282)

[by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th July 1977, entitled the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1292) [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 [27th July] from residents and ratepayers of the London Borough of Hillingdon praying for a speedy passage for the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petitions from Canterbury and elsewhere [23rd June], Watford and elsewhere [24th June], Norwood and elsewhere [29th June], Berwick upon Tweed and elsewhere [6th July], Westmorland [19th July] and Ashford [20th July] for improved provisions to assist the mobility of disabled persons [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [29th March] from London and elsewhere for a moratorium on the use of psychosurgery in the National Health Service pending the results of an inquiry [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [25th July] from residents and workers in the town of Wiveliscombe praying for legislation providing for a relief road [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on defences of general application [by Act]; to be printed [No. 556].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Fifth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1976-77 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 528].

[No. 149.]

Wednesday, 26th October, 1977.

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 Legislation, &c.,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-xxxiii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-xxxiii].
European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European 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. 41-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 General Sub-Committee on 26th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 468-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 27th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 468-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 27th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 20-xxx].

Expenditure.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Expenditure Committee be printed [No. 576].

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 an Act agreed upon by both Houses and for proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers where a Commission was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the following Act and for proroguing this present Parliament:


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:

I was pleased to welcome Commonwealth leaders in London for the 1977 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, for which My Government were the hosts. The intensive and friendly discussions there strengthened the Commonwealth relationships and contributed towards solutions of certain international problems.

My Government played an active and constructive part in the activities of the European Communities, which included two meetings of the European Council, one in London, and held the Presidency of the Council of Ministers for the first six months of 1977.

My Government have played a full and positive role in institutions to promote international development and efforts to create a more just and stable economic order, and in discussions on the problems of world unemployment and inflation; they were hosts to the Downing Street Conference of the leaders of the seven major industrialised countries.

Legislation has been passed to enable the United Kingdom to ratify amendments to the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund and to assist United Kingdom trade and the provision of aid for the poorest countries. Special assistance has been given to southern African refugees.

My Government have continued their efforts to promote a negotiated settlement in Rhodesia.

My Government have been active, in co-operation with other Western members of the Security Council, in working for a settlement in Namibia which will bring the country to independence in a manner which will meet with international acceptance and will give the people a chance to select freely their own government.
My Government have continued to attach importance to the development of detente, and of constructive political and economic relations, with the Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe. They have continued to work for mutual and balanced force reductions in Central Europe. They are participating with the Governments of the United States and the Soviet Union in discussions aimed at the negotiation of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

My Government were pleased to act as hosts at the Ministerial Meeting of the North Atlantic Council which was attended by Heads of Government in London in May, and which established new programmes of work in the political and defence fields.

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 have given continuing priority to their policy of restraining price levels, and of the fullest possible co-operation to this end with both sides of industry. The second round of voluntary pay policy has been observed throughout the economy, and the way has been prepared for an orderly return to normal collective bargaining. Legislation has been passed to make new provision for the scrutiny and effective control of prices, and a new Price Commission has been appointed. Successful steps have been taken to restore confidence in the financial markets and improve the balance of payments.

My Government remain deeply concerned about the continuing high level of unemployment, and have introduced additional employment and training measures to tackle this problem, including the youth opportunities programme.

My Government have maintained their policy of strengthening industry through the development of the industrial strategy, through industrial assistance schemes, and through the work of the National Enterprise Board and the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Development Agencies.

Legislation was enacted to bring into public ownership the aircraft and guided weapons, shipbuilding and marine engine building industries. British Shipbuilders have acquired by negotiation a major part of the ship-repairing industry.

An Act has been passed to enlarge the Post Office board so as to allow an experiment in industrial democracy.

Legislation has been enacted to give the National Coal Board additional powers and provide the framework for the further development of the coal industry, and to make further provision for the financing of British Nuclear Fuels Limited and the Radiochemical Centre Limited. My Government are completing the award of licences, all involving majority state participation, under the Fifth Round of off-shore petroleum licensing.

Steps have been taken to ensure further safeguards in the management of nuclear waste, and full and public consideration of the problems relating to nuclear development; a public inquiry has been set up to examine the proposal for the construction of an oxide fuel reprocessing plant at Windscale.

Legislation has been passed extending United Kingdom fishery limits to 200 miles; tribute is due to the hard work of the fishery protection units in enforcing the new limits.

A new and favourable Air Services Agreement with the United States of America has been signed.

An Act has been passed to reform patent law and to make possible the United Kingdom's participation in certain international agreements including the European Patent Convention.

In Northern Ireland the Royal Ulster Constabulary, supported by My Armed Forces, have continued to enforce the law with impartiality and deserve the highest praise for their success in reducing the level of violence. My Government have maintained the aim of a just and lasting constitutional settlement, and they have taken measures to combat the economic and social problems in the Province, including new incentives for investment.

