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By virtue of the Commission of the Counsellors of State under the Great Seal, and in obedience to their Commands, Parliament was prorogued on the above-mentioned day to Thursday the Third day of this instant November, to be then here holden.
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[No. 1.]


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.

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 Mrs. Millie Miller, Member for Redbridge, Ilford North, 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.

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 the House, or endeavoured so to be by Bribery, or any other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such Bribery or other corrupt practices.

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

Metropolitan Police.—Ordered, That the Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis do take care that during the Session of Parliament the passages through the streets leading to this House be kept free and open and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House, and that no disorder be allowed in Westminster Hall, or in the passages leading to this House, during the sitting of Parliament, and that there be no annoyance therein or thereabouts and that the Sergeant at Arms attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioner aforesaid.

Votes and Proceedings.—Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker; and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

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

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

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir Richard Douglas Barlas, K.C.B., O.B.E., the Clerk of this House.

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

Private Bill.—The Standing Order of 21st July 1977 relating to the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, 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 21st July 1977 in respect of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill had been duly deposited.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—A Bill to confer further powers upon the Greater London Council and other authorities; and for other purposes was read the first and second time and committed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (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 Nugent of Guildford to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee A appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, and to the Lord Kearton to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee B 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 back with delight and gratitude on the events which marked my Silver Jubilee at home and overseas, and the visits which we made to many parts of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. I look forward to paying a State Visit to the Federal Republic of Germany next May and to opening the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton in August.

In pursuit of peace and collective security, the United Kingdom remains committed to the aims of detente, disarmament and the prevention of the spread of nuclear weapons. My Government reaffirm their policies in international relations and defence, and will contribute fully to the work of the United Nations, the Commonwealth and the North Atlantic Alliance.

While working for policies which fully reflect the interests of the United Kingdom, My Government will play a full and co-operative part in the activities, the development and the enlargement of the European Economic Community.

They will continue to contribute modern and effective forces to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and to play their full part in the current Alliance studies of East/West relations and of the Alliance's defence programmes. They are participating constructively in the important meeting in Belgrade which is being held as part of the follow-up to the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe; they will abide by the provisions of the Final Act, and continue to seek fulfilment of
all its provisions by other signatories. They remain committed to the pursuit of detente in their relations with the Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe.

My Government will continue to take part in international efforts to combat recession and 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; they will maintain their special efforts to help the poorest countries and the poorest people.

They will work for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, and the further improvement of relations between the United Kingdom and all the countries in the area. They will continue to co-operate with all concerned in the search for a lasting settlement in Cyprus, where they welcome the resumption of intercommunal talks.

Efforts will be maintained to achieve a negotiated settlement in Rhodesia, on the basis of My Government's proposals published in September this year, which are designed to provide a secure future for people of all races. My Government will be ready during the current session to introduce legislation to enable Rhodesia to proceed to independence on this basis.

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:

The strengthening of the country's financial position and balance of payments opens the prospect for a continuing improvement in the economy and the maintenance of financial stability. My Government's main objectives are the speediest possible return to full employment and a sustained growth of output. In order to achieve these objectives they will give the highest priority to further reductions in the rate of inflation.

My Government will continue to take action to reduce high unemployment through manpower measures and to promote industrial training.

They will ensure that the benefits of North Sea oil are used to achieve a lasting improvement in our industrial performance and therefore to provide more jobs, higher real incomes and improved public services.

My Ministers will continue to work in close co-operation with the Trades Union Congress and the Confederation of British Industry.

Internationally My Government will continue to urge that the stronger economies should take the lead in promoting a substantial growth in the world and that adequate official finance should be made available on appropriate terms to countries with continuing deficits in the balance of payments.

My Government remain firmly committed to establishing directly elected Assemblies for Scotland and Wales. Separate Bills will be introduced for this purpose.

In Northern Ireland My Government will maintain their aims of establishing a devolved Government acceptable to both parts of the community; and eradicating terrorism by the prosecution through the courts of those responsible for violence and by continuing to develop the effectiveness of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, supported by My Armed Forces. My Government attach special importance to co-operation on matters of security with the Government of the Republic of Ireland. They will continue to seek measures to strengthen the economy of Northern Ireland and improve its social environment.

Legislation providing for the election of United Kingdom members of the European Assembly will be re-introduced.

Further consultations will be held on industrial democracy, with a view to producing proposals which should command general support, and My Ministers will continue directly to encourage the development of industrial democracy in the nationalised industries.

There will be a review of the legislation and institutions governing competition policy, to see that this makes its maximum contribution to improving industrial efficiency.

My Ministers are considering further measures to assist small firms.

They will also hold consultations about encouraging profit-sharing through the tax system.

Legislation will be brought forward to amend company law.

A Bill will be introduced to provide public funds to finance payments to redundant shipbuilding workers in the public sector.
Legislation will be introduced providing for changes in the structure of the electricity industry and other matters affecting the industry.

Continued encouragement will be given to the efficient production, processing and distribution of food with the aim of meeting a greater proportion of our national needs from United Kingdom agriculture. My Ministers will seek improvements in the operation of the Common Agricultural Policy.

My Government will continue to seek major reform of the Common Fisheries Policy. They will aim to secure conditions which will meet the needs of the British fishing industry, conserve fishing stocks, and ensure adequate supplies to the consumer.

A Bill will be laid before you to increase the borrowing powers of the Civil Aviation Authority and British Airways, to provide for a levy to finance aviation security and to amend the civil aviation Acts.

Legislation will be introduced for the further development of transport policy to meet economic and social needs, including those of rural areas.

Legislation will be brought before you to provide assistance for first-time home buyers.

A Bill will be introduced to renew and revive the inner urban areas.

Legislation will be introduced on the composition and certain functions of the General Medical Council.

In addition to My Government's full programme of constitutional and other reforms for the present session, they remain committed to bringing forward at the earliest opportunity a number of further highly desirable measures of reform. These measures include improvements in safety and discipline at sea and other aspects of merchant shipping, and the right of Post Office staff to take industrial action.

Legislative proposals will be brought forward for the reform of section 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911.

Following the Report of the Committee on the Future of Broadcasting, My Government will bring forward proposals on the constitution, structure and organisation of broadcasting in the United Kingdom.

An increase in the limit on public funds for the National Film Finance Corporation will be proposed before the present limit expires.

Measures will be brought before you to reform public sector housing subsidies in Scotland; to improve criminal procedure and reform the criminal justice system in Scotland; and to extend the powers of Scottish local authorities in relation to their direct labour organisations.

Further progress will be made with My Government's programme of law reform.

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. Tom Bradley)—Debate arising:

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.50 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command after the Prorogation of Parliament on 26th October 1977 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:
Expenditure,—Copy of Government observations on the Ninth Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1976-77, relating to selected public expenditure programmes.

Federal Republic of Germany (No. 1, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Bonn on 29th April 1977, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany concerning the waiving of the reimbursement of the costs of benefits in kind provided for sickness, maternity, accidents at work and occupational diseases, of unemployment benefits and of the costs of administrative and medical controls (the Agreement is not in force).

Post Office,—Copy of the Appendix to the Report of the Post Office Review Committee.


Treaty Series (No. 92, 1977),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at London and Bracknell on 22nd April 1977 and 19th May 1977 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts, concerning social security arrangements for staff at the Centre.


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

27th October 1977

Wages Councils,—Copies of Orders, dated 17th October 1977, entitled—

(1) the Licensed Non-residential Establishment Wages Council (Variation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1689), and

(2) the Retail Bespoke Tailoring Wages Councils (Abolition and Establishment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1688) [by Act].

28th October 1977


Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th October 1977, entitled the British Wool Marketing Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1695) [by Act].

31st October 1977

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st October 1977, entitled the Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1756) [by Act].


1st November 1977

Animals,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 21st October 1977, entitled the Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants (Otters) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1700), and

(2) dated 22nd October 1977, entitled the Badgers (Control Areas) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1721) [by Act].
2nd November 1977

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st October 1977, entitled the Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1767) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copies of Orders, dated 22nd October 1977, entitled—

(1) the Minibus (Designated Bodies) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1709), and
(2) the Minibus (Permits) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1708)
[by Act].

European Communities,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th October 1977, entitled the European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1718) [by Act].

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st October 1977, entitled—

(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1716),
(2) the Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1717), and
(3) the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1715)
[by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on 3rd November 1977:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 3rd November 1977, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Vote for Shipping Services [by Act].

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 27th, 28th and 29th September 1977, and
(2) 30th September and 5th, 6th and 7th October 1977
relating to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 10 and 11].

Colonial Loans,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 16th September 1976 on a loan made to the Caribbean Development Bank by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development [by Act]; to be printed [No. 12].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Charities,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Charities (Leicester Freemen's Estate) Order 1977, and
(2) the Charities (The Queen's College, Birmingham) Order 1977
[by Act].


Fire Services,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th October 1977, entitled the Firemen's Pensions Scheme (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1704) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 34, 1977),—Copy of a Financial Protocol, signed at Brussels on 12th May 1977, between the European Economic Community and Turkey (the Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 81, 1977),—Copy of the Second Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 1977 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 88, 1977),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Freetown on 8th and 26th March 1976 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Sierra Leone, amending and extending the Public Services and Teachers (Sierra Leone) Agreement 1971 (the Public Services and Teachers (Sierra Leone) (Continuance) Agreement 1971/1976) [by Command].
Treaty Series (No. 89, 1977),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Dublin on 27th June 1977 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Ireland, further amending the Agreement of 14th December 1965 establishing a free trade area between the two countries [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 91, 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 18th January 1977, extending the period of validity of Decisions 75/373/ECSC opening tariff preferences for products covered by that Community and originating in Israel [by Command].

European Communities,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 3) Order 1977, and
(2) the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 4) Order 1977 [by Act].

Southern Rhodesia,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Milkman:
Housing (Scotland),—Draft of an Order, entitled the Housing (Amounts of Approved Expense) (Scotland) Order 1977 [by Act].
Succession (Scotland),—Draft of an Order, entitled the Prior Rights of Surviving Spouse (Scotland) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1977, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Employment Protection,—Draft of a Code of Practice, entitled Time Off for Trade Union Duties and Activities [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dene:
Airports Authority,—Statement of appointment of a part-time member of the British Airports Authority [by Act].
Airports Authority,—Statement of determination of the salaries payable to the Chairman, a former Chairman and three members of the British Airports Authority [by Act].
Civil Aviation,—Statement of determination of the pension payable to a member of the Civil Aviation Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—
(1) asbestos, and
(2) spirit distilling and compounding [by Act].
Census of Distribution,—Copy of the Supplement to the Report on the Census of Distribution and other services 1971 [by Act].
Iron and Steel,—Statements of determination of—
(1) the pension payable to a member, and
(2) the salaries payable to the Chairman, two Deputy Chairmen and four members of the British Steel Corporation [by Act].
National Research Development Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].
Post Office,—Statements of determination of the salaries payable to—
(1) the Chairman, and
(2) the Chairman, Deputy Chairmen and four members of the Post Office [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Weights and Measures,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Bread) Order 1977, and
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(2) the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1977
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th July 1977, entitled the Blyth Harbour 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,—Statement of determination of the salaries payable to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the British Waterways Board [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Animals,—Copies of Orders, dated 26th October 1977, entitled—
(1) the Coypus (Keeping) Order 1977, and
(2) the Mink (Keeping) Order 1977
[by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:
Overseas Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 28th October, entitled—
(1) the Kenya Asian Public Officers' Family Pensions Fund (United Kingdom) Scheme 1977,
(2) the Kenya Asian Public Officers' Widows and Orphans' Pensions Fund (United Kingdom) Scheme 1977,
(3) the Kenya Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1977, and
(4) the Kenya Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1977
[by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:
House of Commons Offices,—Report of the Commissioners for Regulating the Offices of the House of Commons, for the year ended 31st March 1977.

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Irish Land Purchase Fund,—Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the National Debt Commissioners, and Statements of Liabilities outstanding, in respect of the Irish Land Purchase Fund, for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 13].

National Land Fund,—Account of the National Land Fund for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 7].

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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

Friday, 4th November, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Bournemouth East 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 Bournemouth East in the room of John Howard Cordle, 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 or laid upon the Table (see Appendix).
Scotland 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 in the constitution and functions of certain public bodies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed [Bill 1].

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, and Mr. John Smith, presented a Bill to provide for changes in the government of Wales and in the constitution and functions of certain public bodies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed [Bill 2].

Pensioners Payments Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ennals, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Stanley Orme, Mr. Alfred Morris, and Mr. Eric Deakins, 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 lump sum payments to pensioners; 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 3].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Import Duties (Quota and Other Reliefs) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1722) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Business Advertisements (Disclosure) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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 20th and 27th January, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th February, 14th, 21st and 28th April, 5th and 12th May and 14th July;

(3) Private Members' Notices of Motions shall have precedence over Government business on 25th November, 2nd and 9th December, 13th January, 3rd, 10th and 17th March and 7th April and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on Wednesday 9th November, Wednesday 16th November, Wednesday 23rd November, Wednesday 14th December, Wednesday 15th February, Wednesday 22nd February, Wednesday 1st March and Wednesday 22nd March;

(4) On Monday 28th November, Monday 6th February, Monday 15th May and Monday 10th 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 10th November, Thursday 19th January, Thursday 27th April and Thursday 22nd 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. Walter Harrison.)
Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address), — The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 3rd November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Adjournment, — 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 4th November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Pensions, — Copy of Regulations, dated 28th October 1977, entitled the Occupational Pension Schemes (Certification of Employments—National Health Service) (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1778) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Post Office, — Statement of appointment of five part-time members of the Post Office [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Weights and Measures, — Copies of Regulations, dated 28th October 1977, entitled—

(1) the Alcohologmers and Alcohol Hydrometers (EEC Requirements) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1753), and

(2) the Alcohologmers and Alcohol Hydrometers (EEC Requirements) (Fees) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1754) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions, — Copies of Orders in Council—

(1) dated 26th July 1977, entitled the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions Increase) Order 1977,

(2) dated 29th July 1977, entitled the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions Declaration) (Amendment) Order 1977,

(3) dated 11th October 1977, entitled the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Ratings' Service Pensions and Gratuities) (No. 2) Order 1977, and

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes made—

(1) by the Governing Body of Churchill College, Cambridge, on 19th April 1977, amending the Statutes of the College,

(2) by the University of Oxford on 26th May 1977, amending the Statutes of the University, and

(3) by the Governing Body of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, on 30th May 1977, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

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

Tribunals and Inquiries.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1977, entitled the Tribunals and Inquiries (Supplementary Benefit Appeal Tribunals) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1735) [by Act].

[No. 3.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 7th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed INo. 15].

Participation Agreements Bill.—Mr. Secretary Benn, supported by Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Secretary Hattersley, Mr. Harold Lever, Mr. Frank Judd, and Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, presented a Bill to exclude the application of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 in relation to certain agreements ; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 4].

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 3rd 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. Frank R. White.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Monday 7th November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Savings Banks.—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd November 1977, entitled the National Savings Bank (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1807) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Housing (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 21st October 1977, entitled the Housing (Limits of Rateable Value for Improvement Grants) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1757) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Social Security.—Copy of the Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee, preceded by a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services, concerning the Social Security (Contributions) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1755) [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Commonwealth Development Corporation.—Copy of the Lord Chancellor's Memorandum on consolidation of the enactments relating to the Commonwealth Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 18].

Tuesday, 8th November, 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).

Experiments on Living Animals.—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That She will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of Experiments performed in Great Britain under the Act 39 and 40 Vict. c.77, during 1976. —(Mrs. Ann Taylor)

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 November.

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

Nationalised Industries.—The Lords give leave to the Lord Nugent of Guildford to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee A appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, if his Lordship think fit, and to the Lord Kearton to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee B of that Committee, if his Lordship think fit.

Statutory Instruments.—Minutes of Proceedings during Session 1976-77 of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments to be printed [No. 20].
Statutory Instruments,—Minutes of Proceedings during Session 1976-77 of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments to be printed [No. 21].

New Member sworn,—Eric John Sever, Esquire, Member for Birmingham, Ladywood, was sworn.

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 3rd 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 policies being followed by the Government as well as those outlined in the Gracious Speech will not enable industry and commerce to achieve the level of performance necessary to maintain, let alone to improve, the standard of life and social services '. (Sir Keith Joseph.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 270.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 302.

So the Question was negatived.

The Main Question being again proposed:—Debate arising;
And it being after Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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 ten minutes to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

|Adjourned at 10.50 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 8th November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Experiments on Living Animals,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day, relating to Experiments on Living Animals; to be printed [No. 1].

Church Commissioners,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Church Commissioners for England for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Horserace Betting Levy Board,—Copy of the Reports and Statements of Accounts of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the Horserace Totalisator Board for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Disarmament (Miscellaneous No. 21, 1977),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Geneva on 18th May 1977, on the prohibition of military or any other hostile use of environmental modification techniques (the United Kingdom has not ratified the Convention) [by Command].

European Communities (No. 35, 1977),—Copy of a Co-operation Agreement, signed at Brussels on 3rd May 1977, between the European Economic Community and the Lebanese Republic, and an Agreement, signed at Brussels on the same date, between the member states of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Lebanese Republic (with Final Act) (the Agreements are not in force) [by Command].


Treaty Series (No. 95, 1977).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Tokyo on 15th April 1977 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Japan, further amending the Schedule annexed to the Air Services Agreement of 29th December 1952 [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th October 1976, entitled—

(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1762), and

(2) the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Assessment of Resources) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1761)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Agricultural Wages (Regulations) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977,

(2) the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977,

(3) the Supplementary Benefits, etc., (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, and

(4) the Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Monopolies and Mergers.—Copies of the Reports of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on—

(1) the supply of architects' services with reference to scale fees, and

(2) the supply of surveyors' services with reference to scale fees

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 4 and 5].

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

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Land Purchase).—Account of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland in respect of the functions transferred under the Northern Ireland Land Purchase (Winding Up) Act 1935, for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 23].
PRAYERS.

Private Bills [Lords].—The Standing Orders of 26th July 1977 relating to the University of London 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 26th July 1977 in respect of the University of London Bill [Lords] had been duly deposited.

University of London Bill [Lords].—The University of London Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Aberdeen Shoemakers Incorporation Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Milian presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Aberdeen Shoemakers Incorporation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 5].

City of Glasgow District Council Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Milian presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to City of Glasgow District Council: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 6].