My Government have published Green Papers discussing possible changes in the arrangements for financing local authorities.

My Government have continued to develop a housing policy designed to deal more effectively with the most pressing needs and to broaden housing opportunities. Proposals have been published for a comprehensive housing policy for the longer term, and legislation has been enacted to place statutory responsibility for assisting the homeless on local housing authorities.

My Ministers have announced new initiatives for the regeneration of inner urban areas, including the expansion and adaptation of the urban programme and the offer of partnership arrangements between central government and selected local authorities.
Proposals have been laid before you for strengthening the water industry and for the future of the British Waterways Board.

My Government have reviewed the development programme of new towns in England and have established a new programme for their completion.

My Government have published a White Paper setting out their proposals for the future development of transport policy to meet economic and social needs. An Act has been passed to provide continued financial support to the British Railways Board and the National Freight Corporation.

Provision has been made for increases in social security benefits and war pensions. Legislation was enacted making a number of changes in the field of social security, including supplementary benefit. The new Child Benefit was brought into payment for all children, including the first.

My Government have continued to promote and encourage voluntary effort and a sense of caring in the community and have launched and will sustain a Good Neighbour Campaign aimed at involving the community in the care of its members. I hope that the community spirit fostered by the celebrations of My Jubilee will be strengthened and developed in the years to come.

My Government have published a Green Paper setting out proposals on education in schools, with particular regard to the curriculum, standards of performance, the training and employment of teachers and the preparation of pupils for the needs of adult life.

An Act has been passed to amend the criminal law, particularly in relation to conspiracy, and to improve its administration; and the process of reforming the law has been continued with the Administration of Justice Act and other measures.

My Government welcome the passage of the Unfair Contract Terms Act, which marks an important advance in consumer protection. Grants have been made to maintain the provision of help to consumers.

Among the Acts passed in relation to Scotland were measures concerned with the modernisation of the law of marriage and with the enforcement of planning procedures.

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 Thursday the third day of November, to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the third day of this instant November.

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:

Public Expenditure,—Copy of a provisional outturn on cash limits on public expenditure for 1976-77.


Broadcasting,—Copy of a Report of the Committee on the Future of Broadcasting (Appendices E to I).

Citizenship,—Copy of Statistics of persons acquiring citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies for 1976.


Drunkenness,—Copy of Statistics relating to offences of drunkenness in England and Wales in 1976.

European Communities (No. 15, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 28th January 1977, relating to Article 9 of Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel and concerning the import into the Community of fruit salads originating in Israel.

European Communities (No. 16, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 28th January 1977, relating to Article 9 of Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel and concerning the import into the Community of tomato concentrates originating in Israel.
European Communities (No. 18, 1977).—Copy of a Co-operation Agreement signed at Tunis on 25th April 1976, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia with Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Tunisia (with Final Act) (the Agreements are not in force).

European Communities (No. 19, 1977).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 28th March 1977, amending the internal Agreement on the financing and administration of Community aid signed on 11th July 1975 (the Agreement has not entered into force).

European Communities (No. 20, 1977).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 22nd December 1976, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Korea on trade in textiles.

European Communities (No. 21, 1977).—Copy of a Financial Protocol, signed at Brussels on 28th February 1977, between the European Economic Community and Greece (the Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).

European Communities (No. 22, 1977).—Copy of a Co-operation Agreement, signed at Rabat on 27th April 1976, between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco with Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Kingdom of Morocco (with Final Act) (the Agreements are not in force).

European Communities (No. 23, 1977).—Copy of a Co-operation Agreement signed at Algiers on 26th April 1976 between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria with Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria (with Final Act) (the Agreements are not in force).

European Communities (No. 24, 1977).—Copy of an Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 31st March 1977, relating to Article 4(3) of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic and to Article 4(3) of the Additional Protocol.

European Communities (No. 25, 1977).—Copy of an Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 31st March 1977, relating to Article 3 of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic and to Article 3 of the Additional Protocol.

European Communities (No. 26, 1977).—Copy of an Agreement in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 6th April 1977, relating to Article 3 of Protocol No. 8 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic.

European Communities (No. 27, 1977).—Copy of a Co-operation Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th January 1977, between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt with Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt (with Final Act) (the Agreements are not in force).

European Communities (No. 29, 1977).—Copy of an Interim Agreement, signed at Tunis on 25th April 1976, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia (with Final Act) and letters exchanged concerning the importation into the Community of commodities originating in Tunisia.

European Communities (No. 30, 1977).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 28th March 1977, on the Accession of the Republic of Cape Verde to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé (with Final Act and Exchange of Letters) (the Agreement has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).

European Communities (No. 31, 1977).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 28th March 1977, on the Accession of Papua-New Guinea to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé (with Final Act and Exchange of Letters) (the Agreement has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).

European Communities (No. 32, 1977).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 28th March 1977, on the Accession of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé (with Final Act and Exchange of Letters) (the Agreement has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).

European Communities (No. 33, 1977).—Copy of a Co-operation Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th January 1977, between the European Economic Community and the Syrian Arab Republic with Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Syrian Arab Republic (with Final Act) (the Agreements are not in force).

European Communities (No. 37, 1977).—Copy of a Co-operation Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th January 1977, between the European Economic Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan with Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (with Final Act) (the Agreements are not in force).
Intellectual Property (Miscellaneous No. 16, 1977),—Copy of the Nice Agreement concerning the international classification of goods and services for the purposes of the registration of marks of 15th June 1957 as revised at Stockholm on 14th July 1967 and at Geneva on 13th May 1977 (the United Kingdom has not ratified the Agreement).

Italy (No. 1, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Rome on 22nd November 1976, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Italian Republic for air services between and beyond their respective territories (with Exchange of Notes) (the Agreement has not entered into force).


Miscellaneous (No. 17, 1977),—Copy of selected documents relating to problems of security and co-operation in Europe, 1954-77.

Norway (No. 1, 1977),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at London on 23rd June 1977 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway amending the Convention for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxation income and capital, signed in London on 22nd January 1969 (the Protocol has not entered into force).

Private International Law (Miscellaneous No. 15, 1977),—Copy of the European Agreement, signed at Strasbourg on 27th January 1977, on the transmission of applications for legal aid (with explanatory Report) (the United Kingdom has not ratified the Agreement).

Red Cross (Miscellaneous No. 19, 1977),—Copy of the Final Act of the Diplomatic Conference on the re-affirmation and development of international humanitarian law applicable in armed conflicts, with Protocol I, Protocol II and Resolutions adopted at the fourth session, held at Geneva between 20th February 1974 and 10th June 1977 (the Protocols will be open for signature at Berne from 12th December 1977 for a period of 12 months).

Rhodesia,—Copy of Proposals for a settlement.

Telecommunications (Miscellaneous No. 18, 1977),—Copy of Additional Protocol I, signed at Geneva on 22nd November 1975, relating to the abrogation of the European Broadcasting Convention (Copenhagen, 1948) and the annexed Copenhagen Plan (the United Kingdom has not accepted the Additional Protocol).

Treaty Series (No. 60, 1977),—Copy of the first supplementary list of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, &c., for 1977.

Treaty Series (No. 64, 1977),—Copy of a Five Year Agreement, signed at London on 16th December 1976, on economic co-operation between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Polish People’s Republic.


Treaty Series (No. 67, 1977),—Copy of a Decision, made at Luxembourg on 29th June 1976, of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, extending the period of validity of the Decision of 26th June 1975 opening tariff preferences for products covered by that Community and originating in Israel.


Treaty Series (No. 70, 1977),—Copy of a Decision, made at Brussels on 20th January 1976, of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, on the opening of tariff preferences for products within the province of that Community originating in overseas countries and territories associated with the Community.

Treaty Series (No. 72, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Berlin on 14th April 1977, on co-operation in the field of medicine and public health between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the German Democratic Republic.


Treaty Series (No. 74, 1977),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Amman on 21st March 1977, concerning a development loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (the United Kingdom/Jordan Loan (1977)).

Treaty Series (No. 75, 1977),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Rome between 23rd and 28th February 1977 between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Italy, concerning the extension to Hong Kong of the Convention on 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 1950 (with United Kingdom ratification of extension).

Treaty Series (No. 78, 1977),—Copy of a Statute of the International Institute for the unification of private law made at Rome on 15th March 1940, with the amendments adopted at the Nineteenth Session of the General Assembly on 18th February 1969.


Treaty Series (No. 84, 1977),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Paris on 6th October 1971, on the establishment of the International Institute for the Management of Technology (with Charter of the Institute).

Treaty Series (No. 86, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Berne on 14th January 1977, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic of the one part, and the Government of the Swiss Confederation of the other part, regarding the status, privileges and immunities of the Court of Arbitration on delimitation of the continental shelf between the United Kingdom and France and persons participating in the work of the court.


Criminal Statistics (Scotland),—Copy of Statistics relating to crime and criminal proceedings in Scotland for 1976.


Science and Technology,—Copy of Government Observations on the Third Report of the Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 1975-76, concerning university-industry relations.