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

Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 9.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Motions for Adjournment under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration), showing the date of such Motion, the name of the Member proposing the specific and important matter and the result of any Division taken thereon, during Session 1976-77.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Closure of Debate.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return respecting application of Standing Order No. 30 (Closure of Debate) during Session 1976-77, (1) in the House and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:—

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and (2) in the Standing Committees, under the following heads:—

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

Delegated Legislation.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Instruments considered in Session 1976-77 by the Joint Committee and the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments respectively pursuant to their orders of reference, showing in each case the numbers of Instruments subject to the different forms of Parliamentary procedure and of those within the committees' orders of reference for which no Parliamentary procedure is prescribed by statute, and the numbers drawn to the special attention of the House or of both Houses distinguishing the ground in the committees' orders of reference upon which such attention was invited; and of the numbers of Instruments considered by a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments and by the House respectively, in Session 1976-77, showing the number where the proceedings relating thereto was put forthwith under paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.).—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)
Private Bills and Private Business.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders introduced into this House and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed in Session 1976-77:

Of all Private Bills, Hybrid Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in Session 1976-77 were reported on by Committees on Opposed Bills, or by Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committee of Selection, together with the names of the selected Members who served on each Committee; the first and also the last day of the sitting of each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; the number of days on which each selected Member served; the number of days occupied by each Bill in Committee; the Bills of which the Preambles were reported to have been proved; the Bills of which the Preambles were reported to have been not proved; and, in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders ought or ought not to be confirmed:

Of all Private Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in Session 1976-77 were referred by the Committee of Selection to the Committee on Unopposed Bills, together with the names of the Members who served on the Committee; the number of days on which the Committee sat; and the number of days on which each Member attended:

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

Public Bills.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Public Bills, distinguishing Government from other Bills, introduced into this House, or brought from the House of Lords, during Session 1976-77, showing:

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

Select Committees.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Select Committees in Session 1976-77 with the Sub-committees appointed by them; the names of the Members appointed to serve on each, and of the Chairman of each; the number of days each met, and the number of days each Member attended; the number of meetings held by each Select Committee and Sub-committee, and the number of meetings each Member attended; the total expenses of the attendances of witnesses at each Select Committee and Sub-committee; and the total number of Members who served on Select Committees, together with so much of the same information as is relevant to the Chairmen's Panel and the Court of Referees.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Sittings of the House and Business of Supply.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of (1) the days on which the House sat in Session 1976-77, stating for each day the day of the month and day of the week, the hour of the meeting, and the hour of the adjournment; and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after the time appointed for the interruption of business; and (2) the days on which Business of Supply was considered.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Standing Committees.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return for Session 1976-77, of (1) the total number and the names of all Members (including and distinguishing Chairmen) who have been appointed to serve on one or more of the Standing Committees showing, with regard to each of such Members, the number of sittings to which he was summoned and at which he was present; (2) the number of Bills, Estimates, Matters and other items referred to Standing Committees pursuant to Standing Order No.73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), considered by all and by each of the Standing Committees, the number of sittings of each Committee and the titles of all Bills, Estimates, Matters and other items as above considered by a Committee, distinguishing where a Bill was a Government Bill or was brought from the House of Lords, and showing in the case of each Bill, Estimate, Matter and other item, the particular Committee by whom it was considered, the number of sittings at which it was considered and the number of Members present at each of those sittings.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Special Procedure Orders.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Special Procedure Orders presented in Session 1976-77; the number withdrawn; the number against which Petitions or copies of Petitions were deposited; the
number of Petitions of General Objection and for Amendment respectively considered by the Chairmen; the number of such Petitions certified by the Chairmen as proper to be received, and the number certified by them as being petitions of General Objection and for Amendment respectively; the number referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses; the number reported with Amendments by a Joint Committee; and the number in relation to which a Joint Committee reported that the Order be not approved; and the number of Bills introduced for the confirmation of Special Procedure Orders:

Of Special Procedure Orders which, in Session 1976-77, were referred to a Joint Committee, together with the names of the Commons Members who served on each Committee; the numbers of days on which each Committee sat; and the number of days on which each such Member attended.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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 November and a Memoranda laid before them; And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 164].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-ii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boydend reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 9th November.

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

European Legislation, &c,—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had made progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-i].

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).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 26].

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

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. 28].

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 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 (First Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 17-i].

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 to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 7].

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 3rd November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words ' but humbly regret that the Gracious Speech contains no proposals for creating the long-term business confidence essential to reduce unemployment and create prosperity in which all can share '.'—(Mr. James Prior.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 272.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Frank R. White: 299.

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.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 9th November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Race Relations,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th October 1977, entitled the Race Relations (Prescribed Public Bodies) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1774) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Ancient and Historical Monuments,—Copy of the Thirty-sixth Interim Report of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions of England, relating to archaeological sites in central Northamptonshire [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Millan:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th October 1977, entitled the Local Authorities (Allowances) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1776) [by Act].

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd November 1977, entitled the Teachers' Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1808) [by Act].

Solicitors (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Lay Observer under section 7 of the Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1976 for the year ended 15th August 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 3].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, and

(2) the Electricity Service (Finance) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Selection (Chairman'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-seven Members to be the Panel of Members to serve on the Committee on Unopposed Bills under Standing Order 111 relating to Private Business (Reference to Committees of Opposed and Unopposed Bills), viz.: Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. Harold Boardman, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. John Cockcroft, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Sir William Elliott, Mr. Anthony Fell, Mr. John Forester, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. David James, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. David Lambie, Sir John Langford-Holt, Mr. John Loveridge, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. Dennis Walters, and Mr. David Watkins.

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 Twenty Members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as Commissioners under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, viz.: Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. J. M. Craigie, Mr. Peter Doig, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Sir John Gilnour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Hamish Gray, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Michael Clark, Hutchinson, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Hector Monro, 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), 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. David Watkins.

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 Import Duties (Quota and Other Reliefs) (Amendment) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Iain Evans, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. John Osborn, Mr. John Parf, Mr. Robin Parf, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Norman Tebbit, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

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Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1977, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977, the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977, and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1977, viz.: Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Dr. Maurice Miller, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. William Small, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, and Mr. Alexander Wilson.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Business Advertisements (Disclosure) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Harold Boardman, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Paul Dean, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Geoffrey Patte, Mr. Laure Pavitt, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Sir John Rodgers, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Frank R. White, and Mr. William Whitlock.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 9th November 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Import Duties (Quota and Other Reliefs) (Amendment) Order 1977 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1977, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977, the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1977 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Business Advertisements (Disclosure) Order 1977 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 6.]

Thursday, 10th November, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (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 10th November.

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

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 November 1977.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34-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 10th November 1977.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 35-j].

Ways and Means.—Income tax (increase in personal allowances).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That—

(1) Section 22 of the Finance Act 1977 (alteration of personal reliefs) shall have effect, and be deemed always to have had effect, as if—

(a) in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) (increase of married allowance to £1,295) for "£1,295" there were substituted "£1,455";

(b) in paragraph (b) of that subsection (increase of single allowance and wife's earned income relief to £845) for "£845" there were substituted "£945";
(c) in paragraph (c) of that subsection (increase of age allowance to £1,765 and £1,120) for "£1,765" and "£1,120" there were substituted "£1,975" and "£1,250";

(d) in subsection (3) (increase of additional allowance to £450) for "£450" there were substituted "£510".

(2) The above amendments shall not apply for the purposes of subsection (2) and the corresponding provision in subsection (3) of the said section 22.

But this Resolution shall not require any change to be made in the amounts deductible or repayable under section 204 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (pay as you earn) before 6th December 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):—Debate arising:

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

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

And the Question being accordingly put;

Resolved, That—

(1) Section 22 of the Finance Act 1977 (alteration of personal reliefs) shall have effect, and be deemed always to have had effect, as if—

(a) in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) (increase of married allowance to £1,295) for "£1,295" there were substituted "£1,455";

(b) in paragraph (b) of that subsection (increase of single allowance and wife's earned income relief to £845) for "£845" there were substituted "£945";

(c) in paragraph (c) of that subsection (increase of age allowance to £1,765 and £1,120) for "£1,765" and "£1,120" there were substituted "£1,975" and "£1,250";

(d) in subsection (3) (increase of additional allowance to £450) for "£450" there were substituted "£510".

(2) The above amendments shall not apply for the purposes of subsection (2) and the corresponding provision in subsection (3) of the said section 22.

But this Resolution shall not require any change to be made in the amounts deductible or repayable under section 204 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (pay as you earn) before 6th December 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.
Pensioners Payments Bill.—The Pensioners Payments Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee to-morrow.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for lump sum payments to pensioners, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any sums required for making payments under that Act by virtue of qualifying benefits entitlement to which arises or is treated as arising under any enactment or instrument applying in the United Kingdom generally or in Great Britain only, being payments not exceeding the following amount in the case of any person, that is to say £10 together with a further £10 in respect of any spouse of that person;

(b) any administrative costs incurred by any government department (including a Northern Ireland department) in connection with the making of any such payments.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.32 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 10th November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise,—Copies of Regulations—

(1) dated 2nd November 1977, entitled the Tobacco Products Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1779), and

(2) dated 3rd November 1977, entitled the Customs and Excise (Relief for Returned Goods) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1785)

[by Act].

Local Loans,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Local Loans (Increase of Limit) (No. 2) Order 1977 [by Act].

Value Added Tax,—Copies of Orders, dated 1st November 1977, entitled—

(1) the Value Added Tax (Cars) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1795),

(2) the Value Added Tax (Construction of Buildings, etc.) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1792),

(3) the Value Added Tax (Education) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1787),

(4) the Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1797),

(5) the Value Added Tax (General) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1793),

(6) the Value Added Tax (Gold) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1789),

(7) the Value Added Tax (Higher Rate) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1786),

(8) the Value Added Tax (Imported Goods) Relief Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1790),

(9) the Value Added Tax (Insurance) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1759),

(10) the Value Added Tax (International Services) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1791),

(11) the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1796), and

(12) the Value Added Tax (Trade Unions and Professional Bodies) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1788)

[by Act].
Value Added Tax,—Copies of—
(1) Regulations, dated 31st October 1977, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1759), and
(2) Rules, dated 31st October 1977, entitled the Value Added Tax Tribunals (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1760)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
European Communities,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 5) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Expenditure,—Copy of Government Observations on the Sixth Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1976-77, relating to reserves and reinforcements [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Development of Tourist Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, and
(2) the Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1977
[by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Agriculture,—Copy of a Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock, relating to sheep (Code No. 5) [by Act].

Agriculture,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Agricultural Products Processing and Marketing (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1977 [by Act].

Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th November 1977, entitled the Enzootic Bovine Leukosis Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1838) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM
Thursday 10th November 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Import Duties (Quota and Other Reliefs) (Amendment) Order 1977; Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977, the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1977; and Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Business Advertisements (Disclosure) Order 1977.

CHAIRMEN'S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 106 (Chairmen's Panel), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. Albert Costain, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Peter Doig, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Alan Fitch, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Victor Goodhew, Mrs. Lena Jeger, Mr. Arthur Jones, Sir Donald Kaberry, Sir Stephen McAdden, Mr. R. Bonner Pink, Mr. J. D. Spence, Mr. John Wells, and Sir Thomas Williams, to be members of the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

[No. 7.]

Friday, 11th November, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Garston for alleviation of the burden of Hertfordshire ratepayers was presented and read: and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Croxley Green for alleviation of the burden of Hertfordshire ratepayers was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Hitchin for alleviation of the burden of Hertfordshire ratepayers was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Bishop's Stortford for alleviation of the burden of Hertfordshire ratepayers was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Harpenden for alleviation of the burden of Hertfordshire ratepayers was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1756) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Mackerel Licensing Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1497) 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) (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1568) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Herring (North East Irish Sea) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1508) 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) (Variation) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1637) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Southern Rhodesia,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 3rd November, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Owen);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 77.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, Mr. Victor Goodhew: 26.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 3rd November, be approved.

National Expenditure,—Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on National Expenditure, relating to their Sixteenth Report in Session 1941-42 on the Civil Service (H.C. 120) be laid before this House, and be referred to the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.48 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 11th November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Import Duties,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th November 1977, entitled the Import Duties (Temporary Reductions and Exemptions) (No. 6) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1842) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Booth:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Census.—Copy of the Report of Census 1971 for England and Wales, relating to—
(1) Migration Regional Report (Ten per cent. sample): South East Region, part III(A),
(2) Migration Regional Report (Ten per cent. sample): South East Region, part III(B), and
(3) Migration Regional Report (Ten per cent. sample): South East Region, part III(C).
[by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Food and Drugs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd November 1977, entitled the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1805) [by Act].

[No. 8.]
Monday, 14th November, 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).

Adjournment (Firemen's strike).—Mr. James Sillars, Member for South Ayrshire, 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 grave threat to public safety and the future of the fire service now that the firemen are on strike; 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.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 3) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 4) 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 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) 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 (Bread) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Housing (Amounts of Approved Expense) (Scotland) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants (Otters) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1700) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Mink (Keeping) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Coypus (Keeping) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)
Scotland Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scotland Bill;

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

Mr. Secretary Millan 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;

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, in pursuit of its aim to achieve a substantial improvement in the government of Scotland within the United Kingdom, declines to give a Second Reading to the Scotland Bill and instead calls on Her Majesty's Government to summon a Constitutional Conference to examine defects in the parliamentary and administrative aspects of the government of Scotland, to recommend reforms including the creation of any new institutions it may find necessary, to consider the implications of its proposals for the rest of the United Kingdom, and to report not later than July next"; instead thereof. (Mr. Francis Pym.)

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 Scotland Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until Eleven o'clock. (Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Scotland Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Question, That the Scotland Bill be now read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for changes in the government of Scotland, 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. Robert Sheldon.)

Tuesday, 15th November, 1977:

Excise Duty on Cigarettes,—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/414/76 on excise duty on cigarettes.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)
Finance (Income Tax Reliefs) Bill,—Ordered, That in respect of the Finance (Income Tax Reliefs) 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. Frank R. White.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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

[Adjourned at 2 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 14th November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 12th, 13th and 14th October 1977, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 37].
Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th November 1977, entitled the Value Added Tax (International Service) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1849) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
European Communities,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 6) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th October 1977, entitled the Grant-Aided Colleges (Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1777) [by Act].
Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th October 1977, entitled the Poultry Meat (Slaughterhouse Checks on the Absorption of Water) (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1804) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Employment Protection,—Copy of a Report by the Secretary of State for Employment on limits on guarantee payments [by Act]; to be printed [No. 14].
Industrial Training,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Man Made Fibres Producing Industry Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].
Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—
(1) miscellaneous mining and quarrying,
(2) photographic chemical materials,
(3) surgical bandages, etc., and
(4) toilet preparations
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Water,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
County Courts,—Copy of Rules, dated 28th October 1977, entitled the County Court (Criminal Injuries to the Person) (Compensation) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 313) [by Statutory Instrument].
Mr. Michael Foot:

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

(1) by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, on 16th June 1977, amending the Statutes of the House

(2) by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on 8th June 1977, amending the Statutes of the College,

(3) by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on 8th June 1977, amending the Statutes of the College,

(4) by the Governing Body of Pembroke College, Oxford, on 1st June 1977, amending the Statutes of the College,

(5) by the Governing Body of St. Hugh’s College, Oxford, on 15th June 1977, amending the Statutes of the College,

(6) by the Governing Body of Saint John Baptist College, Oxford, on 23rd May amending the Statutes of the College, and

(7) by the Governing Body of Wadham College, Oxford, on 15th June 1977, amending the Statutes of the College,

[by Act].

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

Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 9,—Return to an Order [9th November] for a Return relating to Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration).

Closure of Debate,—Return to an Order [9th November] for a Return relating to Closure of Debate.


Public Bills,—Return to an Order [9th November] for a Return relating to Public Bills; to be printed [No. 36].

Select Committees,—Return to an Order [9th November] for a Return relating to Select Committees; to be printed [No. 38].

Sittings of the House and Business of Supply,—Return to an Order [9th November] for a Return relating to Sittings of the House and Business of Supply.

Special Procedure Orders,—Return to an Order [9th November] for a Return relating to Special Procedure Orders.

Standing Committees,—Return to an Order [9th November] for a Return relating to Standing Committees; to be printed [No. 39].

[No. 9.]

Tuesday, 15th November, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Queen’s Speech (Answer to Address),—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That Her Majesty, having been attended with their Address of 9th 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.

University of London Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the University of London Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Aberdeen Shoemakers Incorporation Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Aberdeen Shoemakers Incorporation Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.
City of Glasgow District Council Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the City of Glasgow District Council 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).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-iii].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 15th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 19-iii].

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 appointed by 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;

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.

(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, when an instrument has come into operation before it has been laid before Parliament;
(vi) that there appears to be a doubt whether it is intra vires or that it appears to make some unusual or unexpected use of the powers conferred by the Statute under which it is made;
(vii) that for any special reason its form or purport call for elucidation;
(viii) that its drafting appears to be defective; or

on any other ground which does not impinge on its merits or on the policy behind it; and to report their decision with the reasons thereof in any particular case.

The Lords have ordered, That Two be the quorum of the Committee; that the Committee have power to agree with the Committee appointed by the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman; that the Committee have power to appoint one or more Sub-committees severally to join with any Sub-committee or Sub-committees appointed by the Committee appointed by the Commons; and to refer to such Sub-committee or Sub-committees any of the matters referred to the Committee; that it be an instruction to the Committee that they do not consider any instrument which is directed by Act of Parliament to be laid before and to be subject to proceedings in the Commons only;
and that the Committee do not join with the Committee appointed by the Commons in considering any such instrument; that it be a further instruction to the Committee that, before reporting that the special attention of the House be drawn to any instrument, the Committee do afford to any Government department concerned therewith an opportunity of furnishing orally or in writing to them or to any Sub-committee of the Committee such explanations as the department think fit; 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 draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 5) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the National Health Service (Association of Community Health Councils—Establishment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1204) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Adjournment (Firemen's strike).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Sillars):—Debate arising:

Mr. James Sillars 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. James Sillars, Mr. John Robertson: 58.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates: 211.

So the Question was negatived.

Wales Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wales Bill;
And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read a second time;
Mr. Secretary Morris 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 Wales Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until Two o'clock.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

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

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

Wednesday, 16th November, 1977:

And the Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 295.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 264.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

Committee this day.

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

Resolved, That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to provide for changes in the government of 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. David Stoddart.)
Seed and Plant Marketing.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/1170/77 on seed and plant marketing.—(Mr. Gavin Strang.)

Race Relations and Immigration.—Ordered, That the Standing Order of the House of 14th January 1975 relating to the appointment of the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration be amended, as follows:

Line 4, leave out sub-paragraph (a) and insert “(a) the operation of the Race Relations Act 1976 with particular reference to the work of the Commission for Racial Equality; and”—(Mr. James Tinn.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Four o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 4.1 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 15th November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Redundant Churches Fund,—Copies of the Report and Accounts of the Redundant Churches Fund—
(1) for 1975, and
(2) for 1976, with first and second Interim Reports
[by Measure].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 28, 1977),—Copy of an Interim Agreement, signed at Rabat on 27th April 1976, between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco (with Final Act) and Exchanges of Letters concerning the importation into the Community of commodities originating in Morocco [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages etc.,—Copy of the Report of the Registrar General for Scotland for 1976—
(1) Part I, Mortality Statistics, and
(2) Part II, Population and Vital Statistics
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security,—Copy of the Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee on the draft Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Benn:


The Chairman of Ways and Means:

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure),—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, That no Petition has been presented against—
(1) the Amber Valley (Park Road, Henge) Appropriation Order 1976,
(2) the Amber Valley (Sherwood Street, Leabrooks) Appropriation Order 1977, and
(3) the Dover Harbour Revision Order 1977
[by Act].

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MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 15th November 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 3) Order 1977, the Mackerel Licensing Order 1977, the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1977, the Herring (North East Irish Sea) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 and the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 3) Order 1977 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Housing (Amounts of Approved Expense) (Scotland) Order 1977 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1977 and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Bread) Order 1977 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 3) Order 1977, the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 4) Order 1977, and the Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants (Otters) Order 1977 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the National Health Service (Association of Community Health Councils—Establishment) Order 1977, the Mink (Keeping) Order 1977 and the Coypus (Keeping) Order 1977 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 10.]

Wednesday, 16th November, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Aberdeen Shoemakers Incorporation Order Confirmation Bill,—The Aberdeen Shoemakers Incorporation Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

City of Glasgow District Council Order Confirmation Bill,—The City of Glasgow District Council Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Atholl Investments (Aberdeen Development) 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 Atholl Investments (Aberdeen Development): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 9].

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one 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). Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-ii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-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 16th November. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-ii].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 16th November. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 42-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 16th November. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34-ii].
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Mr. Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That they had made progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them in Session 1975-76 and in the last Session of Parliament, together with Annexes: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Annexes, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 45].