Tribunals and Inquiries,—Copy of a Report of a Court of Inquiry under the Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Scarman, OBE, into a dispute between Grunwick Processing Laboratories Limited and members of the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff.
Tribunals and Inquiries.—Copy of a Report of a Court of Inquiry into a trade dispute at Dyce Airport, Aberdeen, between Bristow Helicopters Limited and members of the British Airline Pilots Association, conducted by the Hon. Lord McDonald, MC.


Health Services.—Copy of proposals made by the Health Services Board concerning withdrawal of authorisations for the use of NHS hospital accommodation and services by private patients.

Social Security.—Copy of the Report of the Occupational Pensions Board, pursuant to section 61(3) of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975, preceded by a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services, concerning—

(1) the Contracted-out Employment (Transitional Arrangements) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1615),
(2) the Social Security (Earnings Factor) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1706), and

Social Security.—Copies of the Reports of the National Insurance Advisory Committee, pursuant to section 139(3) of the Social Security Act 1975, preceded by statements by the Secretary of State for Social Services, pursuant to section 139(4) of that Act, concerning—

(2) the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1444),
(4) the Social Security Benefit (Persons Abroad) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1679),
(5) the Social Security (Hospital In-patients) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1693),
(6) the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1509), and


Copyright.—Copy of the Report of a Public Inquiry into music royalties payable under section 8 of the Copyright Act 1956.

Cable and Wireless Limited.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of Cable and Wireless Limited for the year ended 31st March 1977.


Northern Ireland.—Copy of a Report on the future pattern of courts in Northern Ireland.

Monopolies and Mergers.—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger of the Fruehauf Corporation and Crane Frehauf Limited.


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 August 1977

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th July 1977, entitled the Customs Duties and Drawbacks (Tobacco) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1315) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th July 1977, entitled the Collision Regulations and Distress Signals (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1301) [by Act].


3rd August 1977


Offshore Installations,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd August 1977, entitled the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (No. 4) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1344) [by Act].

Antarctica,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 26th July 1977, entitled the Antarctic Treaty (Specially Protected Areas) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1235) [by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 26th July 1977, entitled the Air Navigation (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1255) [by Act].

Copyright,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 26th July 1977, entitled the Copyright (International Conventions) (Amendment No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1256) [by Act].

Fugitive Criminal,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 26th July 1977, entitled—

(1) the Extradition (Hijacking) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1237),
(2) the Extradition (Protection of Aircraft) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1238), and
(3) the Extradition (Tokyo Convention) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1239)
[by Act].


Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 26th July 1977, entitled—

(1) the Merchant Shipping Act 1974 (Guernsey) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1241), and
(2) the Merchant Shipping Act 1974 (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1242)
[by Act].

Northern Ireland,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 26th July 1977, entitled the Criminal Law (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1249) [by Act].

5th August 1977

Protection of Wrecks,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd August 1977, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1357) [by Act].

Industrial Training,—Copies of Orders, dated 25th July 1977, entitled—

(1) the Industrial Training Levy (Ceramics, Glass and Mineral Products) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1227), and
(2) the Industrial Training Levy (Cotton and Allied Textiles) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1228)
[by Act].

Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated 28th July 1977, entitled—

(1) the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1288), and
[by Act].
Housing.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th July 1977, entitled the Rent Rebates and Rent Allowances (Students) (England and Wales) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1290) [by Act].

Agriculture.—Copies of Regulations, dated 27th July 1977, entitled—

1. the Common Agricultural Policy (Protection of Community Arrangements) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1287), and

Animals.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 28th July 1977, entitled the Brucellosis Incentive Payments Scheme 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1303) [by Act].

Legal Aid and Advice.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th July 1977, entitled the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1293) [by Act].

8th August 1977

Education (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd August 1977, entitled the Education Authority Bursaries (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1356) [by Act].

Social Security.—Copies of—

1. an Order, dated 29th July 1977, entitled the Social Security Act 1975 (Commencement No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1311),
2. Regulations, dated 29th July 1977, entitled the Social Security (Non-Contributory Invalidity Pension) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1312), and

Civil Aviation.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 29th July 1977, entitled the Heathrow Airport-London Noise Insulation Grants (Schools) Scheme 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1319) [by Act].

Seeds.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd July 1977, entitled the Forest Reproductive Material (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1264) [by Act].

9th August 1977


Housing (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th July 1977, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (Students) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1310) [by Act].


Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th July 1977, entitled the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1309) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 5th August 1977, entitled the Herring (Specified Western Waters) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1377) [by Act].

10th August 1977


Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 26th July 1977, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) (New Town of Stonehouse) (Special Development) Revocation Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1340) [by Act].

Education.— Copies of Regulations, dated 28th July 1977, entitled—

1. the Local Education Authority Awards Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1307), and
2. the Students' Dependents' Allowances Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1308) [by Act].