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

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 Import Duties (Quota and Other Reliefs) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1722), referred to a Committee on 4th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 44].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1977, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1977, referred to a Committee on 4th November.

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

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Business Advertisements (Disclosure) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 4th November.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 6) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—[Mr. Michael Foot];

And not less than Twenty Members having risen in their places and signified their objection thereto, Mr. Speaker declared that the Noes had it, pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.).

Scotland 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 proceedings in Committee on the Bill and the proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed in seventeen 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 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 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 21st day of November 1977; and

(b) as to the proceedings on Consideration of the Bill and as to the allocation of time between those proceedings and proceedings on Third Reading not later than the seventh day on which the House sits after the day on which the proceedings in Committee on the Bill are concluded.

(2) The Resolutions in any Report made under Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) may be varied by a further Report so made, whether or not within the time specified in sub-paragraph (1) above 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 on the Motion.

Private Business

8. Any private business which has been set down for consideration at Seven o'clock on an allotted day shall, instead of being considered as provided by the Standing Orders, be considered at the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill on that day, and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the private business for a period of three hours from the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill or, if those proceedings are concluded before Ten o'clock, for a period equal to the time elapsing between Seven o'clock and the completion of those proceedings.

Conclusion of proceedings

9. — (1) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee 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 paragraph 9 above shall apply as if the proceedings were proceedings on the Bill on an allotted day.

(2) If on an allotted day on which any proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before that time, no notice shall be required of a Motion moved at the next sitting by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order.

Saving

11. Nothing in this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee shall—
(a) prevent any proceedings to which the Order or Resolution applies from being taken or completed earlier than is required by the Order or Resolution, or
(b) prevent any business (whether on the Bill or not) from being proceeded with on any day after the completion of all such proceedings on the Bill as are to be taken on that day.

Re-committal

12.—(1) References in this Order to proceedings on Consideration or proceedings on Third Reading include references to proceedings at those stages respectively, for, on or in consequence of, re-committal.

(2) On an allotted day no debate shall be permitted on any Motion to re-commit the Bill (whether as a whole or otherwise), and Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith any Question necessary to dispose of the Motion, including the Question on any amendment moved to the Question.

Interpretation

13. In this Order—
" allotted day " means any day (other than a Friday) on which the Bill is put down as first Government Order of the day, provided that a Motion for allotting time to the proceedings on the Bill to be taken on that day either has been agreed on a previous day, or is set down for consideration on that day;
" Resolution of the Business Committee " means a Resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by the House—(Mr. Michael Foot);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper : 313.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 287.
So the Question was agreed to.

Wales Bill (Allocation of Time), A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Bill:

Allocated days for Committee, Report and Third Reading

1.—(1) The proceedings in Committee on the Bill and the proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed in eleven 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 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 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 28th day of November 1977; and
(b) as to the proceedings on Consideration of the Bill and as to the allocation of time between those proceedings and proceedings on Third Reading not later than the seventh day on which the House sits after the day on which the proceedings in Committee on the Bill are concluded.

(2) The Resolutions in any Report made under Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) may be varied by a further Report so made, whether or not within the time specified in sub-paragraph (1) above and whether or not the Resolutions have been agreed to by the House.
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 on the Motion.

Private Business

8. Any private business which has been set down for consideration at Seven o'clock on an allotted day shall, instead of being considered as provided by the Standing Orders, be considered at the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill on that day, and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the private business for a period of three hours from the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill or, if those proceedings are concluded before Ten o'clock, for a period equal to the time elapsing between Seven o'clock and the completion of those proceedings.

Conclusion of proceedings

9.—(1) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee 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 paragraph 9 above shall apply as if the proceedings were proceedings on the Bill on an allotted day.

(2) If on an allotted day on which any proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before that time, no notice shall be required of a Motion moved at the next sitting by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order.

**Saving**

11. Nothing in this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee shall—

(a) prevent any proceedings to which the Order or Resolution applies from being taken or completed earlier than is required by the Order or Resolution, or

(b) prevent any business (whether on the Bill or not) from being proceeded with on any day after the completion of all such proceedings on the Bill as are to be taken on that day.

**Re-committal**

12.—(1) References in this Order to proceedings on Consideration or proceedings on Third Reading include references to proceedings, at those stages respectively, for, on or in consequence of, re-committal.

(2) On an allotted day no debate shall be permitted on any Motion to re-commit the Bill (whether as a whole or otherwise), and Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith any Question necessary to dispose of the Motion, including the Question on any amendment moved to the Question.

**Interpretation**

13. In this Order—

"allotted day " means any day (other than a Friday) on which the Bill is put down as first Government Order of the day, provided that a Motion for allotting time to the proceedings on the Bill to be taken on that day either has been agreed on a previous day, or is set down for consideration on that day ;

" Resolution of the Business Committee " means a Resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by this House—(Mr. John Smith) ;—Debate arising ;

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

**Business of the House.**—Ordered, That the Motion relating to the Wales Bill (Allocation of Time) may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Wales Bill (Allocation of Time).—The Question (Wales Bill (Allocation of Time)) being again proposed ;—The House resumed the adjourned Debate ;

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Speaker proceeded to put the Question necessary to dispose of them, pursuant to Standing Order No. 44 (Allocation of time to Bills).

The Question being accordingly put ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 314.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 287.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

And the 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 nine minutes to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.51 p.m.]

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APPENDIX I

Wednesday 16th November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:
Public Accounts,—Copy of a Treasury Minute on the Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1976-77, and Abstract of Appropriation Accounts [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 19th, 20th, 21st, 25th and 26th October 1977, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 47].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Public Accounts,—Copy of a Memorandum by the Northern Ireland Department of Finance on the Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1976-77 [by Command].

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:
College Charters,—Copy of the Petition, Draft Charter and Statutes relating to the incorporation of King's College, London [by Act].


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Selection (Committee on Unopposed Bills) (Panel),—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the Panel of Members appointed 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. Nick Budgen, Mr. Anthony Fell, and Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson; and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Knox, Mr. David Mudd, and Mr. Jerry Wiggin.

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 Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 3) Order 1977, the Mackerel Licensing Order 1977, the Herring (North East Irish Sea) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977, and the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 3) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Joseph Dean, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. John Parker, Dr. Colin Phipps, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Tom Swain, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Patrick Wall, Mr. Hamish Watt, 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 draft Housing (Amounts of Approved Expense) (Scotland) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. J. M. Craigen, Mr. James Dempsey, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. T. G. D. Gullifer, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchinson, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Malcolm Rikhind, Mr. Iain Sproule, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. James White, and Mr. George Younger.
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 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1977 and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1973 (Bread) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Michael Noble, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Nicholas Scott, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Michael Sherbey, Mr. Terry Walker, Mr. Michael Ward, and Mr. Andrew Welsh.

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 Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 3) Order 1977, and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 4) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Percy Grieve, Mr. Eilon Griffiths, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Maurice Gush, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. James Spicer, Mr. John Tomlinson, Mr. Dennis Walters, and Mr. David Watkins.

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 Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants (Otters) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. James Boyden, Mr. John Cope, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David James, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. Hector Munro, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Caerwyn Reddick, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Ken Weetch, Mr. Jerry Wiggan, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

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 National Health Service (Association of Community Health Councils—Establishment) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Jill Knight, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Anthony Newton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. John Sever, Mr. George Thompson, and Dr. Gerard Vaughan.

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 Mink (Keeping) Order 1977 and the Coypus (Keeping) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. James Johnson, Mrs. Evelyn King, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. James Scott-Hopkins, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Tom Torney, and Mr. Andrew Welsh.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 16th November 1977

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Francis Pym, Mr. John Smith, and Mr. Gordon Wilson, to be members of the Business Committee in respect of the Scotland Bill.

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 5) Order 1977 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the Mink (Keeping) Order 1977 and the Coypus (Keeping) Order 1977 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (transferred from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.).

EXAMINERS OF PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

In pursuance of Standing Order 69, Mr. Speaker appointed James Henry Willcox, Esquire, to be an Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills.

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).

Scotland Bill (Business Committee).—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Business Committee, That they had come to a Resolution in respect of the Scotland Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House:

That—

(a) of the allotted days which under the Order [16th November] are given to the remaining proceedings on the Bill, fourteen shall be allotted to the proceedings in Committee and the remainder to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading;

(b) the Bill shall be considered in Committee in the order shown in the Table set out below; and

(c) the fourteen days allotted to the proceedings in Committee shall be allotted in the manner shown in that Table and, subject to the provisions of that Order, each part of the proceedings shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the third column of that Table.

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Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 17th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 52-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 17th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 35-ii].

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

Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Millan, supported by Mr. Hugh D. Brown and Mr. Robert Sheldon, presented a Bill to make new provisions for Scotland with respect to grants for housing authorities and grants and loans to voluntary organisations concerned with housing: to provide for grants and loans by local authorities to meet expenses of repairing houses in a state of disrepair; to make further provision for the improvement of houses below the tolerable standard; and to make minor amendments of certain enactments relating to housing: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 10].

Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Varley, supported by Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Secretary Malley, Mr. Secretary Booth, Mr. Secretary Doll, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mrs. Judith Hart, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, and Mr. Les Huckfield, presented (under Standing Order No. 91) a Bill to provide for the making of supplementary payments to or in respect of employees of certain shipbuilding and other companies in respect of redundancy or transfer to less well-paid employment: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 11].

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 Finance (Income Tax Reliefs) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Development of Tourist Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Finance (Income Tax Reliefs) Bill,—The Finance (Income Tax Reliefs) 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.)

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. 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. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

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

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.
Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Pensioners Payments Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Interpretation).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 3, line 12, to leave out the words “week beginning with 5th December 1977” and insert the words “first week in December of each year.”—(Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Leslie Spriggs: 21.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mrs. Ann Taylor: 46.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 5 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.

Preservation of Birds.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/3265/76 and R/1961/77 on the preservation of birds—(Mr. Kenneth Marks);

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

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

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/3265/76 and R/1961/77 on the preservation of birds.

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

[Adjourned at 1.44 a.m.]

APPENDIX 1

Thursday 17th November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 36, 1977).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 28th January 1977, relating to Article 19 of the Co-operation Agreement and Article 12 of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia and concerning the import into the Community of fruit salads originating in Tunisia [by Command].

Intellectual Property (Miscellaneous No. 23, 1977).—Copy of a Treaty, signed at Budapest between 28th April and 31st December 1977, on the international recognition of the deposit of micro-organisms for the purposes of patent procedure (together with regulations) (the United Kingdom has not ratified the Treaty) [by Command].
Treaty Series (No. 98, 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, opening tariff preferences for products covered by that Community and originating in Tunisia [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Road Traffic,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd November 1977, entitled the Experimental Traffic Area (Scotland) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1835) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Shore:

Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th November 1977, entitled the Housing (Homeless Persons) (Property and Staff) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1821) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Agricultural Marketing,—Copy of the Report on Agricultural Marketing Schemes for the period 1975-76 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 6].

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

Expenditure,—Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on National Expenditure, relating to their Sixteenth Report in Session 1941-42 on the Civil Service (H.C. 120) [pursuant to Order [11th November]].

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 Thompson (nominated in respect of the draft Housing (Amounts of Approved Expense) (Scotland) Order 1977); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Andrew Welsh.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Andwh Welsh (nominated in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1977 and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Bread) Order 1977); and had appointed in substitution Mr. George Thompson.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Andrew Welsh (nominated in respect of the Mink (Keeping) Order 1977 and the Coypus (Keeping) Order 1977); and had appointed in substitution Mr. George Thompson.

MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. Nicholas Edwards, Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Francis Pym, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. John Smith, and Mr. Dalydd Wigley, to be members of the Business Committee in respect of the Wales Bill.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Wells Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 3) Order 1977, the Mackerel Licensing Order 1977, the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 3) Order 1977, the Herring (North East Irish Sea) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977, and the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation...
PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Redbourn against the proposed construction of an industrial waste treatment plant at Redbournbury 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).

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Passenger Car Fuel Consumption Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1603) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (Mr. Ted Graham.)

Participation Agreements Bill.—The Participation Agreements 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).

Railways Costing Principles and Accounting Systems.—Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC Documents Nos. R/1568/77 on uniform costing principles for railway undertakings, and R/669/77 on the necessary measures to achieve comparability between the accounting systems and annual accounts of railway undertakings, and of the Department of Transport's Explanatory Memoranda dated 18th July 1977 and 9th May 1977, and Supplementary Memorandum dated 11th November 1977. (Mr. John Horam.)

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 the Import Duties (Quota and other Reliefs) (Amendment) Order 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 25th October in the last Session of Parliament, 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 and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th October in the last Session of Parliament, 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 (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th October in the last Session of Parliament, 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 Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th October in the last Session of Parliament, 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. 4) Regulations 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th October in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Consumer Protection.—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 Business Advertisements (Disclosure) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 28th July, 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 Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 18th November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Animals.—Copies of Orders, dated 17th November, entitled—

(1) the Brucellosis Compensation (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1905), and

(2) the Tuberculosis (Compensation) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1906)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th November 1977, entitled the Baking and Sausage Making (Christmas and New Year Regulations) 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1841) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.—Copy of an Order, dated 15th November 1977, entitled the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1861) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Animals.—Copies of Orders, dated 17th November 1977, entitled—

(1) the Brucellosis (England and Wales) Compensation (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1908), and

(2) the Tuberculosis (Compensation) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1909)

[by Act].

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

County Courts.—Draft of an Order, entitled the County Courts Jurisdiction (Inheritance—Provision for Family and Dependants) Order 1977 [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).

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

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

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

Transport Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government's handling of transport policy—(Mr. Norman Fowler);—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: 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Ted Graham: 282.

So the Question was negatived.

Counter-Inflation,—Resolved, That the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 28th July in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Hattersley.)

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 after Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning;

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.13 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 21st November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Betting and Gaming.—Report containing statistical information relating to bookmakers' permits, betting agency permits and betting office licences in England, Wales and Scotland for the year ended 31st May 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 22].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training.—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 9th November 1977, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Carpet) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1840), and

(2) the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Shipbuilding Industry Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Shore:

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th November 1977, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1845) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Jesus College, Oxford, on 15th June 1977, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th November 1977, entitled the Poultry Meat (Slaughterhouse Checks on the Absorption of Water) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1854) [by Act].

[No. 14.]

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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 Tuesday next.

Atholl Investments (Aberdeen Development) Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Atholl Investments (Aberdeen Development) Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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

Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles,—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That She will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return showing the number of offences relating to motor vehicles in England and Wales, the number of persons prosecuted for such offences, statistics of court proceedings and the number of alleged offences in respect of which written warnings were issued by the police, together with the number of persons concerned, during the year ended 31st December 1976.—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

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 (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-iv].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 21st November.

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

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 22nd November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 19-iv].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report Memoranda laid before them.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 63].

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. 17-ii].
Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 3) Order 1977 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 4) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 14th November.

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

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the National Health Service (Association of Community Health Councils—Establishment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1204), referred to a Committee on 15th November.

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

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Mink (Keeping) Order 1977 and the Coypus (Keeping) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 14th November.

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

Expenditure.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Marquess of Bute to attend to be examined as a witness before the Environment 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 Pensioners Payments Bill, without Amendment.

Expenditure.—The Lords give leave to the Marquess of Bute to attend to be examined as a witness before the Environment Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee, if his Lordship think fit.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (International Services) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1791) be referred to a standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Insurance) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1794) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1797) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Gold) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1789) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Education) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1787) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Higher Rate) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1786) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Construction of Buildings, etc.) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1792) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (International Services) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1849) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Agricultural Products Processing and Marketing (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)
Business Committee (Scotland Bill)—Ordered, That the Report of 17th November from the Business Committee be now considered.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

The House accordingly considered the Report.

And the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee), That this House doth agree with the Committee in their Resolution:—It was agreed to.

Scotland Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Effect of Act).

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 8, 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. Francis Pym.)

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

And it being Seven o’clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution this day, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Mr. Jim Lester: 178.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. James Hamilton: 206.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Seven o’clock.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Joseph Harper: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr. Jim Lester: 199.

Clause No. 2 (The Scottish Assembly).

Amendment (No. 17) proposed, in page 1, line 15, after the word “Assembly”, to insert the words “the members of which shall be elected by that system of proportional voting specified under this Act”.—(Mr. John P. Mackintosh.)

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

Mr. George Cunningham 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:—Debate resumed.

And it being Eleven o’clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Tinn reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will to-morrow 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-nine minutes past Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.29 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 22nd November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise,—Copies of Orders, dated 14th November 1977, entitled—

(1) the Amendment of Units of Measurement (Hydrocarbon Oil, etc.) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1866), and
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(2) the Excise Duties (Gas as Road Fuel) (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1867) [by Act].

Customs and Excise.—Copies of Regulations, dated 15th November 1977, entitled—
(1) the Gas (Road Fuel) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1869), and
(2) the Hydrocarbon Oil (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1868) [by Act].

National Debt.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th October 1977, entitled the Savings Certificates (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1916) [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 1977 [by Command].

Offences relating to Motor Vehicles,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day, relating to offences relating to Motor Vehicles during 1976; to be printed [No. 2].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 38, 1977).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Washington on 15th February 1977, between the European Economic Community and the Government of the United States of America concerning fisheries off the coasts of the United States [by Command].

Road Transport (Miscellaneous No. 24, 1977).—Copy of a European Agreement made at Geneva on 15th November 1975, on main international traffic arteries (AGR) (the United Kingdom has not ratified the Agreement) [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th November 1977, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1862) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security.—Copy of the Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee on conditions for the receipt of unemployment benefit in the case of seasonal workers [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Town and Country Planning.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1977, entitled the City of Liverpool (Parthenon Drive Recreation Ground) Appropriation 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:

County Courts.— Copies of Rules, dated 8th November 1977, entitled—
(1) the County Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 324), and
(2) the County Court (Licensing) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 325) [by Statutory Instrument].

Police.—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 3rd November 1977, entitled the Police Cadets (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 319), and

Mr. John Silkin:

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

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


MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 22nd November 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Participation Agreements Bill to Standing Committee A; the draft Development of Tourist Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977 and the Passenger Car Fuel Consumption Order 1977 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Agricultural Products Processing and Marketing (Improvement Grant Regulations 1977 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1977 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Value Added Tax (International Services) Order 1977, the Value Added Tax (Insurance) Order 1977, the Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 1977, the Value Added Tax (Gold) Order 1977, the Value Added Tax (Education) Order 1977, the Value Added Tax (Higher Rate) Order 1977, the Value Added Tax (Construction of Buildings, etc.) Order 1977 and the Value Added Tax (International Services) (No. 2) Order 1977 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

CHAIRMEN'S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 106 (Chairmen's Panel), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Ifor Davies to be an additional member of the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

[No. 15.]


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

PRAYERS.

Atholl Investments (Aberdeen Development) Order Confirmation Bill,—The Atholl Investments (Aberdeen Development) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

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).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-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 Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 15th and 22nd November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 54-i and ii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 23rd November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 25-iii].
Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russel 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 November.

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

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

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1756), the Mackerel Licensing Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1497), the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1568), the Herring (North East Irish Sea) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1508), and the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1637), referred to a Committee on 11th November.

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

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Housing (Amounts of Approved Expense) (Scotland) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 14th November.

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

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1977 and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Bread) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 14th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 65].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants (Otters) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1700), referred to a Committee on 14th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 66].

Nationalised Industries,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Nugent of Guildford to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee C appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries.—(Mr. Russel Kerr.)

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

Nationalised Industries.—The Lords give leave to the Lord Nugent of Guildford 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.

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 23rd November to be printed [No. 684].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 4 (Statutory Instruments, &c. (procedure)), the Motions relating to Agriculture may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or for one and a half hours after they have been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Scotland Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (The Scottish Assembly).