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries.—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd August 1977, entitled the Aircraft Industry (Pension Schemes) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1329) [by Act].


11th August 1977

National Assistance Services.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st August 1977, entitled the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1359) [by Act].

Medicines.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th August 1977, entitled the Medicines (Fees) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1374) [by Act].


12th August 1977

Pensions.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st August 1977, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (City of London) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1341) [by Act].

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1977, entitled the Vehicle and Driving Licences (Compensation to Officers) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1316) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries.—Copies of Orders, dated 8th August 1977, entitled—

(1) the Herring (Irish Sea) Licensing Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1388), and
(2) the Herring (Isle of Man) Licensing Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1389) [by Act].

15th August 1977


16th August 1977

Dangerous Drugs.—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 8th August 1977, entitled the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1379), and
(2) Regulations, dated 8th August 1977, entitled the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1380) [by Act].


17th August 1977

Education (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st August 1977, entitled the Teachers' Superannuation (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1360) [by Act].

Education.—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th August 1977, entitled the Local Education Authority Awards (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1409) [by Act].


Companies.—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th August 1977, entitled the Industrial Common Ownership (Loans) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1380) [by Act].

New Towns.—Copies of Regulations, dated 12th August 1977, entitled—

(1) the New Town Transfer Schemes (Compensation) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1410), and
(2) the New Town Transfer Schemes (Staff Protection) Regulations, 1977 S.I., 1977, No. 1411) [by Act].


Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th August 1977, entitled the Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) (Approval of Fitters and Workshops) (Fees) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1413) [by Act].
26th October 1977

Bankruptcy,—Copy of Rules, dated 5th August 1977, entitled the Bankruptcy (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1394) [by Act].

Companies,—Copy of Rules, dated 5th August 1977, entitled the Companies (Winding-up) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1395) [by Act].

22nd August 1977

Customs and Excise,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th August 1977, entitled the Customs Duties and Agricultural Levies (Goods for Free Circulation) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1404) [by Act].

Medicines,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th August 1977, entitled the Medicines (Certificates of Analysis) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1399) [by Act].


Merchandise Marks,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th August 1977, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1400) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 8th August 1977, entitled—
(1) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1401), and
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1402)
[by Act].

25th August 1977

National Debt,—Copies of Regulations, dated 15th August 1977, entitled—
(1) the Premium Savings Bonds (Amendment) Regulations 1977, and
(2) the Savings Certificates (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1977
[by Act].

26th August 1977


30th August 1977

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd August 1977, entitled the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1437) [by Act].

Water,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd August 1977, entitled the North West Water Authority (Manchester) (Extension of Local Statutory Provision) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1434) [by Act].

31st August 1977


2nd September 1977

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd August 1977, entitled the Scholarships and Other Benefits Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1443) [by Act].

Food and Drugs,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd August 1977, entitled the Milk (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1441) [by Act].

6th September 1977

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 8th August 1977, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1438),
(2) 8th August 1977, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1439), and
(3) 19th August 1977, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval and Approval Marks) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1440)
[by Act].

County Courts,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th August 1977, entitled the County Court Fees (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1451) [by Act].
8th September 1977

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th September 1977, entitled the Import Duties (Spain) (Restrictions and Exemptions) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1499) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th August 1977, entitled—

(1) the Goods Vehicle Operators (Qualifications) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1462), and
(2) the Public Service Vehicle Operators (Qualifications) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1461)
[by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th September 1977, entitled the Mackerel Licensing Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1497) [by Act].

9th September 1977

Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st August 1977, entitled the Opencast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) (No. 4) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1466) [by Act].

Northern Ireland,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st September 1977, entitled the General Betting Duty (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1468) [by Act].


Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st August 1977, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1467) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th September 1977, entitled the Rate Rebate (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1500) [by Act].

Coal Industry,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th August 1977, entitled the Coal Industry Nationalisation (Superannuation) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1452) [by Act].

Consumer Credit,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th September 1977, entitled the Consumer Credit (Exempt Agreements) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1493) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th September 1977, entitled the Herring (North East Irish Sea) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1508) [by Act].

12th September 1977

Industrial Tribunals,—Copies of Regulations, dated 1st September 1977, entitled—

(1) the Industrial Tribunals (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1473), and
(2) the Industrial Tribunals (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1474)
[by Act].

Food and Drugs,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th September 1977, entitled the Welfare Food (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1492) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 5th September 1977, entitled the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (Commencement No. 3) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1485), and
[by Act].


13th September 1977

Medicines,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd September 1977, entitled the Medicines (Breathing Gases) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1488) [by Act].
14th September 1977

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th September 1977, entitled the Hatfield/Thorpe Mine (No. 2 Shaft) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1475) [by Act].

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd September 1977, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Definition of Express Carriage) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1496) [by Act].