Amendment (No. 17) proposed, in page 1, line 15, after the word "Assembly", to insert the words "the members of which shall be elected by that system of proportional voting specified under this Act".

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

Mr. George Cunningham 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:—Debate resumed.

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Mr. George Cunningham 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, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Eric Ogden: 107.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. James Hamilton: 290.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed, in page 1, to leave out lines 16 to 23 and insert the words “the members of the Assembly shall be those Members of Parliament sitting for those constituencies in Scotland over which the Assembly is granted control.”—(Mr. Iain Sproat.)

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

And it being Seven o’clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution yesterday, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Seven o’clock.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 208.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Sir George Young: 180.

Schedule No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Dissolution of Assembly).

Amendment (No. 174) proposed, in page 2, to leave out lines 36 to 40 and insert the words “it appears to the Secretary of State that the Assembly is unable to reach decisions on matters requiring urgent decision and that the government of Scotland is gravely affected as a result:

Provided that no order shall be made on that ground unless a draft of it has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, each House of Parliament.”—(Mr. Leon Britton.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Mr. Peter Morrison: 153.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 192.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Elections to Assembly).

Amendment (No. 54) proposed, in page 3, line 3, to leave out from the word “who” to the first word “at” in line 7.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 59) proposed, in page 3, line 10, at the end, to insert the words—

“(c) those who, at the date of the election, have registered their names on a special register to be maintained in each parliamentary constituency in Scotland of electors born in that constituency but currently resident within the United Kingdom outside Scotland.”—(Mr. George Gardiner.)

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

And it being Eleven o’clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution yesterday, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eleven o'clock.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Donald Coleman: 188.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Sir George Young: 153.

Clauses Nos. 6 to 14 agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Subsidiary powers of Assembly).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Peter Snape: 186.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Peter Morrison: 154.

Clauses Nos. 16 and 17 agreed to.

The Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Alf Bates 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.

Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Artificial Insemination of Cattle (England and Wales) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1260), dated 25th July 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th July, in the last Session of Parliament, be annulled—(Mr. John Peyton);

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

Thursday, 24th November, 1977:

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Debate stood adjourned.

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.32 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 23rd November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Northern Ireland,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th November 1977, entitled the Northern Ireland (Share of United Kingdom Taxes) (National Insurance Surcharge) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1879) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th November 1977, entitled the Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1883) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Shore:

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st November 1977, entitled the National Coal Board (Rateable Values) Order 1977 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd November 1977, entitled the Bread Prices (No. 2) Order 1976 (Amendment) (No. 4) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1929) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th November 1977, entitled the Fuel Control (Modification of Enactments) (Speed Limits) (Revocation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1870) [by Act].


Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 15th November 1977, entitled—

1. the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines Convention) (Various Countries) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1876), and

2. the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) (Various Countries) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1875) [by Act].


Tourism,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th November 1977, entitled the Tourism (Sleeping Accommodation Price Display) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1877) [by Act].

Trustees,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th November 1977, entitled the Trustee Investments (Additional Powers) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1878) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Mr. Speaker’s Conference on Electoral Law,—Minutes of the Evidence taken before Mr. Speaker’s Conference on Electoral Law on 23rd November; to be printed [No. 70-i].

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

Employment Protection,—Copy of the Accounts of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service and of the Certification Officer and the Central Arbitration Committee for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 71].

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 Participation Agreements Bill, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Tom Cox, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Jim Lester, Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. John Sever, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. James White, 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 the draft Development of Tourist Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Ted Fletcher, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. David James, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. A. W. Stillard, Mr. van Straubenzee, Mr. Stan Thorne, and Mr. Alan Lee Williams.

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 Passenger Car Fuel Consumption Order 1977, viz.: Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Frank Hatton,
Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. Richard Page, Mr. John Parker, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Peter Rost, and Mr. Dennis Skinner.

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 Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977, viz.: Mr. R. E. Bean, Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Michael McGuire, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. Peter Snape, and Mr. John Watkinson.

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 Agricultural Products Processing and Marketing (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1977, viz.: Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Richard Body, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Paul Dean, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Tom Swain, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Andrew Welsh, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

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 Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Atten, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Stan Crowther, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Barney Hoyhoe, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Neil Kinneck, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. David Madel, Mr. John Page, Mr. Nicholas Scott, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Harold Walker, and Mr. Alexander Wilson.

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 European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 5) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Percy Grieve, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. James Spicer, Mr. John Tomlinson, and Mr. Dennis Walters.

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 Value Added Tax (International Services) Order 1977, the Value Added Tax (Insurance) Order 1977, the Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 1977, the Value Added Tax (Gold) Order 1977, the Value Added Tax (Higher Rate) Order 1977, the Value Added Tax (Construction of Buildings, etc.) Order 1977, and the Value Added Tax (International Services) (No. 2) Order 1977, viz.: Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. William Clark, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mr. Jack Dunnett, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. David Gissburg, Mr. Harry Lamborn, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Michael Shaw, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Neville Trotter, and Mr. John Wakeham.
(c) the nine days allotted to the proceedings in Committee shall be allotted in the manner shown in that Table and, subject to the provisions of that Order, each part of the proceedings shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the third column of that Table.

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

(1) That if, at any two sittings of a Standing Committee called for the consideration of a Bill, the Committee is adjourned by reason of the absence of a quorum before Twelve o'clock noon, the Committee shall not proceed again to the consideration of that Bill until any other Bills committed to the Committee have been considered.

(2) That if, during the consideration of a Bill before one of the Standing Committees, it shall appear that the business would be expedited by postponing the further consideration of the Bill in hand until the Bill next on the list has been reported, and if the Member in charge of the Bill rises and makes a motion to that effect, the Chairman will be in order in proposing such a Question.

(3) That, whenever the Chairman of a Standing Committee adjourns the Committee without Question put, the Debate on any Question then under discussion, or further consideration of the Bill, shall be resumed at the next sitting of the Committee.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had made further 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 (First Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 86].
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. 87].

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 Select Committee on National Expenditure, relating to their 16th Report in Session 1941-42, referred to the Committee on 11th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 24th November.

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

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report).

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

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 November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 35-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 agreed to the Aberdeen Shoemakers Incorporation Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the City of Glasgow District Council 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.

Welsh Affairs.—Ordered, That the matters of the Arts in Wales and the Welsh Development Agency, being matters relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for their consideration.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

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;

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:

2 Aberdeen Shoemakers Incorporation Order Confirmation Act 1977.
3 City of Glasgow District Council Order Confirmation Act 1977.

European Assembly Elections Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the European Assembly Elections Bill be now read a second time;—Debate arising;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham: 381.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Max Madden: 98.

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. Alf Bates.)

Committee to-morrow.

European Assembly Elections [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to European Assembly Elections [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, 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 such reasonable charges as returning officers are by virtue of that Act entitled to 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. Brynmor John);

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. Donald Coleman: 156.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. J. W. Rooker: 64.

So the Question was agreed to.

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 such reasonable charges as returning officers are by virtue of that Act entitled to 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.

Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the proposed alterations contained in the new Highway Code, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th July, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. John Horam);

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

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

Resolved, That the proposed alterations contained in the new Highway Code, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th July, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.

European Communities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 3) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 3rd November, be approved.—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

European Communities.—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 European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 4) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 3rd November, be approved.—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Animals.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Mink (Keeping) Order 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd November, be approved.—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Animals.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Coypus (Keeping) Order 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd November, be approved.—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 22nd November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Select Committee on Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration be amended, by leaving out Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke and inserting Mr. Ian Gow.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes past One o’clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.11 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 24th November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 27th and 28th October and 1st and 2nd November 1977, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 73].

Civil Aviation,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—
(1) 22nd July 1977, and
(2) 27th July 1977

for the payment of debts incurred in United States dollars by the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 74 and 75].

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th September 1977 on loans raised by the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 76].

Coal Industry,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 11th October 1977 on loans raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 77].

Electricity,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—
(1) 11th October 1977,
(2) 24th October 1977, and
(3) 24th October 1977

on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 78 to 80].

Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 11th October 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 81].

National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 11th October 1977 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 82].

Post Office,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 1st November 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 83].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 40, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 6th July 1977, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for 1977-78 [by Command].

European Communities (No. 41, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 29th June 1977, on the amendment of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on the application of the rules on community transit [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 103, 1977),—Copy of a Treaty, signed at Brussels on 22nd July 1975, amending certain financial provisions of the Treaties establishing the European Communities and of the Treaty establishing a single Council and a single Commission of the European Communities [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Marriage,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th November 1977, entitled the Marriage Fees (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1893) [by Act].
Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages &c.—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 12th November 1977, entitled the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) (Scotland) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1891), and

(2) Regulations, dated 12th November 1977, entitled the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1892) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Housing.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Housing (Homeless Persons) (Appropriate Arrangements) Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Sea Fisheries.—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 16th November 1977, entitled the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1977, and

(2) a Scheme, dated 17th November 1977, entitled the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1977 [by Act].

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 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 85].


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. Donald Coleman and Mr. Jim Callaghan (nominated in respect of the Passenger Car Fuel Consumption Order 1977); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jim Marshall and Mr. Alec Woodall.

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. Michael McGuire and Dr. Edmund Marshall (nominated in respect of the draft Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jim Callaghan and Mr. Alec Jones.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Participation Agreements Bill; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Development of Tourist Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1977; Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977; Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Agricultural Products Processing and Marketing (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1977; Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1977; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 5) Order 1977; and Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (International Services) Order 1977, the Value Added Tax (Insurance) Order 1977, the Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 1977, the Value Added Tax (Gold) Order 1977, the Value Added Tax (Higher Rate) Order 1977, the Value Added Tax (Construction of Buildings, etc.) Order 1977 and the Value Added Tax (International Services) (No. 2) Order 1977.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Congleton for the retention of the maternity unit at the Congleton War Memorial Hospital was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Grenada (Gift of a Presiding Officers' Chair).—Mr. Dan Jones acquainted the House, that the Members who had been given leave of absence on 30th June in the last Session of Parliament to present, on behalf of the House, a Presiding Officers' Chair to the Houses of Parliament of Grenada, had presented the said Chair and that the Parliament had come to the following Resolution:

Be It Resolved that the Houses of Parliament of Grenada express our sincere thanks to the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the gift of a Presiding Officers' Chair presented to us by their Delegation to mark the attainment of Independence of Grenada.

Oil Revenues and Taxation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House will use North Sea oil revenues with other measures to reduce income tax on taxable incomes of up to £5,000 per annum to 20 per cent., on taxable incomes between £5,000 and £10,000 to 25 per cent., on taxable incomes between £10,000 and £15,000 to 35 per cent., on taxable incomes between £15,000 and £20,000 to 40 per cent., on taxable incomes between £20,000 and £25,000 to 45 per cent., and on taxable incomes over £30,000 to 50 per cent.—(Mr. Michael Spicer): It was negatived.

Small Businesses.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is concerned about the impediments to the expansion of small businesses and light industry caused by huge rates of income tax at all levels, the present system of capital taxation, the high increase in local taxation, the heavy burden of controls and regulations, the intricacies of employment legislation, the handling of planning applications, and the volume of legislation in general; and therefore calls on the Government to take early and decisive action to liberate this important sector of the economy so as to stimulate productivity and ease the burden of unemployment—(Mr. Julian Ridsdale):—Debate arising;

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

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 (Bread) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 3rd November, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—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 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 3rd November, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Housing (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 draft Housing (Amounts of Approved Expense (Scotland) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 3rd November, 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 half-past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Friday 25th November 1977

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:


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


[No. 18.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 28th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 92-i].

Expenditure.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Earl of Limerick to attend to be examined as a witness before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. James Boyden.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the National Coal Board (Rateable Values) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

European Economic Community.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That where the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., has recommended that any draft legislation or other proposal, published by the Commission of the EEC and submitted to the Council of Ministers, should be further considered by the House, no Minister of the Crown shall give agreement to such a proposal in the Council of Ministers until such time as this House has debated the topic on a motion relating to that proposal—(Mr. Nigel Spearing);

And it being Seven o'clock, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 6 (Precedence of Government business).

Fisheries.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/2147/77, R/2428/77, R/2429/77, R/2434/77, R/2521/77 and R/2642/77 on Fisheries.—(Mr. John Silkin.)

Employment Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Code of Practice, entitled Time Off for Trade Union Duties and Activities, which was laid before this House on 3rd November, be approved—(Mr. Harold Walker);

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

Tuesday, 29th November, 1977:

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

Resolved, That the draft Code of Practice, entitled Time Off for Trade Union Duties and Activities, which was laid before this House on 3rd November, be approved.

Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)
Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mrs. Ann Taylor):—Debate arising:

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

[Adjourned at 1.25 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 28th November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Conduct of Company Directors,—Copy of a Paper, entitled the Conduct of Company Directors [by Command].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Bodies of—

1. Brasenose College, Oxford, on 28th June 1977, amending the Statutes of the College,
2. Downing College, Cambridge, on 24th June 1977, amending the Statutes of the College,
3. Exeter College, Oxford, on 29th June 1977, amending the Statutes of the College,
4. Keble College, Oxford, on 6th July 1977, amending the Statutes of the College,
5. Lincoln College, Oxford, on 8th July 1977, amending the Statutes of the College,
6. St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, on 8th July 1977, amending the Statutes of the College,
7. St. Peter’s College, Oxford, on 20th July 1977, amending the Statutes of the College,
8. University College, Oxford, on 12th July 1977, amending the Statutes of the College,
9. Wolfson College, Cambridge, on 15th June 1977, amending the Statutes of the College, and
10. Worcester College, Oxford, on 26th August 1977, amending the Statutes of the College

[by Act].

The Chairman of Ways and Means:

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure),—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945. That no Petition has been presented against the Blyth Harbour Revision Order 1977 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 28th November 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977, in the place of Miss Janet Fookes.
Tuesday, 29th November, 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 Tuesday next.

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

Water.—The Order made on 14th November, That the draft Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

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 29th November and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-vi].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-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 Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 29th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-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 29th November.

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

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

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

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Agricultural Products Processing and Marketing (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1977, referred to a Committee on 22nd November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 94].

Expenditure Committee.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Earl of Perth to attend to be examined as a witness before the Environment Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. James Boyden.)

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

Expenditure.—The Lords give leave to the Earl of Limerick 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.

Expenditure.—The Lords give leave to the Earl of Perth to attend to be examined as a witness before the Environment Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee, if his Lordship think fit.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged from considering the draft Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977.
New Member sworn,—David Anthony Atkinson, Esquire, Member for Bournemouth East, was sworn.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Goods Vehicle Operators (Qualifications) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1462) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Scotland Bill [3rd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 18 (Scottish Assembly Acts).

Amendment (No. 94) proposed, in page 7, line 33, at the end, to insert the words "which has not been passed prior to the first meeting of the Scottish Assembly being held as laid down by section (7) of this Act".—(Mr. Eldon Griffiths.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 95) proposed, in page 7, line 33, at the end, to insert the words "but such amendment or repeal shall have effect only after a draft has been laid before and approved by affirmative resolution of each House of Parliament".—(Mr. Eldon Griffiths.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. W. Benyon: 69.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. James Tinn: 189.

Another Amendment (No. 247) proposed, in page 7, line 33, at the end, to insert the words—

"Subject to subsection (3) of this section—

(3) Parliament shall retain the right to make any law for the United Kingdom or any part of it, including laws relating to matters within the legislative competence of the Assembly.

(4) Where any Act of Parliament is enacted after the coming into effect of this Act, and it is expressly stated in the Act that it extends to Scotland, any Scottish Assembly Act whether passed before or after the Act of Parliament, shall be read subject to the Act of Parliament, and so far as it is repugnant to that Act, but no further, shall be void.

(5) Any order, rule or regulation made in pursuance of, or having the force of, an Act of Parliament shall be deemed to be a provision of an Act of Parliament within the meaning of this section".—(Mr. Leon Brittan.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 131.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Joseph Harper: 169.

Another Amendment (No. 248) proposed, in page 7, line 36, to leave out the words "and approved by Her Majesty in Council".—(Mr. Leon Brittan.)

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

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Jim Marshall: 161.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 129.

Clause No. 19 agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 (Legislative competence of Assembly).

Amendment (No. 134) proposed, in page 41, line 31, to leave out the words "subject to paragraph 8 of this Schedule".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

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

And it being Eleven o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [22nd November], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. John MacGregor : 135.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham : 170.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eleven o'clock.

Question put, That this Schedule be the Second Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Ted Graham : 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. John MacGregor : 135.

The Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Frank R. White 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.

Financial Assistance to Industry (Thames Board Mills Limited).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House authorises the Secretary of State to pay or undertake to pay by way of financial assistance under section 8 of the Industry Act 1972, as amended by the Industry Act 1975 and the Industry (Amendment) Act 1976, in respect of the business carried on by Thames Board Mills Limited at Workington sums exceeding £5 million but not exceeding £10.5 million—(Mr. Alan Williams);

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

Wednesday, 30th November, 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).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stoddard, Mrs. Ann Taylor : 96.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Douglas Crawford : 11.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House authorises the Secretary of State to pay or undertake to pay by way of financial assistance under section 8 of the Industry Act 1972, as amended by the Industry Act 1975 and the Industry (Amendment) Act 1976, in respect of the business carried on by Thames Board Mills Limited at Workington sums exceeding £5 million but not exceeding £10.5 million.

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 Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.40 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 29th November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Broadcasting.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 39, 1977).—Copy of an Interim Agreement, signed at Algiers on 26th April 1976 between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria (with Final Act) and Exchanges of Letters, concerning the importation into the Community of commodities originating in Algeria by Command.
European Communities (No. 42, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 29th June 1977, on the amendment of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on the application of the rules on Community transit [by Command].

European Communities (No. 43, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 6th July 1977 between the European Economic Community and Barbados, on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for 1977-78 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 105, 1977),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Kingston on 28th March 1977 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Jamaica, concerning officers designated by the Government of the United Kingdom in the service of specified organisations or institutions in Jamaica (the Overseas Service (Jamaica) (Continuance) Agreement 1977-81) [by Command].


Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, on 17th June 1977, amending the Statutes of the College [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., the Members nominated to consider the draft Water Equalisation Order 1977.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 29th November 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the National Coal Board (Rateable Values) Order 1977 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Goods Vehicle Operators (Qualifications) Regulations 1977 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 20.]

Wednesday, 30th November 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).

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 (Fourth Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee 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 the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 30th November.

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 Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 30th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-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 30th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34-iii].

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

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. *R. Bonner Pink* reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 22nd November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 97].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. *John Wells* reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 5) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 15th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 98].


Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 99].

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. *Michael Foot*.)

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. *Michael Foot*.)

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the draft Housing (Homeless Persons) (Appropriate Arrangements) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. *Michael Foot*.)

Scotland Bill [4th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 20 (Scrutiny of Assembly Bills).

Amendment (No. 182) proposed, in page 8, line 11, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 25 and insert the words—

"(1)(a) No Bill passed by the Scottish Assembly shall be enacted until it shall have been considered by both Houses of Parliament; and

(b) if either House is of the opinion that the Bill is not within the legislative competence of the Assembly or is incompatible with the international and community obligations of the United Kingdom, the Bill shall be referred to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council for decision."—(Mr. *R. Graham Page*.)

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

And it being Seven o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [22nd November], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. *Ian Gow*, Mr. *Tim Renton*: 245.


The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Seven o'clock.
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Jim Marshall: 281.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 250.

Clause No. 21 (The Scottish Executive).
Amendment (No. 178) proposed, in page 9, to leave out lines 6 and 7.—(Mr. Iain Sproat.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising:
And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [22nd November], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Iain Sproat: 246.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Tinn: 276.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Ten o'clock.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn: 276.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 245.