Administration of Estates.—Copy of an Order, dated 4th September 1977, entitled the Intestate Succession (Interest and Capitalisation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1491) [by Act].

16th September 1977

Agriculture.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th September 1977, entitled the Fertilisers Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1489) [by Act].

20th September 1977

Poisons.—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 10th September 1977, entitled the Poisons List Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1520), and
(2) Rules, dated 10th September 1977, entitled the Poisons (Amendment) Rules (S.I., 1977, No. 1519) [by Act].


23rd September 1977

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd September 1977, entitled the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No.3) (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1568) [by Act].

27th September 1977


Agriculture.—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd September 1977, entitled the Hops (Limitation of Growing Area) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1577) [by Act].

29th September 1977

Insurance.—Copies of Regulations, dated 20th September 1977, entitled—

(1) the Insurance Companies (Classes of General Business) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1552), and
(2) the Insurance Companies (Solvency: General Business) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1553) [by Act].


30th September 1977

Road Traffic.—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 16th September 1977, entitled the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Designation Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1554),
(2) Regulations, dated 22nd September 1977, entitled the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1560), and
(3) Regulations, dated 22nd September 1977, entitled the Road Vehicle Lighting (Amendment of Enactments) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1559) [by Act].

4th October 1977

Rating and Valuation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th September 1977, entitled the Rate Rebate (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1576) [by Act].

5th October 1977

Housing (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th September 1977, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1581) [by Act].

6th October 1977


10th October 1977

Borrowing Control.—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd September 1977, entitled the Control of Borrowing (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1602) [by Act].

Control of Fuel and Electricity.—Copy of an Order, dated 1st October 1977, entitled the Passenger Car Fuel Consumption Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1603) [by Act].

11th October 1977

Sea Fisheries.—Copies of Orders, dated 11th October 1977, entitled—
(1) the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1637), and
(2) the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1638)
[by Act].

12th October 1977


Social Security.—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 6th October 1977, entitled the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (Commencement No. 10) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1617), and
(2) a Scheme, dated 4th October 1977, entitled the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Scheme 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1607)
[by Act].


14th October 1977

Pensions.—Copies of Regulations, dated 29th September 1977, entitled—
(1) the Occupational Pension Schemes (Certification of Employments—Local Government etc. Staffs) (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1619), and
(2) the Occupational Pension Schemes (Certification of Employments—Teachers) (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1618)
[by Act].


17th October 1977

Food and Drugs.—Copy of an Order, dated 7th October 1977, entitled the Welfare Food (Amendment No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1620) [by Act].

Health and Safety.—Copies of Regulations, dated 14th October 1977, entitled—
(1) the East Hetton Mine (Hutton Shaft) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1661), and
(2) the Jubilee Drift Mine (Electric Lighting for Cinematography) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1662)
[by Act].

18th October 1977

Weights and Measures.—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th October 1977, entitled the Weights and Measures (Marking of Goods and Abbreviations of Units) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1683) [by Act].

Legal Aid and Advice.—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th October 1977, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 3) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1635) [by Act].
Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 10th October 1977, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) (Amendment) Scheme 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1640) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th October 1977, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1639) [by Act].

Copyright,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 11th October 1977, entitled the Copyright (International Conventions) (Amendment No. 4) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1632) [by Act].


Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 11th October 1977, entitled—

1. the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 4) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1656), and
2. the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1657)

[by Act].

Pensions,—Copies of—

1. an Order, dated 11th October 1977, entitled the Pensions (Miscellaneous Offices) (Preservation of Benefits) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1653), and

[by Act].

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th October 1977, entitled the Milk and Meals (Education) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1654) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copies of Regulations—

1. dated 17th October 1977, entitled the Social Security Benefit (Persons Abroad) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1679), and
2. dated 20th October 1977, entitled the Social Security (Hospital In-Patients) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1693)

[by Act].


Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th October 1977, entitled the Contracted-out Employment (Teachers) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1678) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated 24th October 1977, entitled—

1. the Social Security (Earnings Factor) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1706), and
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Wednesday 26th October 1977:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minutes, dated 26th October 1977, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of—

1. the Vote for Fisheries (Scotland) and Herring Industry (Class III, 9),
2. the Vote for Records, Registrations and Surveys: Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (Class XIII, 15), and
3. the Votes for Records, Registrations and Surveys: Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (Class XIII, 15), Records, Registrations and Surveys: Registrar General’s Office, Scotland (Class XIII, 16), and the Northern Ireland Office (Class XV, 4)

[by Act].

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—

1. 7th, 8th, 11th, 12th and 13th July 1977,
2. 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 22nd and 25th July 1977,
3. 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th July 1977,
4. 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 9th August 1977,
5. 10th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 23rd August 1977,
6. 24th, 26th, 30th August and 1st September 1977,
7. 2nd, 5th, 7th and 8th September 1977,
8. 9th, 12th and 14th September 1977,
9. 15th, 16th and 20th September 1977, and
10. 21st, 22nd and 23rd September 1977 relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 577 to 586].

Coal Industry,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

1. on 9th September 1977, and
2. on 12th September 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 587 and 588].

Electricity,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

1. on 5th August 1977,
2. on 15th September 1977, and
3. on 15th September 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 589 to 591].

Estate Duty,—Statement showing the transfers of property accepted in lieu of Estate Duty during the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].


Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

1. on 8th July 1977 on a loan raised by the North of Scotland Electricity Board,
2. on 20th September 1977 on a loan raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board, and
3. on 20th September 1977 on a loan raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 592 to 594].

Iron and Steel,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

1. on 14th July 1977,
2. on 15th July 1977.
(3) on 28th July 1977,
(4) on 24th August 1977,
(5) on 9th September 1977, and
(6) on 9th September 1977
on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed
[Nos. 595 to 600].

National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 12th
August 1977 on Stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act]; to
be printed [No. 603].

Taxes,—Account of the appointment of Roland Hewlett Widdows, Esquire, as a
Commissioner for the special purposes of the Income Tax Acts [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Fire Services,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th October 1977, entitled the Con-
tracted-out Employment (Fire Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977,
No. 1680) [by Act].

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th October 1977, entitled the Contracted-out

Social Security,—Copy of Reports of the Occupational Pensions Board, preceded by a
statement by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the Contracted-out
Employment (Fire Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1680), and
the Contracted-out Employment (Police) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977,
No. 1681) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 574].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Miscellaneous (No. 20, 1977),—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British
Phosphate Commissioners for the year ended 30th June 1976 [by Command].

Miscellaneous (No. 22, 1977),—Copy of the Report of the Solomon Islands Constitu-
tional Conference held at London in September 1977 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Civil Judicial Statistics,—Copy of Statistics relating to the House of Lords (Scottish
Appeals), the Court of Session, Sheriff Courts and other Civil Courts, Licensing Courts,
Lands Tribunals for Scotland, certain Legal and Public Departments, Bankruptcy, and
Court Fees and Fees taken in the Departments for 1976 [by Command].

Camps,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish National Camps Association Limited for
the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to Migration
Tables, Part VI: Ten per cent. sample [by Act].

Housing (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 12th October 1977, entitled the Housing
(Standard Amenities Approved Expense) (Scotland) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1687)
[by Act].

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 7th October 1977,
entitled—

(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 3)
Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1663),
(2) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 4)
Regulations 1977, and
(3) the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977
[by Act].

Museums and Galleries,—Statements of Indemnities for loss of objects lent to—

(1) the National Galleries of Scotland, and
(2) the Royal Scottish Museum
[by Command].

Museums and Galleries,—Copies of the Reports of the Boards of Trustees—

(1) of the National Galleries of Scotland for 1976, and
(2) of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland for the year ended 31st March
1977
[by Act].
Social Security.—Copies of the Reports of the Occupational Pensions Board, together with Statements by the Secretary of State for Scotland, on—

(1) the preliminary draft of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Certification of Employments—Teachers) (Scotland) Regulations 1977, and
(2) the revised draft of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Certification of Employments—Local Government, etc., Staffs) (Scotland) Regulations

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Museums and Galleries,—Statement of Indemnities for loss of objects loaned to the Victoria and Albert Museum [by Command].

Museums and Galleries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the National Gallery (Lending Outside the United Kingdom No. 2) Order 1977 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Mulley:

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 1977 [by Command].

Defence (Royal Air Force)—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th September 1977, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of a Royal Warrant, entitled the Pay Warrant 1964—Amendment No. 40 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:


Industrial Training.—Copies of the Reports and Statements of Accounts, for the year ended 31st March 1977, 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 Cotton and Allied Textiles Industry Training Board,
(5) the Distributive Industry Training Board,
(6) the Engineering Industry Training Board,
(7) the Footwear, Leather and Fur Skin Industry Training Board,
(8) the Food, Drink and Tobacco Industry Training Board,
(9) the Furniture and Timber Industry Training Board,
(10) the Hotel and Catering Industry Training Board,
(11) the Iron and Steel Industry Training Board,
(12) the Knitting, Lace and Net Industry Training Board,
(13) the Paper and Paper Products Industry Training Board,
(14) the Petroleum Industry Training Board,
(15) the Printing and Publishing Industry Training Board,
(16) the Road Transport Industry Training Board,
(17) the Rubber and Plastics Processing Industry Board, and
(18) the Wool, Jute and Flax Industry Training Board

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

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 1977 [by Command].