Clause No. 22 (Subordinate instruments).
Amendment (No. 371) proposed, in page 11, to leave out lines 11 to 18.—(Mr. Leon Brittan.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising:
And it being Eleven o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. A. W. Stallard 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.


House of Commons Members' Fund.—Resolved, That, in pursuance of the provisions of section 3 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1948, the maximum annual amounts of the periodical payments which may be made out of the House of Commons Members' Fund under the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1939 as amended by the said Act of 1948 and by the Resolutions of the House of 17th November 1955, 7th March 1957, 17th May 1961, 9th March 1965, 4th May 1971, 1st August 1972, 29th November 1974, 27th November 1975 and 8th November 1976 be varied as from 1st December 1976, as follows:

(a) for paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the said Act of 1939, as so amended, there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"1. The annual amount of any periodical payment made to any person by virtue of his past membership of the House of Commons shall not exceed £1,140 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £2,050 per annum, whichever is the less:

Provided that if, having regard to length of service and need, the trustees think fit, they may make a larger payment not exceeding £2,200 or such sum as, in their opinion, will bring his income up to £3,110 per annum whichever is the less;"
(b) for paragraph 2 of the said Schedule there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"2. The annual amount of any periodical payment to any person by virtue of her being a widow of a past Member of the House of Commons shall not exceed £570 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring her income up to £1,480 per annum, whichever is the less:

Provided that if, having regard to her husband's length of service or to her need, the trustees think fit, they may make a larger payment not exceeding £1,100 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring her income up to £2,010 per annum, whichever is the less";

(c) in paragraph 2A of the said Schedule for the words "the annual amount of any periodical payment" to the end of the paragraph, there shall be substituted the words:

"the annual amount of any periodical payment made to any such widower shall not exceed £570 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £1,480 per annum, whichever is the less:

Provided that if, having regard to his wife's length of service or to his needs, the trustees think fit, they may make a larger payment not exceeding £1,100 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £2,010 per annum, whichever is the less".—(Mr. Albert Roberts.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the National Association of the Launderette Industry and others for legislation to exempt launderettes from effluent charges 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 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 this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.21 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 30th November 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 30th November 1977, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for the Department of Health and Social Security and of other Government Departments [by Act].

Bank Notes.—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 3rd, 4th and 9th November 1977, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 100].

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd November 1977, entitled the Amendment of Units of Measurement (Nautical Mile) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1936) [by Act].

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 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 93].

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Local Government,—Copies of Orders, dated—

(1) 23rd November 1977, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1977,
(2) 23rd November 1977, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2) Order 1977, and

(3) 29th November 1977, entitled the Rate Support Grant Order 1977 [by Act].

Local Government,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd November 1977, entitled the Rate Support Grant Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1941) [by Act].

Local Government,—Copies of Reports—

(1) by the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Transport on the Rate Support Grant Order 1977,

(2) by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1977, and

(3) by the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Transport on the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2) Order 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 57 to 59].

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th November 1977, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1956) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Morris:


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Fair Employment (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Report of the Fair Employment Agency for Northern Ireland for the period 1st September 1976 to 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 102].

Police (Northern Ireland),—Statement of Accounts of the Police Authority for Northern Ireland (including the Account of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Fund) for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 103].


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Weights and Measures,—Copies of Regulations, dated 22nd November 1977, entitled—

(1) the Cubic Measures (Sand, Ballast and Agricultural Materials) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1933), and

(2) the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1932) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Mr. Speaker's Conference on Electoral Law,—Minutes of the Evidence taken before Mr. Speaker's Conference on Electoral Law on 30th November; to be printed [No. 70-ii].

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 Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Sir Frederic Bennett, Mr. John Biffen, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Sir John Rodgers, and Sir Anthony Royle.

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 National Coal Board (Rateable Values) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. Michael
Morris, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. Timothy Smith, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Alexander Wilson, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mr. Alec Woodall, and Mr. Robert Woof.

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 Goods Vehicle Operators (Qualifications) Regulations 1977, viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. John Horam, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Paul B. Rose, and Mr. Peter Temple-Morris.

[No. 21.]

Thursday, 1st December, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Selection,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 6th August 1976 relating to the nomination of the Committee of Selection be amended, by leaving out Mr. Donald Stewart and inserting Mr. A. J. Beith.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Crown Agents,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the Report by the Committee of Inquiry appointed by the Minister of Overseas Development into the circumstances which led to the Crown Agents requesting financial assistance from the Government in 1974.—(Mrs. Judith Hart.)

Crown Agents,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the Statement by Her Majesty's Government on the Report by the Fay Committee of Inquiry on the Crown Agents.—(Mrs. Judith Hart.)


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

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

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

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

Participation Agreements Bill,—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Participation Agreements Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 12].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 106].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Michael English reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Development of Tourist Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 17th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 107].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Atholl Investments (Aberdeen Development) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

Adjournment (Crown Agents' loss of £200 million).—Mr. John Mendelson, Member for Penistone, 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 loss of more than £200 million through the operations of the
Crown Agents; and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) until the commencement of public business upon Monday next.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the National Ports Council Provision of Funds Scheme 1977 (Confirmation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1725) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

European Assembly Elections Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the European Assembly Elections Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Election of representatives to the European Assembly).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 7, at the beginning, to insert the words “During the period ending with the date on which any alteration in the powers of the Assembly of the European Communities (in this Act referred to as “the Assembly”) takes effect by virtue of any treaty as defined in section 1 of the European Communities Act 1972.”—(Mr. Douglas Jay.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. David Stoddart: 49.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank R. White: 122.

Mr. Douglas Jay moved, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again, but the Chairman, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28 (Dilatory motion in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mrs. Ann Taylor 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.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the European Assembly Elections Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour—(Mrs. Ann Taylor);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 116.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. John Lee: 45.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the European Assembly Elections Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.

European Assembly Elections Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the European Assembly Elections Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Election of representatives to the European Assembly).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate resumed;

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Secretary Rees.)

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.

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 draft Agricultural Products Processing and Marketing (Improvement Grant) Regulations 1977, which were laid before this House on 10th November, be approved—(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 after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then fourteen minutes to Twelve o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.46 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 1st December 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 44, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 12th July 1977, between the European Economic Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Republic of Austria on the extension of the application of the rules on Community transit [by Command].

European Communities (No. 46, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 29th June 1977, between the European Economic Community and Barbados, the People’s Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, Mauritius, the Republic of Surinam, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago and the Republic of Uganda concerning the agreed quantities of cane sugar for certain ACP States [by Command].

Private International Law (Miscellaneous No. 29, 1977),—Copy of a Protocol of the closing Session of the Thirteenth Session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, Special Commission on the law applicable to agency, signed at the Hague on 16th June 1977, including draft Convention [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 1st December 1977, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1977 [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of the Report on the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 91].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security,—Copy of the Report by the Government Actuary on the draft Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) (No. 2) Order 1977 [by Command].

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st November 1977, entitled the National Health Service (Superannuation) (War Service, etc.) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1922) [by Act].


Social Security,—

(1) Draft of an Order, entitled the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) (No. 2) Order 1977, and


Social Security,—Copy of the Report of the Occupational Pensions Board, preceded by a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services, concerning the Occupational Pension Schemes (Certification of Employments—National Health Service) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1921) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 55].
Mr. Secretary Shore:
Remuneration of Councillors.—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the system of remuneration of members of local authorities, entitled the Remuneration of Councillors, Volume 1 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th November 1977, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1917) [by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:
Crown Agents.—Returns to Orders this day for—
(1) a Return of the Report by the Committee of Inquiry appointed by the Minister of Overseas Development into the circumstances which led to the Crown Agents requesting financial assistance from the Government in 1974,
(2) a Return of the Statement by Her Majesty's Government on the Report by the Fay Committee of Inquiry on the Crown Agents, and
to be printed [Nos. 48 to 50].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
County Courts.—Draft of an Order, entitled the County Courts Jurisdiction (Inheritance—Provisions for Family and Dependants) Order 1977 [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 from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Paul B. Rose (nominated in respect of the Goods Vehicle Operators (Qualifications) Regulations 1977); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peter Snape.

MEMORANDUM
Thursday 1st December 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 Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill; Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Arts in Wales; Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Passenger Car Fuel Consumption Order 1977; Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the National Coal Board (Rateable Values) Order 1977; and Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Goods Vehicle Operators (Qualifications) Regulations 1977.

[No. 22.]
Friday, 2nd December, 1977.
The House met at Eleven 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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 8th November.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 24-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 1st December.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 52-iii].
Nuclear Power.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, faced with the hazards of nuclear terrorism set out in the Flowers Report, this House calls upon the Government to give an assurance that no decisions will be made which would lead to the creation of a plutonium-based economy without full regard to the protection of existing civil liberties; and, apprehensive of the dangers of the creation of plutonium in large quantities in conditions of increasing world unrest, calls upon the Government to make a more positive response to the initiatives of President Carter to bring to a halt to nuclear proliferation—(Mr. Leo Abse):—Debate arising:

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

European Communities.—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 European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 5) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 10th November, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (International Services) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1791), a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th November, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Insurance) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1794), a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th November, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1797), a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th November, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Gold) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1789), a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th November, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Education) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1787), a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th November, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Higher Rate) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1786), a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th November, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Construction of Buildings, etc.) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1792), a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th November, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (International Services) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1849), a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th November, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—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 draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 14th November, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—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. John MacGregor and inserting Mr. Ian Stewart.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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 2nd December 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:
Supply Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1977-78,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1978 for—
(1) Civil Departments, and
(2) Defence Services
[by Command]; to be printed [Nos. 33 and 32].

Supply Estimates (Vote on Account), 1978-79,—Estimates showing—
(1) the several services, and
(2) the several Defence Services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1979 [by Command]; to be printed [Nos. 31 and 30].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Constabulary (Ireland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th November 1977, entitled the Royal Irish Constabulary (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1949) [by Act].

Police,—Copies of Regulations, dated 24th November 1977, entitled—
(1) the Police Pensions (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1947), and
(2) the Special Constables (Pensions) (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1948)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
European Communities (No. 47, 1977),—Copy of an Interim Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th January 1977, between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt (with Final Act and Exchange of Letters) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Accounts of the British Cast Iron Research Association for the year ended 30th June 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Water,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, on 29th September 1977, amending the Statutes of the House [by Act].

[No. 23.]

Monday, 5th December, 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).

Adjournment (Crown Agents' loss of £200 million),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. John Mendelson);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Kevin McNamara : 158.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 126.

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

Monday 5th December 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

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

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mrs. Judith Hart:

Overseas Aid,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1977 [by Act].

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


[No. 24.]

Tuesday, 6th December 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Private Bills (Substituted Bills) (Standing Orders complied with),—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, intended to be introduced pursuant to the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Orkney Islands Council (Substituted Bill).

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.:—

Abingdon Market Place,  
Cheshire County Council,  
Christ Church Woburn Square and Saint Matthew Oakley Square,  
County of Merseyside,  
Kendal Market,  
Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth),  
Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland,  
West Midlands County Council,  
West Yorkshire;
and that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Commons, viz.:

British Railways,
British Railways (Selby),
British Transport Docks,
Commons Registration (Cardiganshire),
Customs Annuity and Benevolent Fund,
Greater London Council (General Powers) (No. 2),
King's College London,
London Transport,
Portsmouth City Council,
Sheffield General Cemetery,
Tamar Bridge,
Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport,
Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour).

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 or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges.—The Order made on 29th November, That the draft European Patent Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1977 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged. Paper withdrawn.

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 6th December and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-vii.]

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-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 Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 6th December:

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-iv].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 6th December:

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 52-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 (Fourth Report):

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

Expenditure.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Cottesloe and the Lord Goodman to attend to be examined as witnesses before the Environment Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. James Boyden.)

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

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

Expenditure.—The Lords give leave to the Lord Cottesloe and the Lord Goodman to attend to be examined as witnesses before the Environment Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee, if their Lordships think fit.
House of Commons (Services), Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 6th December to be printed [No. 68-ii].

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.

Business of the House, Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 4 (Statutory Instruments, &c. (procedure)), the Motion relating to Sheriff Court (Scotland) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Twelve o'clock or for two hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the draft Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Scotland Bill [5th allotted day],—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 22 (Subordinate instruments).

Amendment (No. 371) proposed, in page 11, to leave out lines 11 to 18.

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

Clause agreed to.

Schedule No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 23 (Powers exercisable with consent or concurrently).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising;

And it being Six o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [22nd November], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates: 203.


The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Six o'clock.

Schedules Nos. 4 and 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 24 agreed to.

Schedule No. 6 (Provisions in Assembly Bills requiring Crown's consent).

Amendment (No. 384) proposed, in page 46, to leave out line 21.—(Mr. Iain Sproat.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Clause No. 25 agreed to.

Clause No. 26 (Members' pecuniary interests).

Amendment (No. 239) proposed, in page 12, line 17, at the end, to insert the words "and such disclosures of pecuniary interest shall be entered in a register, compiled in such form as the standing orders shall provide, and deposited with the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council".—(Mr. Andrew Bennett.)

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

And it being Eight o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [22nd November] to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the
disposal of the business to be concluded at Eight o'clock.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 27 to 31 agreed to.

Clause No. 32 (Remuneration of Members, etc.).

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

The Committee divided.

'Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. A. W. Stallard : 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Michael Roberts : 142.

Clause No. 33 agreed to.

Clause No. 34 (Provision of information).

Amendment (No. 188) proposed, in page 16, line 7, to leave out the words "the
Secretary of State" and insert the words "any Minister of the Crown".—(Mr. George
Gardiner.)

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

Clause agreed to.

And it being Eleven o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask
leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means
reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the
Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will to-morrow again resolve itself into the Committee.

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an
humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Sheriff (Removal from
Office) Order 1977, dated 22nd July 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on
27th July, in the last Session of Parliament, be annulled.—(Mr. Dennis Canavan):—
Debate arising;

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

Wednesday, 7th December, 1977:

Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop 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. Dennis Canavan, Mrs. Winifred Ewing : 52.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham : 170.

So the Question was negatived.

House of Commons Members' Fund,—Resolved, That the Resolution of the House of
30th November, relating to House of Commons Members' Fund, be amended, in line
8, by leaving out "1976" and inserting "1977".—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Customs and Excise,—Resolved, That the Amendment of Units of Measurement (Hydro-
carbon Oil, etc.) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1866), a copy of which was laid before this
House on 22nd November, be approved.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)
Agriculture,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Paper entitled Code No. 5 of the Codes of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock, relating to sheep, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th November, and approves the Code contained in paragraphs 1 to 41 thereof.—(Dr. Gavin Strang.)

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 draft Development of Tourist Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 10th November, 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 twenty-four minutes past Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.24 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 6th December 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Mr. Secretary Owen:
Privileges and Immunities (Miscellaneous No. 25, 1977),—Draft of a Headquarters Agreement between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the International Rubber Study Group [by Command].
Pollution (Miscellaneous No. 26, 1977),—Copy of the Final Act, signed at London on 19th November 1976, of the Conference to revise the unit of account provisions of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969 (with Protocol and Resolution) (the United Kingdom has not ratified the Protocol) [by Command].
Pollution (Miscellaneous No. 27, 1977),—Copy of the Final Act, signed at London on 19th November 1976, of the Conference to revise the unit of account provisions of the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971 (with Protocol and Resolution) (the United Kingdom has not ratified the Protocol) [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 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 84].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Copies of Reports by British Aerospace, on—
(1) industrial democracy, and
(2) management organisation
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th November 1977, entitled the Housing (Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 331) [by Act].

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Forestry.—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th November 1977, entitled the Forestry (Exception from Restriction of Felling) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1954) [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 Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1977 and the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1977 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Housing (Homeless Persons) (Appropriate Arrangements) Order 1977 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the National Ports Council Provision of Funds Scheme 1977 (Confirmation) Order 1977 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Wednesday, 7th December, 1977.

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

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 (Fifth Report). Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-v]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-v].

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. 29-vi]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-vi].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 7th December. 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 Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 7th December. 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 II).

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That they had considered one of the matters referred to them on 24th November, namely, the Arts in Wales, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 115].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Passenger Car Fuel Consumption Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1603), referred to a Committee on 18th November. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 114].
Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the National Coal Board (Rateable Values) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 28th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 112].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Goods Vehicle Operators (Qualifications) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1462), referred to a Committee on 29th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 113].

Employment Protection Bill.—Mr. Ted Fletcher, supported by Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Tom Urwin, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, and Mr. Frederick Willey, presented a Bill to modify the duties of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service with respect to references of recognition issues: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th January and to be printed [Bill 13].

Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Ian Mikardo, supported by Mr. Ted Fletcher, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Tom Urwin, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, and Mr. Frederick Willey, presented a Bill to validate agreements by independent trade unions for restricting references of recognition issues to the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service; and to amend the law relating to unfair dismissal following lock-outs or strikes or other industrial action in connection with recognition issues: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 27th January and to be printed [Bill 14].

Estate Agents Bill.—Mr. Bryan Davies, supported by Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Nicholas Scott, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Michael Ward, and Mr. Ken Weetch, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the carrying on of, and to persons who carry on, certain activities in connection with the disposal and acquisition of property used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for residential purposes; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 3rd February and to be printed [Bill 15].

Protection of Children Bill.—Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, supported by Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Nicholas Scott, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mr. John Cartwright, presented a Bill to prevent the exploitation of children by their use in the production of films or photographic material of an obscene or pornographic character: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 10th February and to be printed [Bill 16].

Post Office Workers (Industrial Action) Bill.—Mr. Norman Buchan, supported by Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Tom Urwin, Mr. John Ovenden, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, presented a Bill to limit the extent to which industrial action by workers in the Post Office falls within the ambit of the criminal law: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 17th February and to be printed [Bill 17].

Small Businesses (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. John Osborn, supported by Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. John Cope, Mr. John Loveridge, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. John Wakeham, Mr. Richard Page, Mr. George Younger, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, and Mr. Andrew MacKay, presented a Bill to assist in the creation of jobs by small businesses and others by providing for Industrial Tribunals to hold preliminary hearings in respect of claims for unfair dismissal and to exclude employment of less than one year from certain provisions of the law relating to employment protection: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 24th February and to be printed [Bill 18].

Consumer Safety Bill.—Mr. Neville Trotter, supported by Sir Raymond Gower, Mr. David Watkins, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Hamish Watt, Mr. George Younger, Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. David Young, and Mr. John Wakeham, presented a Bill to make further provision for the safety of consumers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 27th January and to be printed [Bill 19].
Companies (Qualification of Company Secretaries) Bill,—Mr. John Cockcroft, supported by Sir John Hall, Mr. Michael Ward, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Peter Horden, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Jack Dunnett, Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, and Mr. Robert Caut, presented a Bill to make provision for the qualification of a person to act as Secretary to a company; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th January and to be printed [Bill 20].

Sale of Salmon Bill,—Mr. Peter Morrison, supported by Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. John Nott, Mr. Ian MacCormick, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr. John Farr, Sir John Gilmour, and Mr. Charles Morrison, presented a Bill to prohibit the sale of salmon and sea trout unlawfully acquired and taken; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 3rd February and to be printed [Bill 21].

Armed Forces (Repossession of Dwellings) Bill,—Mr. Churchill, supported by Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. Julian Critchley, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Reg Prentice, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Mr. Victor Goodhew, Mr. Robert Banks, and Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, presented a Bill to facilitate the repossession of dwellings owned by members of Her Majesty's Forces; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 10th February and to be printed [Bill 22].

Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. David Madel, supported by Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. David Knox, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. David Mudd, and Mr. Cranley Onslow, presented a Bill to enable electors who are away on holiday at the time of a Parliamentary election to vote by post or by proxy; to make provision in respect of the registration for electoral purposes of certain persons resident abroad; to make further provision for the registration for electoral purposes of wives and husbands of members of the armed forces; to provide for the correction of the register of electors; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 17th February and to be printed [Bill 23].

Rating Bill,—Mr. Robert Hughes, supported by Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Russel Johnston, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. David Price, Dr. Alan Glyn, and Mr. John Hannam, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to relief from rates in respect of premises used by disabled persons and invalids; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 3rd February and to be printed [Bill 24].

Public Lending Right Bill,—Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas, supported by Mr. Hugh Jenkins, Mr. Clement Freud, Mrs. Renée Short, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. David Walder, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Norman Lamont, Sir Anthony Royse, and Sir George Sinclair, presented a Bill to recognise, establish and make provision for a public lending right for authors; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 24th February and to be printed [Bill 25].

Civil Liability (Contribution) Bill,—Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, supported by Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. James Molyneaux, Mr. Edward Gardiner, Mr. John Watkinson, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, and Mr. Kevin McNamara, presented a Bill to make new provision for contribution between persons who are jointly or severally, or both jointly and severally, liable for the same damage and in certain other similar cases where two or more persons have paid or may be required to pay compensation for the same damage; and to amend the law relating to proceedings against persons jointly liable for the same debt or jointly or severally, or both jointly and severally, liable for the same damage: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th January and to be printed [Bill 26].

Freedom of Information Bill,—Mr. Ronald Atkins, supported by Mr. Kenneth Warren, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Tom Litterick, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Stan Thorne, and Mr. Leslie Spriggs, presented a Bill to provide for public access to information held by Departments of State, local authorities and other public bodies; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 3rd February and to be printed [Bill 27].

Control of Encampments Bill,—Mr. Nicholas Edwards, supported by Mr. Jerry Wiggin, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Mr. John Wells, and Mr. Richard Crawshaw, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to certain encampments and gatherings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th January and to be printed [Bill 28].
Nuclear Waste Disposal Bill,—Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, supported by Mr. John Spence, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. Keith Stainton, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, and Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, presented a Bill to make provision for the development of the nuclear industry and the management and disposal of nuclear waste by the establishment of a Nuclear Waste Management Advisory Committee and a Nuclear Waste Disposal Corporation; to make provision with respect to the functions of each body; to authorise loans and guarantees in connection therewith; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 3rd February and to be printed [Bill 29].

Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Ivor Clemitson, supported by Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Antony Buck, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. John Cope, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. David Watkins, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. Bruce Grocott, and Mr. Mike Thomas, presented a Bill to amend the Local Government Act 1974 with respect to investigations by Local Commissioners; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th January and to be printed [Bill 30].

Duties of Company Directors Bill,—Mr. Adam Butler, supported by Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. David Model, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Tim Renton, and Mr. David Price, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the duties of directors of companies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th January and to be printed [Bill 31].

Internationally Protected Persons Bill,—Mr. William Whitlock, supported by Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Philip Holland, and Mr. Edward Lyons, presented a Bill to implement the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1973: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th January and to be printed [Bill 32].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business), the Motion relating to Energy Policy and Nuclear Energy may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Twelve o'clock or for two hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Scotland Bill [6th allotted day],—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 35 (Power to make changes in law consequential on Scottish Assembly Acts).

Amendment (No. 115) proposed, in page 16, line 15, after the word "Kingdom", to insert the words "insofar but only insofar as it pertains to Scotland".—(Mr. Maurice Macmillan.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 430) proposed, in page 16, line 16, to leave out the words "(including any provision contained in this Act)".—(Mr. Leon Brittan.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Anthony Berry: 158.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 201.

And it being after Seven o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [22nd November], to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Seven o'clock.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Joseph Harper: 191.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 155.

Clause No. 36 (Power to move rejection of certain Assembly Bills).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. James Hamilton: 173.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 170.
Clause No. 37 (Power to prevent or require action).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. **Joseph Harper**, Mr. **A. W. Stallard** : 173.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. **Margaret Bain**, Mr. **Douglas Crawford** : 136.

Clause No. 38 (Power to revoke subordinate instruments).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. **Peter Snape**, Mr. **Jim Marshall** : 171.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. **Margaret Bain**, Mr. **Douglas Crawford** : 101.

Clause No. 39 (Industrial and economic guidelines).

Amendment (No. 346) proposed, in page 19, line 29, to leave out the words "prepare guidelines" and insert the words "issue directions".—(Mr. **Timothy Raison**.)

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

And it being Eleven o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [22nd November], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eleven o'clock.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. **Joseph Harper**, Mr. **James Hamilton** : 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir **George Young**, Mr. **Jim Lester** : 163.

Schedule No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 40 (National pay policy).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. **Joseph Harper**, Mr. **James Hamilton** : 160.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir **George Young**, Mr. **Jim Lester** : 161.

Clause No. 41 (Minister's consent to terms and conditions of service of certain persons).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. **Joseph Harper**, Mr. **James Hamilton** : 162.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. **Douglas Crawford**, Mr. **George Reid** : 16.

Schedule No. 8 agreed to.

The Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. **Alf Bates** 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.

**Thursday, 8th December, 1977:**

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

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

[Adjourned at 2.11 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 7th December 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Development.—Copy of the Report of the Development Commissioners for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 51].

Nature Conservancy Council.—Copy of the Report of the Nature Conservancy Council for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 53].

Mr. John Silkin:


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

Supreme Court of Judicature.—Copy of Rules, dated 21st November 1977, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment No. 3) 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1955) [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 Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977, viz.: Mr. R. E. Bean, Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Alan Jones, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. Caerwyn Rodrick, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. Peter Snape, and Mr. Jeremy Thorpe.

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 Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme and the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Robin Corbett, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. David Madd, Mr. John Parker, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Tom Swain, Mr. Sidney Tierney, and Mr. Tom Torney.

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 Housing (Homeless Persons) (Appropriate Arrangements) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Mr. Wyn Roberts, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Hugh Rossi, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Julius Silverman, Mr. Anthony Steen, 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 National Ports Council Provision of Funds Scheme 1977 (Confirmation) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. A. J. Belth, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. John Horam, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Eric Oplein, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mr. Alan Lee Williams.
Thursday, 8th December, 1977.

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

PRAYERS.

Orkney Islands Council Bill.—A Bill to restrict the prospecting for or working of certain minerals in the Orkney Islands Area, 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, one 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 1978.—(Mr. Secretary Dell.)

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee on 8th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 1164].

Expenditure.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Home of the Hirsel, the Lord George-Brown and the Lord Denman to attend to be examined as witnesses before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. James Boyden.)

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

Expenditure.—The Lords give leave to the Lord Home of the Hirsel, the Lord George-Brown and the Lord Denman to attend to be examined as witnesses before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee, if their Lordships think fit.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business), the Motion relating to the draft Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 may be proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock but that Mr. Speaker shall put any question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion not later than three and a half hours after it has been entered upon.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1973 (Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1265), a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd August, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Mason.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland (Various Emergency Provisions) (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Mason.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Criminal Law (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1249), a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd August, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Mason.)

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 9th November, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn);

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

Friday, 9th December, 1977:

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

Resolved, That the draft Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 9th November, be approved.

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 8th November, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Agricultural Wages (Regulations) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 8th November, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)
Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Supplementary Benefits, &c. (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 8th November, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Supplementary Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 8th November, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 10th November, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Electricity Service (Finance) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 9th November, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.3 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 8th December 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Mr. Secretary Owen:
European Communities (No. 48, 1977),—Copy of an Additional Protocol, signed at Brussels on 8th February 1977, to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel; with Protocol relating to financial co-operation and Final Act (the Protocols have not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 79, 1977),—Copy of Declarations made at Strasbourg on 9th January and 30th July 1976 and 18th April and 1st September 1977 by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, in respect of the United Kingdom and certain overseas territories, prolonging the period of recognition or acceptance of the competence of the European Commission of Human Rights to receive individual petitions; and the period of recognition as compulsory of the jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights [by Command].


Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th December 1977, entitled the Civil Aviation (Joint Financing) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2033) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—

(1) brewing and malting,
(2) copper, brass and other copper alloys,
(3) spinning and doubling on the cotton and flax systems, and
(4) weaving of cotton, linen and man-made fibres [by Act].
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Mr. Secretary Benn:


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

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petitions [11th November] from Croxley Green, Bishop's Stortford, Garston, Hitchin, and Harpenden, praying for alleviation of the burden of Hertfordshire ratepayers [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 8th December 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1977 and the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1977; Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Housing (Homeless Persons) (Appropriate Arrangements) Order 1977; and Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the National Ports Council Provision of Funds Scheme 1977 (Confirmation) Order 1977.

[No. 27.]

Friday, 9th December, 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).

Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Robin F. Cook, supported by Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Mr. Leo Abse, and Mr. George Reid, presented a Bill to amend the law of Scotland relating to homosexual acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th April and to be printed [Bill 33].

Prevention of Violence Bill.—Mr. R. Graham Page presented a Bill to reform the law relating to crimes of violence; to make provision for the punishments and penalties for such crimes; for the care of and aid to the victims of such crimes; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th April and to be printed [Bill 34].

Urban Parishes Bill.—Mr. R. Graham Page presented a Bill to facilitate the creation of parishes in urban areas: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 27th January and to be printed [Bill 35].

Town and Country Planning Act 1971 (Amendment) Bill.—Dr. Reginald Bennett presented a Bill to amend Part II of Schedule 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 21st April and to be printed [Bill 36].

Services Pay.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls upon Her Majesty's Government to ensure a reasonable increase in the remuneration of servicemen and servicewomen in the armed forces and a substantial improvement in their conditions of service—(Mr. R. Graham Page):—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:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put:

Resolved, That this House calls upon Her Majesty's Government to ensure a reasonable increase in the remuneration of servicemen and servicewomen in the armed forces and a substantial improvement in their conditions of service.
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 National Coal Board (Rateable Values) Order 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd November, be approved—(Mr. A. W. Stallard):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

APPENDIX
Friday 9th December 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise,—Copies of Orders, dated—

(1) 1st December 1977, entitled the Tobacco Products (Cigarettes and Cigars) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1979),

(2) 7th December 1977, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2041),

(3) 8th December 1977, entitled the Customs Duties (Greece) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2056), and

(4) 8th December 1977, entitled the Import Duties (End-Use Goods) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2042)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Police,—Copies of Regulations, dated 1st December 1977, entitled—

(1) the Police (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1988), and

(2) the Police Cadets (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1989)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Education (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 29th November 1977, entitled the Teaching Council (Scotland) (Amendment) Election Scheme 1977 Approval Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1980) [by Act].

Public Health (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd December 1977, entitled the Control of Pollution (Licensing of Waste Disposal) (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2006) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Trade,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty of 8th December for a Return of Statistics relating to Overseas Trade of the United Kingdom for each month during 1978.
Customs and Excise,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 8th December 1977, entitled the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) (Paper, Paperboard and Printed Products) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2048), and


[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 8th December 1977, entitled—

(1) the Bolsover Mine (Cable Reel Shuttle Cars) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2035), and

(2) the Cynheidre/Pentremawr Mine (Escape Breathing Apparatus) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2036)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Transport,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th December 1977, entitled the British Railways Board (Funding of Pension Schemes) (No. 4) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2039) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:


Mr. John Silkin:


Food and Drugs,—Copies of Orders, dated 8th December 1977, entitled—

(1) the Milk (Great Britain) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2054), and

(2) the Milk (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2055)

[by Act].

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


Monday, 12th December, 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).

Report by the Honourable Sir Henry Fisher,—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 Honourable Sir Henry Fisher into the circumstances leading to the trial of three persons on charges arising out of the death of Maxwell Confait and the fire at 27 Doggett Road, London, S.E.6.—(Mr. Secretary Rees.)

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 12th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 56-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 12th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 52-v].
Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Laurie Pavitt, supported by Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. McCusker, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mr. Ted Fletcher, and Mr. Joseph Dean, presented a Bill to amend the Hearing Aid Council Act 1968: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 27th January and to be printed [Bill 37].

Companies Bill,—Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, supported by Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. John Cope, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Edward du Cann, Mr. Robert Edwards, Mr. Robert Mcrindle, Mr. Tom Normanton, Mr. John Parloe, Sir John Rodgers, and Mr. Tim Sainsbury, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to directors and auditors of companies; further to define their responsibilities; to make provision with respect to the appointment and functions of non-executive directors, auditors and audit committees in certain companies; to require the preparation of certain data and estimates; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 10th February and to be printed [Bill 38].

Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill,—Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, supported by Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Peter Brooke, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Michael Shersby, and Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, presented a Bill to make further provision for the letting of 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 28th April and to be printed [Bill 39].

Business of the House (Supply),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at this day's sitting, Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith any Questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr. Robert Sheldon relating to Civil and Defence Estimates as soon as the House has entered upon the business of Supply—(Mr. Jim Marshall);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper: 243.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Russell Kerr: 82.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith any Questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr. Robert Sheldon relating to Civil and Defence Estimates as soon as the House has entered upon the business of Supply.

Supply [2nd allotted day] [First Part],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

Defence Estimates, 1978-79 (Vote on Account),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order this day, That a sum, not exceeding £2,834,077,000, 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 1979, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 30:—It was agreed to.

Civil Estimates, 1978-79 (Vote on Account),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order this day, That a sum, not exceeding £15,111,547,000, 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 1979, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 31:—It was agreed to.

Defence Supplementary Estimates, 1977-78,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order this day, That a further Supplementary sum, not exceeding £427,464,000, 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 1978 for expenditure on Defence Services, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 32:—It was agreed to.

Civil Supplementary Estimates, 1977-78,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order this day, That a further Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,570,837,000, 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 1978 for expenditure on Civil Services, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 33:—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. 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 1978 and 1979: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 40].
Supply.—The House again proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

Salary of the Secretary of State for Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the salary of the Secretary of State for Industry should be reduced by half—(Mr. John Nott);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 246.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 295.

So the Question was negatived.

European Assembly Elections Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the European Assembly Elections Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Election of representatives to the European Assembly).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising;
And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Frank R. White 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 European Assembly Elections Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

European Assembly Elections Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the European Assembly Elections Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Election of representatives to the European Assembly).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate resumed;
Question put.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Thomas Cox: 219.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Max Madden: 79.

Motion made, and Question put, That Clause No. 3 be considered before Clause No. 2.—(Mr. Secretary Rees.)
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 180.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. David Stoddart: 56.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—Mr. Peter Snape.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Peter Snape 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.

European Communities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 6) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 14th November, be approved—(Mr. John Tomlinson);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Tuesday morning;
Tuesday, 13th December, 1977:

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

*Resolved*, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 6) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 14th November, be approved.

Local Loans,—*Resolved*, That the draft Local Loans (Increase of Limit) (No. 2) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 10th November, be approved.—(Mr. Denzil Davies.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.32 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 12th December 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 10th, 11th, 15th, 16th and 17th November 1977, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 119].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th December 1977, entitled the National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1999) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1975, relating to construction [by Act].

The Chairman of Ways and Means:

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure),—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the City of Liverpool (Parthenon Drive Recreation Ground) Appropriation Order 1977 [by Act].
Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 17-\(v\)].

Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill in relation to the principle of the Bill and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read a second time to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 120].

Expenditure.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres to attend to be examined as a witness before the Environment Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. James Boyden.)

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

Expenditure.—The Lords give leave to the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres to attend to be examined as a witness before the Environment Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee, if his Lordship think fit.

Civil Aviation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Dell, supported by Mr. Secretary Shore, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Mulley, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. S. Clinton Davis, presented a Bill to establish a fund from which payments may be made in respect of expenses incurred for the purpose of protecting aircraft, aerodromes or air navigation installations against acts of violence or in connection with the policing of airports; to amend the law relating to the Civil Aviation Authority and the British Airways Board; to amend the law relating to noise, vibration and atmospheric pollution caused by aircraft; and otherwise to amend the law relating to aerodromes, aircraft and civil aviation; 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 41].

European Assembly Elections Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the European Assembly Elections Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 3 (Method of election).

Amendment (No. 24) proposed, in page 1, line 18, to leave out from the beginning to the word "Assembly" in line 6 on page 2.—(Mr. Frederick Willey.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mr. Paul Channon: 319.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Donald Coleman: 222.

And it being after Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and 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.

Equal Treatment in Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/48/77 on Equal Treatment in Social Security—(Mr. Eric Deakins);

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.


Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Chorley Hospital Crusade for the improvement of hospital facilities in the Chorley area 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);
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 14th December, 1977:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.18 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 13th December 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Report by the Honourable Sir Henry Fisher,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty [12th December] for the Report of an Inquiry by the Honourable Sir Henry Fisher into the circumstances leading to the trial of three persons on charges arising out of the death of Maxwell Confait and the fire at 27 Doggett Road, London, S.E.6; to be printed [No. 90].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Korea (No. 1, 1977),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Seoul on 21st April 1977, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Korea for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains (with Protocol) (Instruments of Ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].

Terrorism (Miscellaneous No. 28, 1977),—Copy of the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, signed at Strasbourg on 27th January 1977 (with Explanatory Report) (the United Kingdom has not ratified the Convention) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

National Film Finance Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Film Finance Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Command].

Mr. John Silkin:

Eggs Authority,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Eggs Authority for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

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

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission for the period 24th November 1976 to 1st November 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 96].

[No. 30.]

Wednesday, 14th December, 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).

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 Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill [Lords] and the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, were referred,
That they had gone through the Bills, and had made Amendments thereunto and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 124].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 124].

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. 29-vii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-vii].

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 23rd November and 7th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 69-i and ii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 14th December.

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 Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 14th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-iii].

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 had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 125].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 125].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 6th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 122].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1977 and the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 30th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 121].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Michael English reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the National Ports Council Provision of Funds Scheme 1977 (Confirmation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1725), referred to a Committee on 1st December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 123].

Inner Urban Areas Bill.—Mr. Secretary Shore, supported by Mr. Secretary Rees, Mrs. Secretary Williams, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Mlllan, Mr. Secretary Morris, and Mr. Secretary Booth, presented a Bill to make provision as respects inner urban areas in Great Britain in which there exists special social need; to amend section 8 of the Local Employment Act 1972; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 42].
Transport Bill,—Mr. Secretary Rodgers, supported by Mrs. Secretary Williams, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Shore, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Secretary Ennals, Mr. Joel Barnett, and Mr. John Horam, presented a Bill to provide for the planning and development of public passenger transport services in the counties of England and Wales; to make further provision about public service vehicle licensing, the regulation of goods vehicles and off-street parking; to make amendments about British Rail and railways, and about Freightliners Limited and the finances of the National Freight Corporation and other transport bodies in the public sector and for purposes connected with these matters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 43].

Adjournment (Christmas).—Resolved, That this House at its rising on Friday do adjourn till Monday 9th January.-(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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 Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Statutory Instruments, &c. — Ordered, That the draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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 after Twelve o'clock on Thursday 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.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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.

Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill;

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

Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) [Money]:

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make new provision for Scotland with respect to grants for housing authorities and grants and loans to voluntary organisations concerned with housing, and to provide for grants and loans by local authorities to meet expenses of repairing houses in a state of disrepair, it is expedient to authorise—

A. the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under the said Act in making—

(a) housing support grants to local authorities;
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(b) grants to the Scottish Special Housing Association and development corporations; and

(c) grants and loans to voluntary organisations;

(2) any increase attributable to any provision of the said Act in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament—

(a) under sections 5 and 6 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972 in paying rent rebate subsidy and rent allowance subsidy;

(b) under section 12 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1974 in making contributions to local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by them in making improvement grants and repairs grants;

(c) under section 24 of the Housing Subsidies Act 1967 in making payments to the Scottish Special Housing Association in respect of expenditure incurred by them in making loans;

(d) by way of rate support grant;

B. any increase attributable to any provision of the said Act of the present Session in the sums which may be issued out of the National Loans Fund by virtue of section 25 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1968:

C. the payment into the National Loans Fund of any increase in the sums received by the Secretary of State by virtue of the said section 25 which is so attributable.—

(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.31 a.m.