Census,—Copies of the Report of the Census 1971, relating to—

(1) Migration Regional Report (Ten per cent. sample): North West Region, Part III, and
(2) Migration Regional Report (Ten per cent. sample): Wales, Part III

[by Act].
Population Censuses and Surveys,—Copies of the Reviews of the Registrar General on—

(1) births and patterns of family building in England and Wales, 1974,
(2) deaths attributed to accidental and violent causes in England and Wales, 1975, and
(3) mortality statistics: cause, 1974 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Airports Authority,—Statement of determination of the salary payable to a full-time Member of the British Airports Authority [by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Statements of determination of the pensions payable to—

(1) the Chairman, and
(2) a former member
of the Civil Aviation Authority [by Act].

Companies,—Copy of the Report on Companies for 1976 by the Department of Trade [by Act].

Pilotage,—Returns of pilotage authorities for 1976 [by Act].


Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the British Tourist Authority for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—

(1) bacon curing, meat and fish products,
(2) ball, roller, plain and other bearings,
(3) biscuits,
(4) British wines, cider and perry,
(5) building bricks and non-refractory goods,
(6) carpets,
(7) cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery,
(8) coke ovens and manufactured fuels,
(9) construction and earth-moving equipment,
(10) electrical equipment for motor vehicles, cycles and aircraft,
(11) electric lamps, electric light fittings, wiring accessories, etc.,
(12) fertilizers,
(13) formulated pesticides, etc.,
(14) furniture and upholstery,
(15) grain milling,
(16) hand tools and implements,
(17) jewellery and precious metals,
(18) lubricating oils and greases,
(19) mechanical handling equipment,
(20) metal-working machine tools,
(21) miscellaneous base metals,
(22) miscellaneous building materials and mineral products,
(23) miscellaneous metal manufacture,
(24) miscellaneous textile industries,
Mr. Secretary Shore:

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Orders, dated 17th October 1977, entitled—
(1) the Amber Valley (Park Road, Heage) Appropriation Order 1976, and
(2) the Amber Valley (Sherwood Street, Leabrooks) Appropriation Order 1977,
with Certificates by the Secretary of State for the Environment under section 2 of the
Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th October 1977, entitled the Occupational
Pensions Schemes (Certification of Employments—Local Government etc. Staffs) Regu-
lations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1625) [by Act].

Social Security,—Report by the Occupational Pensions Board on the Occupational
Pensions Schemes (Certification of Employments—Local Government etc. Staffs) Regu-
lations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1625) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 573].

Water,—Copy of the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1977 of—
(1) the National Water Council, and
(2) the Water Space Amenity Commission
[by Act].

Water,—Copy of the District Auditor's Certificate and Report on the Accounts of
the Thames Water Authority for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Water,—Copies of the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1977 of
(1) the Anglian Water Authority,
(2) the Northumbrian Water Authority,
(3) the North West Water Authority,
(4) the Severn-Trent Water Authority,
(5) the Southern Water Authority,
(6) the South West Water Authority,
(7) the Thames Water Authority,
(8) the Wessex Water Authority, and
(9) the Yorkshire Water Authority
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Morris:

for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 370].
Local Government,—Copy of Welsh Local Government Financial Statistics (No. 1, 1977) [by Act].

New Towns,—Copy of the Reports of the Cwmbran and Newtown (Mid-Wales) Development Corporations for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 533].


Welsh Church Funds,—Copy of a Scheme made by Gwent County Council under section 19 of the Welsh Church Act 1914, together with a Certificate, dated 23rd September 1977, by the Secretary of State for Wales [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Mason :

Education,—Summary of Education and Library Boards' Accounts for the period 1st April 1975 to 31st March 1976 [by Command].


Gas,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th October 1977, entitled the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Gas) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 296) [by Act].


Police,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 28th July 1977, entitled the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 233),
(2) 29th July 1977, entitled the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 237),
(3) 29th July 1977, entitled the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Complaints) Regulations 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 235), and

Mr. Secretary Benn :

Atomic Energy,—Copies of the Reports and Accounts, for the year ended 31st March 1977, of—
(1) the Radiochemical Centre, and
(2) the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Accounts thereof [by Act].

Continental Shelf,—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Energy on the working of the Continental Shelf Act 1964 for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 572].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers :

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copies of Orders, dated—
(1) 10th July 1977, entitled the Dover Harbour Revision Order 1977, together with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Transport under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, and

Transport,—Statements of determination of the salaries payable to—
(1) the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the British Railways Board,
(2) the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the British Transport Docks Board,
(3) the Chairman and a member of the National Bus Company,
(4) the Chairman of the National Freight Corporation, and
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