APPENDIX

Wednesday 14th December 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Agriculture.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st December 1977, entitled the Agriculture (Adaptation of Enactments) (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2007) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Prevention and Health.—Copy of a Report, entitled Prevention and Health [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Prisons (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Report on the Administration of the Prison Service in Northern Ireland for the period 1st January 1972 to 31st December 1976 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 40].

Mr. John Silkin:

Agriculture.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority for the year ended 31st July 1977 [by Act].

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

Public Petitions.—Observations by—

(1) the Secretary of State for the Environment, and

(2) the Secretary of State for Transport

on the Petition [18th November] from Redbourn against the proposed construction of an industrial waste treatment plant at Redbournbury [by Standing Order]; to be printed.
[No. 31.]

Thursday, 15th December, 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).

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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Subcommittee B on 16th November and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 127].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 127].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 128].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 129].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Finance (Income Tax Reliefs) Bill, without Amendment.

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

Papua New Guinea (Gift of a Clock).—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will give directions that there be presented on behalf of this House a gift of a Clock for the Clerk's Table to the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea and assuring Her Majesty that this House will make good the expenses attending the same.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Address to be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

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:


Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Rate Support Grant Order 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th November, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Shore);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 147.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. A. P. Castain: 76.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant Order 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th November, be approved.

Local Government.—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th November, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Shore.)
Local Government.—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2) Order 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th November, be approved.—[Mr. Secretary Shore.]

Local Government (Scotland).—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1st December, be approved.—[Mr. Secretary Millan.]

Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) (No. 2) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 1st December, be approved.—[Mr. Eric Deakins];

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

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... It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) (No. 2) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 1st December, be approved.

Church of England (General Synod) Measures.—Resolved, That the Dioceses 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.]

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr. Alf Bates.]

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes past One o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 1.22 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 15th December 1977

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 1977; 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. 111].

Mr. Secretary Owen:


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Criminal Appeals in Scotland;—Copy of the Third Report by the Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Lord Advocate on Criminal Appeals in Scotland [by Command].

Police;—Copies of Regulations, dated 2nd December 1977, entitled—

1) the Police (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2008), and

2) the Police Cadets (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2009)

[by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Agriculture;—Copy of the Report of the Agricultural Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 72].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Census.—Copies of the Report of the Census 1971 for England and Wales, relating to country of birth supplementary tables (Ten per cent. sample)—
(1) Part I; housing and household composition, and
(2) Part II; migration and economic activity
[by Act].

Pensions.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations 1977 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th December 1977, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2049) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Electoral Law (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Reports of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for the two years ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 41].

Northern Ireland Appropriation Accounts.—Copy of the Northern Ireland Appropriation Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1977 with the Consolidated Fund Services Account; with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon, and on other accounts printed separately [by Act]; to be printed [No. 89].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission.—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st August to 31st October 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 117].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th December 1977, entitled the Motorways Traffic (Length of the M5) (Restriction of Use of Right Hand Lane) Regulations 1977, No. 2010) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Sea Fisheries.—Copies of Orders, dated 14th December 1977, entitled—
(1) the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 4) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2087), and
(2) the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2086)
[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 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 110].

Supreme Court (Accounts).—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the High Court and the Court of Appeal for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 118].

Tribunals and Inquiries,—Report of the Council on Tribunals for the year ended 31st July 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 108].

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill to the First Scottish Standing Committee.
Friday, 16th December, 1977.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petition.—A Public Petition from Stonebridge Council Estate, Brent, for compensation for damage caused by flooding and for flood alleviation and flood warning measures, 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).

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 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24th November, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Sea Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24th November, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Water.—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 Water Charges Equalisation Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 2nd December, be approved—(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);

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 two minutes past Four o’clock, adjourned till Monday 9th January, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 14th December.

[Adjourned at 4.2 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 16th December 1977

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 18th, 21st and 22nd November 1977, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 131].


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th December 1977, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Certification of Marine Engineer Officers) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2072) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production.—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—

(1) explosives and fireworks,
(2) formulated adhesives, gelatine, etc.
(3) narrow fabrics,
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(4) shipbuilding and marine engineering,
(5) soap and detergents, and
(6) textile machinery and accessories
[by Act].

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

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of—
(1) a Statute made by the Governing Body of Pembroke College, Oxford, on 12th October 1977, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(2) two Statutes made by the University of Oxford on 13th October 1977, amending the Statutes of the University
[by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

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


[No. 33.]


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).

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

Public Accounts,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth 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. 6977 and 7017).—(Mr. Edward du Cann.)

Church of England (General Synod) Measures,—Resolved, That the Parochial Registers and Records 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.)

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 inserting Mr. Joseph Dean.—(Mr. Alf Bates).

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.]
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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:


Customs and Excise,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise for the year ended 31st March 1977.

European Communities (No. 49, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 12th March 1977, between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco concerning certain wine originating in Morocco and entitled to a designation of origin.

European Communities (No. 50, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 28th January 1977, relating to Article 20 of the Co-operation Agreement and Article 13 of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco and concerning the import into the Community of fruit salads originating in Morocco.

Maritime Law (Miscellaneous No. 31, 1977),—Copy of the Final Act of the International Conference on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims 1976, held in London from 1st to 19th November 1976; together with text of Convention and Understanding of the Conference (the Convention has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).


Treaty Series (No. 107, 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 Luxembourg on 29th June 1976, opening tariff preferences for products covered by that Community and originating in Morocco.

Treaty Series (No. 108, 1977),—Copy of a Decision of the Representatives of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council at Luxembourg on 28th June 1977, extending the period of validity of Decision 76/566/ECSC opening tariff preferences for products covered by that Community and originating in Morocco.

Treaty Series (No. 109, 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 Luxembourg on 28th June 1977, opening tariff preferences for products covered by that Community and originating in Israel.


Treaty Series (No. 113, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 10th May 1976, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway relating to the exploitation of the Frigg Field Reservoir and the transmission of gas therefrom to the United Kingdom.

Turkey (No. 1, 1977),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Ankara on 9th September 1977, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Turkey concerning international road transport.


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:

19th December 1977

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th December 1977, entitled the Cwmgwili Mine (Escape Breathing Apparatus) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2106) [by Act].
Building Societies,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th December 1977, entitled the Building Societies (Authorised Investments) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2052) [by Act].

20th December 1977

Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th December 1977, entitled the Improvement Contributions (Eligible Expense Limits) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2066) [by Act].

21st December 1977


Medicines,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th December 1977, entitled the Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2077) [by Act].

Monopolies and Mergers.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th December 1977, entitled the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (Increase in Membership) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2081) [by Act].

22nd December 1977

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st December 1977, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Quota and Other Reliefs) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2143) [by Act].


Land Registration,—Copy of Rules, dated 13th December 1977, entitled the Land Registration Rules 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2089) [by Act].

23rd December 1977

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 21st December 1977, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Temporary Use in Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2172), and

(2) 22nd December 1977, entitled the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2174) [by Act].

30th December 1977

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd December 1977, entitled the Herring (Specified Western Waters) (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2182) [by Act].

County Courts,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd December 1977, entitled the County Court Fees (Amendment No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2184) [by Act].

3rd January 1978

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th December 1977, entitled the Value Added Tax (Consolidation) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2092) [by Act].

5th January 1978

Medicines,—Copies of Orders, dated 20th December 1977, entitled—

(1) the Medicines (Pharmacy and General Sale—Exemption) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2133),

(2) the Medicines (Prescription Only) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2127),

(3) the Medicines (Prohibition and Non-medicinal Antimicrobial Substances) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2131), and

(4) the Medicines (Retail Sale or Supply of Herbal Remedies) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2130) [by Act].
Medicines,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th December 1977, entitled the Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2132) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th January 1978, entitled the Community Drivers' Hours Rules (Temporary Modifications) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 7) [by Act].

Medicines,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 20th December 1977, entitled the Medicines (Exemptions from Restrictions on the Retail Sale or Supply of Veterinary Drugs) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2167), and
(2) Regulations, dated 20th December 1977, entitled the Medicines (Labelling) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2168)
[by Act].

6th January 1978

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th December 1977, entitled the National Health Service (Superannuation) (War Service, etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2138) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th December 1977, entitled the Minibus (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment and Use) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2103) [by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st December 1977, entitled the Air Navigation (Second Amendment) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2160) [by Act].

Foreign Compensation,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st December 1977, entitled the Foreign Compensation (Staff) (Superannuation Benefits) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2148) [by Act].


Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 9th January 1978:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 25th, 28th, 29th and 30th November 1977,
(2) 2nd, 5th and 6th December 1977, and
(3) 8th, 9th, 12th and 13th December 1977,
relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 140 to 142].

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 18th November 1977 on loans raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 143].

Income Tax,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Botswana) Order 1978, and
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Korea) Order 1978
[by Act].

Iron and Steel,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—
(1) 9th November 1977, and
(2) 8th December 1977
on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 144 and 145].

Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 1st December 1977 on loans raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 146].

National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 9th December 1977 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 147].

Water,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—
(1) 18th November 1977, and
(2) 18th November 1977,
on loans raised by the National Water Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 148 and 149].
Mr. Secretary Rees:
Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation,—Copy of the Report of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for 1976 [by Command].
Burial,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th December 1977, entitled the Human Remains Removal Licence (Variation of Maximum Fee) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2140) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 10th December 1977, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Tourism,—Statement of determination of the salary payable to the Chairman of the British Tourist Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—
(1) cutlery, spoons, forks and plated tableware, etc.,
(2) lace, and
(3) metal furniture
[by Act].
Local Employment,—Statements of determination of—
(1) the pension payable to the retired Chairman, and
(2) the salary payable to the Chairman of the English Industrial Estates Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Consumer Protection,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Consumer Transactions (Restrictions on Statements) (Amendment) Order 1978 [by Act].
Price Commission,—Copies of the Reports of the Price Commission relating to—
(1) fuel cost adjustment for the supply of electricity,
(2) Barclays Bank Ltd.—charges for money transmission services to the Post Office, the British Gas Corporation and the Electricity Council, and
(3) Metal Box Ltd.—open top food and beverage cans and aerosol cans [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 133 to 135].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport,—Statement of determination of the salary payable to a member of the British Transport Docks Board [by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:
Overseas Territories,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd December 1977, entitled the Commonwealth Development Corporation Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2186) [by Act].
Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 20th December 1977, entitled—
(1) the Singapore Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1977, and
(2) the Singapore Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1977
[by Act].
Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland).—Copy of Rules, dated 1st December 1977, entitled the Commissioners for Oaths (Fees) Rules 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 348) [by Act].

Tuesday, 10th January, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Orkney Islands Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Orkney Islands Council Bill;

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

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Tobacco Products (Cigarettes and Cigars) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1979) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Tertiary Education Inquiry (Scotland).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to set up an inquiry into tertiary education in Scotland; and for purposes connected therewith: And that Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. George Younger, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Russell Johnston, and Mr. James Sillars, do prepare and bring it in.

Tertiary Education Inquiry (Scotland) Bill.—Lord James Douglas-Hamilton accordingly presented a Bill to set up an inquiry into tertiary education in Scotland; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th January and to be printed [Bill 44].

Scotland Bill [7th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 42 (Scottish Consolidated Fund and Loans Fund).

Amendment (No. 386) proposed, in page 21, line 9, at the end, to insert the words "of which the Secretary of State shall lay accounts before Parliament on or before 1st April each year ".—(Mr. Iain Sproat).

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

Another Amendment (No. 543) proposed, in page 21, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

"The Scottish Consolidated Fund shall have three sources of revenue—

(a) the proceeds of personal income tax levied upon Scottish residents as set out in Schedule (Income Tax in Scotland) and collected by the Inland Revenue. The Scottish Assembly may reduce the rates at which this income tax is levied;

(b) fifty per cent. of the proceeds of assigned excise taxes levied in Scotland. The assigned excise taxes are tobacco duty, alcohol duty, the duties on hydrocarbon oils and the duties on betting and gaming. The administration and collection of these taxes will continue to be the responsibility of the United Kingdom Customs and Excise and the Scottish Assembly will have no power to alter the rate of these taxes;

(c) an equalisation payment from the Treasury which will be authorised by the Chancellor of the Exchequer if the receipts of personal income tax and the half share of the assigned excise taxes are together more than 10 per cent. short of the Scottish proportion of public expenditure. In calculating whether a shortfall takes place, personal income tax will be assumed to be levied at the UK standard rate. The Scottish proportion of public expenditure will be that sum which
stands in the same relation to each year's UK public expenditure as the sum
spent on the total of devolved services stands in relation to UK public expendi-
ture in the year in which this Bill is enacted. If the sums raised by personal
income tax (again calculated at the standard UK rate) and the half share of the
assigned excise taxes are together greater than the Scottish proportion of public
expenditure by ten per cent. or more of that sum, the surplus will be paid from
the Scottish Consolidated Fund into the Treasury.”—(Mr. John P. Mackintosh.)

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

And it being Eleven o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th
November] and the Resolution [22nd November], to put forthwith the Question already
proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Mr. Russell Johnston: 61.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. James Tinn: 306.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal
of the business to be concluded at Eleven o'clock.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Frank R. White: 229.


Clauses Nos. 43 to 45 agreed to.

Clause No. 46 (Payments into Scottish Consolidated Fund out of moneys provided by
Parliament).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Thomas Cox: 236.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Peter Morrison: 201.

Clause No. 47 (Payments into Scottish Loans Fund out of National Loans Fund).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mrs. Ann Taylor: 236.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 197.

Clause No. 48 agreed to.

Clause No. 49 (Treasury guarantee of sums borrowed by Scottish Executive).

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

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Jim Marshall: 234.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Jim Lester: 193.

Clauses Nos. 50 to 59 agreed to.

Schedule No. 9 agreed to.

Clause No. 60 (Accounts by Secretary of State).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Douglas Crawford: 11.

The Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant
to the Order [16th November].
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.

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.44 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 10th January 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:


Civil Appropriation Accounts,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts, Classes II and III (printed together with the Defence Accounts) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 136].

Defence Accounts,—Accounts of the Defence Services for the year ended 31st March 1977, 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 1977 of Her Majesty's Dockyards and Other Establishments, and

(3) Trading Fund Operating Account and Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1977 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. 136].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the European Patent Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978, and

(2) the International Rubber Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Tourism,—Statements of determination of the salaries payable to—

(1) the former Chairman of the British Tourist Authority, and

(2) the Chairman of the English Tourist Board [by Act].

Papers 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 1977-78 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 126].

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [27th July] from the London Borough of Newham against the closure of Plaistow Maternity Hospital [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [25th November] from Congleton for the retention of the maternity unit at the Congleton War Memorial Hospital [by Standing Order]; to be printed.
MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Tobacco Products (Cigarettes and Cigars) Order 1977 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations 1977 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1977 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 35]


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 (Ninth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee 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 the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 11th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 54-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 11th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 153-i].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee on 11th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 116-ii].

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

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Housing (Homeless Persons) (Appropriate Arrangements) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 30th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 150].

Internationally Protected Persons Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 20th January, the Internationally Protected Persons Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 17th February.

Closed Shop (Compensation for Wrongful Dismissal).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide compensation for those dismissed for refusing to join a trade union ; and for connected purposes—(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. Hal Miller : 162.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Bruce Grocott : 184.

So the Question was negatived.
Scotland Bill [8th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 61 (Devolved matters).

Amendment (No. 540) proposed, in page 29, line 17, to leave out from the word "matter" to the end of line 28 and insert the words "shall be all the current statutory duties, functions and obligations of the Secretary of State for Scotland and of the Scottish Office".—(Mr. John P. Mackintosh.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided,

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith : 35.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Thomas Cox : 133.

Clause agreed to.

Schedule No. 10 (Matters within legislative competence of Assembly, and within powers of Scottish Executive).

Amendment (No. 521) proposed, in page 48, to leave out lines 1 to 4.—(Sir John Gilmour.)

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

And it being Eleven o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

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.

Resolved, That this House will to-morrow again resolve itself into the Committee.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.25 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 11th January 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Civil Servants (Political Activities).—Copy of the Report of the Committee on Political Activities of Civil Servants [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Duchy of Lancaster.—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Lancaster in the year ended 29th September 1977; with a separate Account of the capital of the said Duchy to the same date [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Poisons.—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 1st January 1978, entitled the Poisons List Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 2), and


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Building and Buildings.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd December 1977, entitled the Building (Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2189) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Population Censuses and Surveys,—Copy of the Review of the Registrar General on
deaths by area of usual residence, in England and Wales, for 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Rents and Rentcharges,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th January 1978, entitled the
Rentcharges Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 16) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:
Pharmacists,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 10th January 1978, entitled the
Pharmaceutical Society (Statutory Committee) Order of Council 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 20)
[by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Agriculture,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 10th January 1978, entitled the Beef Premiums (Protection of
Payments) Order 1978, No. 17), and
(2) Regulations, dated 10th January 1978, entitled the Beef Premiums (Recovery
[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 Stand-
ing Committee in respect of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr.
Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Lord
James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. James Hamilton,
Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Iain Sproat,
Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Andrew Welsh, Mr. Alexander Wilson, and Mr. George Younger.

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 Tobacco Products
(Cigarettes and Cigars) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr.
Kenneth Lewis, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson,
Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. Robert
Sheldon, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, Mr. Michael Ward, Mr. Jerry Wiggins,
and Mr. David Young.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported
from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Third
Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft State Scheme
Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations 1977, viz.: Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mrs. Lynda
Chalker, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Eric Deakin, Mr. Michael English, Mr. John
Garrett, Mr. Bruce George, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. James Killeedder, Mr. David
Madel, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr.
Anthony Newton, Mr. John Spence, and Mr. Cyril D. Townsend.

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 Asian Develop-
ment Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Robert Banks,
Mr. Ivor Clemiston, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. Nigel
Forman, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr.
Charles Irving, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. James
Tinn, and Mr. John Tomlinson.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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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 December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 154-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 12th January.

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

European Assembly Elections Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the European Assembly Elections Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 3 (Method of election).

Another Amendment (No. 121) proposed, in page 2, line 8, to leave out the words “simple majority” and insert the words “alternative vote.”—(Mr. George Reid.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. George Reid : 22.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham : 226.

Another Amendment (No. 26) proposed, in page 2, line 8, to leave out from the word “system” to the end of line 9.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell)

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. Thomas Cox 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 European Assembly Elections Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

European Assembly Elections Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the European Assembly Elections Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 3 (Method of election).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 26) be made :—Debate resumed.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Walter Harrison 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 Development,—Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence relating to the Crown Agents, taken before the Select Committee on Overseas Development in Session 1973-74, together with Appendices, be laid before the House, and be printed.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.40 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Thursday 12th January 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Prisons (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Production and Trading Account and Balance Sheet of prisons in Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1977; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 152].

Mr. John Silkin:
Agriculture,—Copy of the Annual Review of Agriculture, for 1978 [by Command].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 12th January 1978

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 Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill; Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Tobacco Products (Cigarettes and Cigars) Order 1977; Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations 1977; and Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 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 Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 4) Order 1977 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Korea) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Botswana) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft International Rubber Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft European Patent Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Consumer Transactions (Restrictions on Statements) (Amendment) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Crisis in the Universities,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House takes note that Great Britain’s universities and university staff are experiencing a grave financial crisis, believes that this crisis is seriously impairing the fulfilment of their educational and research obligations; and calls upon Her Majesty’s Government to ensure that the obligations imposed upon the universities are matched by the
resources made available to them, and that university staff enjoy a phased elimination of the pay anomaly they have suffered since July 1975—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind):—It was negatived.

Rate Support Grant.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, concerned at the statistical techniques used for the calculation of the needs element of the rate support grant, calls upon Her Majesty's Government to set up an inquiry with a view to establishing a more equitable system for the distribution of central Government funds to local authorities—(Mr. Arthur Jones):—Debate arising;

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

Housing.—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 Housing (Homeless Persons) (Appropriate Arrangements) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 24th November, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

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. Richard Luce and inserting Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.

—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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 13th January 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Defence (Army).—List of Exceptions to the Army Regulations as to pay, non-effective pay and allowances for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th December 1977, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2196) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Overseas Development.—Minutes of the Evidence, relating to the Crown Agents, taken before the Select Committee on Overseas Development in Session 1973-74, together with Appendices; to be printed [pursuant to Order yesterday] [No. 156].

[No. 38.]


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.:—

Abingdon Market Place.
British Railways.
British Railways (Selby).
British Transport Docks.
Cheshire County Council.
Christ Church Woburn Square and Saint Matthew Oakley Square.
Commons Registration (Cardiganshire).
County of Merseyside.
Customs Annuity and Benevolent Fund.
Greater London Council (General Powers) (No. 2).
Kendal Market.
King's College London.
London Transport.
Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth).
Portsmouth City Council.
Sheffield General Cemetery.
Tamar Bridge.
Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport.
Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.
Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour).
West Midlands County Council.
West Yorkshire.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 16th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 56-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 10th and 12th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 105-iv and vii].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2086) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Ways and Means and the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish a fund from which payments may be made in respect of expenses incurred for the purpose of protecting aircraft, aerodromes or air navigation installations against acts of violence or in connection with the policing of airports, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of such moneys under section 7(1) of the British Airways Board Act 1977;

(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of the following sums—

(a) any sums required by the Treasury for fulfilling guarantees given under the said Act of the present Session in respect of sums borrowed by the Secretary of State for the purposes of the fund established by the said Act of the present Session; and

(b) any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums required by the Treasury for fulfilling guarantees given in respect of money borrowed by the Civil Aviation Authority under the Civil Aviation Act 1971 or by the British Airways Board under the said Act of 1977; and

(3) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums necessary to enable the Secretary of State to make loans in pursuance of section 10(2) of the said Act of 1971 or section 6(1) of the said Act of 1977.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

Ways and Means,—Civil Aviation,—Resolved, That any Act of the present Session to establish a fund from which payments may be made in respect of expenses incurred for the purpose of protecting aircraft, aerodromes or air navigation installations against acts of violence or in connection with the policing of airports may make provision—

(1) for requiring contributions from aerodrome authorities for the purposes of the fund established by that Act;

(2) for the payment into the Consolidated Fund of the following sums—

(a) sums equal to the amount of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in the management and control of the fund so established;

(b) any sums received by the Treasury in consequence of any guarantee given in respect of money borrowed by the Secretary of State under that Act;
(e) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums received by the Treasury in consequence of any guarantee given in respect of money borrowed by the Civil Aviation Authority under the Civil Aviation Act 1971 or by the British Airways Board under the British Airways Board Act 1977; and

(d) any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums received by the Secretary of State in pursuance of section 7(2) of the said Act of 1977; and

(3) for the payment into the National Loans Fund of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums received by the Secretary of State in pursuance of section 10(3) of the said Act of 1971 or section 6(2) of the said Act of 1977.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

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

Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) [Money]—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the making of supplementary payments to or in respect of employees of certain shipbuilding and other companies in respect of redundancy or transfer to less well-paid employment, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) any sums payable by the Secretary of State to British Shipbuilders under the said Act of the present Session in respect of—

(a) payments made or to be made by British Shipbuilders under any scheme for Great Britain made by the Secretary of State under that Act for the purpose of providing financial assistance to or in respect of employees of British Shipbuilders or any wholly owned subsidiary (within the meaning of section 150 of the Companies Act 1948) of British Shipbuilders who are—

(i) made redundant or transferred to less well-paid employment; or

(ii) about to be made redundant or so transferred; and

(b) expenses incurred or to be incurred by British Shipbuilders in connection with the administration of any such scheme for Great Britain;

(2) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State or a government department for the purposes of the said Act of the present Session.—(Mr James Tinn.)

Visual Display Equipment for Mr. Jack Ashley,—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Visual Display Equipment for Mr. Jack Ashley:

Resolved, That provision be made, as from the beginning of the present Session, to enable visual display equipment to be operated and maintained for use within this House by the present Member for Stoke on Trent South.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

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 Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 17th January, 1978:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes past Twelve o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.11 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 16th January 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Telegraphs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th January 1978, entitled the Wireless Telegraphy (General Licence Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 12) [by Act].
Mr Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Territorial and Auxiliary Forces),—Copy of a Statement showing the financial position of Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Associations on 31st March 1977 [by Command].

Mr Secretary Benn:


Mr John Silkin:


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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [13th December] from the Chorley Hospital Crusade for the improvement of hospital facilities in the Chorley area [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 16th January 1978

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) (Republic of Korea) Order 1978 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Botswana) Order 1978 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft International Rubber Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 and the draft European Patent Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Consumer Transactions (Restrictions on Statements) (Amendment) Order 1978 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 4) Order 1977 and the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 3) Order 1977 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 39.

Tuesday, 17th January, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Orkney Islands Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Orkney Islands Council Bill;

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

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee 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 17th January and 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. 16-ix].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-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 Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 17th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-vii].
Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries an Order, which was read, as follows:

That there be laid before this Committee by the Chairman of the British Steel Corporation on or before Monday 23rd day of January 1978 the following papers:

Each quarterly revision between 1st January 1976 and 30th September 1977 of the forecasts as submitted to the Department of Industry of:

1. Application of Funds.
   1a. Fixed Assets and Investments.
   1b. Working Capital.

2. Sources of Funds.
   2a. Internally Generated Funds.
   2c. Foreign Borrowings.
   2d. U.K. Borrowings.

of the British Steel Corporation for the financial year 1977-78 in the form in which these figures were submitted to the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries by the Secretary of the British Steel Corporation on 5th October 1976.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law relating to the valuation and rating of lands and heritages in Scotland occupied by certain public utilities and bodies and by certain undertakings; to make further provision with respect to payments to the Commissioner for Local Administration in Scotland and his officers; to postpone the repeal of the Burgh Police (Scotland) Acts 1892 to 1911 and of certain local statutory provisions; to make minor amendments to the Countryside (Scotland) Act 1967 and the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 46].

Motorway Noise (Insulation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for changes in conditions of eligibility for compensation under the Land Compensation Act 1973 in connection with the occupants of dwellings adjacent to motorways affected by noise; to empower local authorities to provide additional assistance to such occupants; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Julius Silverman, Mr. John Stokes, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. J. W. Rooker, and Mr. Andrew MacKay, do prepare and bring it in.

Motorway Noise (Insulation) Bill,—Mr. Robin Hodgson accordingly presented a Bill to provide for changes in conditions of eligibility for compensation under the Land Compensation Act of 1973 in connection with the occupants of dwellings adjacent to motorways affected by noise; to empower local authorities to provide additional assistance to such occupants; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 21st April and to be printed [Bill 45].

Scotland Bill [9th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland Bill.

(In the Committee)

Schedule No. 10 (Matters within legislative competence of Assembly, and within powers of Scottish Executive).

Amendment (No. 521) proposed, in page 48, to leave out lines 1 to 4.

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

Another Amendment (No. 545) proposed, in page 48, line 3, to leave out the words “Family planning. Abortion.”.—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr Ted Graham: 179.
Another Amendment (No. 465) proposed, in page 8, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

"GROUP 1A (Finance)
Banking. Insurance. Assurance. Merchant banking. Investment Trusts. Unit Trusts. Legal tender. Regulation of interest rates and credit. Regulation of currency levels."—(Mr. Douglas Crawford.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. Andrew Welsh: 12.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 291.

Another Amendment (No. 466) proposed, in page 48, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

"GROUP 1B (Industry and the Economy)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Andrew Welsh, Mr. Gordon Wilson: 23.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 202.

And it being after Eleven o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Tinn reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will to-morrow again resolve itself into the Committee.

Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That during the proceedings on the matter of the Welsh Development Agency, the Welsh Grand Committee have leave to sit twice on the first day on which they shall meet: and that notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 64 (Meetings of Standing Committees) the second such sitting shall not commence before Four o'clock nor continue after Six o'clock.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 3rd December 1975 relating to the nomination of the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments be amended, by leaving out Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn and inserting Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.32 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Tuesday 17th January 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes.—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 15th, 16th and 19th December 1977, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 158].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Representation of the People.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th January 1978, entitled the Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
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Mr. Secretary Millan:


Representation of the People,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th January 1978, entitled the Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Health Service Commissioner,—Copy of the First Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1977-78 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 130].

Medicines,—Copies of Regulations, dated 16th January 1978, entitled—
(1) the Medicines (Fluted Bottles) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 40), and
(2) the Medicines (Labelling and Advertising to the Public) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 41)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Representation of the People,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th January 1978, entitled the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission on Fisons Ltd. Agrochemical Division—Agrochemical and Horticultural Products [by Act]; to be printed [No. 151].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of Revised Statutes made by the Governing Body of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, on 11th August 1977, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Agriculture,—Copy of the Report on Wages in Agriculture, for 1976 [by Act].

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

Agriculture,—Account of the Central Council for Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].

Czecho­slovak Refugee Fund,—Account of the Czecho­slovak Refugee Fund for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 159].

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 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].


Parlia­mentary Contribut­ory Pension Fund,—Accounts of the Parliamentary Contribut­ory Pension Fund for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 161].

Redundancy Fund,—Account of the Redundancy Fund for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 162].

Sugar,—Account of the Home Grown Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Fund for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 163].
MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 17th January 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Civil Aviation Bill to Standing Committee A and the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill to Standing Committee B.

[No. 40.]

Wednesday, 18th January, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

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

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of William Watson Small, Esquire, Member for Glasgow, Garscadden, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

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

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xii].

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments have leave to make a Special Report.

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 169].

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).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-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 Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 18th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-viii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 18th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-vii].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 18th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 166-ii].

Science and Technology.—Mr Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee on 18th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 116-iii].
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 (Sixth Report).

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

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Tobacco Products (Cigarettes and Cigars) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1979), referred to a Committee on 10th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 165].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations 1977, referred to a Committee on 10th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 167].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1977, referred to a Committee on 14th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 164].

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 18th January to be printed [No. 68-iil].

The Guardian Newspaper.—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received a letter from the Editor of The Guardian newspaper, which was read, as follows:

January 17, 1978

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I understand that a caption to a picture on the back page of this morning’s Guardian has been raised as a matter of privilege in the House of Commons this afternoon. I would like to assure you that it was not our intention in any way to suggest that the ruling you gave in the House on Monday was anything other than impartial. The intention of the caption was to summarise a point made more clearly in the accompanying news report—that the effect of the ruling might well be to ease Mr. Varley’s position. The report did not suggest that the ruling was designed to achieve that end; and if our caption has been misconstrued as implying that this was so, we naturally regret it.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Preston.

Picketing (Registration and Control).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give the Home Secretary power to restrict picketing to a limited number of persons, authorised and identified by the trade unions concerned; and to organise separately those who wish to demonstrate in support; 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: 187.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Stan Thorne: 181.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholas Ridley do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Picketing (Registration and Control) Bill.—Mr. Nicholas Ridley accordingly presented a Bill to give the Home Secretary power to restrict picketing to a limited number of persons, authorised and identified by the trade unions concerned; and to organise separately those who wish to demonstrate in support; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 21st April and to be printed [Bill 47].
Scotland Bill [10th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland Bill.

(In the Committee)

Schedule No. 10 (Matters within legislative competence of Assembly, and within powers of Scottish Executive).

Another Amendment (No. 467) proposed, in page 48, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

"GROUP 1C (Energy)


Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mr. Andrew Welsh: 14.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. James Tinn: 289.

Another Amendment (No. 468) proposed, in page 48, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

"GROUP 1D (Broadcasting)

Radio and television broadcasting.".—(Mr. George Reid.)

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

And it being Nine o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [22nd November], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Nine o'clock.

Amendments (Nos. 566 to 581) made.

Question put, That this Schedule, as amended, be the Tenth Schedule to the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn: 186.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Michael Roberts: 164.

Schedule No. 11 (Matters within powers of Scottish Executive but not within legislative competence of Assembly).

An Amendment (No. 503) made.

Question put, That this Schedule, as amended, be the Eleventh Schedule to the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Jim Marshall: 186.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 166.

Clause No. 62 agreed to.

Clause No. 63 agreed to.

Schedule No. 12 (Legal proceedings involving devolution issues).

Amendment (No. 587) proposed, in page 71, line 35, at the end, to insert the words—

"2A. Where it has been determined on the consideration of a devolution issue in any legal proceedings that a Scottish Assembly Act, or any provision of a Scottish Assembly Act, is not within the legislative competence of the Assembly or that a matter with respect to which a Scottish Secretary has purported to exercise a power is not a devolved matter, such determination shall not adversely affect or prejudice any person who before such determination has done any act which would but for the determination have been lawful.".—(Mr. Leon Brittan.)

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

And it being Eleven o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [22nd November], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eleven o'clock.

Schedule agreed to.
And it being after Eleven o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Alf Bates 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.

Jurisdiction and Judgements Convention.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R /2962/76 and R/2963/76 on Jurisdiction and Judgements Convention—(Mr. Solicitor General):—

Debate arising;

And it appearing from the Debate that the documents referred to in the Motion were not Commission documents within the meaning of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business), Mr. Deputy Speaker withdrew the Motion from the consideration of the House.

Thursday, 19th January, 1978:

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.34 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 18th January 1978
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th January 1978, entitled the National Health Service (Community Health Council) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 21) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Cinematograph Films,—Copy of a Report of the Interim Action Committee on the Film Industry, entitled Proposals for the setting up of a British Film Authority [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Property (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [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 Civil Aviation Bill, viz.: Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Ivor Clemisson, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Grimod, Mr. Hugh Jenkins, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Michael O’Halloran, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Kenneth Warren, Mr. Alec Woodall, and Mr. David Young.

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 Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill, viz.: Rev. Robert Bradford, Mr. Michael Brotherston, Mr. E. Fernyhough, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. Leslie Huddleston, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. George Park, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. Frederick Willey, and Mr. Alan Lee Williams.

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 Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Korea) Order 1978 and the draft Double Taxation Relief
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 International Rubber Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 and the draft European Patent Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978, viz., Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. Douglas Hard, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Hal Miller, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. James Tinn, and Mr. John Tomlinson.

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 Consumer Transactions (Restrictions on Statements) (Amendment) Order 1978, viz. : Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Anthony Fell, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. A. G. F. Hall-Davis, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. David Stoddart, 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 Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 4) Order 1977 and the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 3) Order 1977, viz. : Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Thomas Cox, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. John Sprout, Mr. Sidney Tierney, Mr. Patrick Wall, Mr. Hamish Watt, and Mr. Ken Weetch.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 18th January 1978

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 Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 41.]


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 Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 19th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 54-ix].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Beef Premiums (Protection of Payments) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 17) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Transport Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transport Bill :

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word “ That ” to the end of the Question and add the words “ this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which fails fully to meet the needs of transport users, particularly in the rural areas ”. instead thereof.—(Mr. Norman Fowler.)
The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 153.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Ted Graham: 185.

So the Question was negatived.

The Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 39 (Amendment on second or third reading) :—It was agreed to.

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Participation Agreements Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the planning and development of public passenger transport services in the countries of England and Wales; to make further provision about public service vehicle licensing, the regulation of goods vehicles and off-street parking; to make amendments about British Rail and railways, and about Freightliners Limited and the finances of the National Freight Corporation and other transport bodies in the public sector; and for purposes connected with these matters, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) all such charges or increased charges on public funds as may result from—

(a) provisions which enable non-metropolitan county and district councils to make grants to persons carrying on public passenger transport undertakings and to persons providing community bus services or organising social car schemes consented to by the traffic commissioners (but not provisions authorising local authority grants for any other purposes):

(b) provisions requiring a non-metropolitan county council, with a view to implementation of its public passenger transport plan, to provide supporting finance for the provision or retention of services and facilities required by the plan;

(c) the transfer from the National Freight Corporation (“N.F.C.”) to the British Railways Board (“B.R.”) of securities of Freightliners Limited (“Freightliners”) and of liabilities of N.F.C. under guarantees given by it in respect of obligations of Freightliners;

(d) any consequential variation of the commencing capital debt of B.R. or N.F.C.;

(e) writing down to £100 million of the total liability of N.F.C. in respect of its commencing capital debt and the principal of money borrowed by it from the Secretary of State under section 19 of the Transport Act 1962;

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

(a) of grants to N.F.C., up to a maximum aggregate of £15 million, in respect of capital expenditure by National Carriers Limited (“N.C.L.”) or N.C.L.’s subsidiaries in the period 1st July 1978 to 31st December 1981;

(b) of sums required by the Secretary of State for reimbursing N.F.C. in connection with—

(i) the funding by N.F.C. of certain pension obligations of N.F.C., N.C.L. and its subsidiaries and Freightliners and its subsidiaries, and

(ii) payments by N.F.C., N.C.L. and N.C.L.’s subsidiaries in respect of travel concessions to former employees of B.R. and their widows and dependants;

(3) increased payments out of money so provided—

(a) under section 6(1) of the Local Government Act 1974 (transport supplementary grant) towards compensation payable under provisions for the regulation of off-street parking; and

(b) under section 8 of the Railways Act 1974 (grants to assist provision of facilities for freight haulage by rail);

(4) such other increased payments out of money so provided as may result from provisions of the said Act of the present Session which increase the administrative expenses of local authorities and government departments; and

(5) increased payments into the Consolidated Fund under other enactments.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Participation Agreements Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Participation Agreements Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords] be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

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 three minutes past Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.3 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 19th January 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Rivers (Scotland),—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 19th January 1978, relative to the transfer, free of charge, of river gauging stations and stores equipment and vehicles held in connection with river gauging, to River Purification Boards in Scotland [by Command].

Civil Appropriation Accounts.—Appropriation Accounts for the sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts, Classes IV and VI to IX [by Act]; to be printed [No. 137].

Development Fund.—Accounts of the Development Fund 1976-77, showing the receipts into, and issues out of, the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1977, and the loans outstanding on 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 171].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Immigration,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th January 1978, entitled the Immigration (Registration with Police) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 24) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 6, 1978),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Khartoum on 8th March 1975, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital [by Command].


Treaty Series (No. 8, 1978),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Maputo on 5th July 1977, concerning cereals to be supplied by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the People's Republic of Mozambique within the framework of the Cereals Food Aid Programme of the European Economic Community (United Kingdom Food Aid Grant: Mozambique Agreement 1977) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—

(1) electricity,
(2) hosiery and other knitted goods, and
(3) woollen and worsted
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:


MEMORANDUM

Thursday 19th January 1978

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 Civil Aviation Bill; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill; Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Welsh Development Agency; Mr. J. D. Spence Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Korea) Order 1978 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Botswana) Order 1978; Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Rubber Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 and the draft European Patent Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978; Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Consumer Transactions (Restrictions on Statements) (Amendment) Order 1978; and Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 4) Order 1977 and the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 3) 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 Tertiary Education Inquiry (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 42.]


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 John Hall, Member for Wycombe, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

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

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Herring (Specified Western Waters) (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2182) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Medicines (Prescription Only) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2127) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Employment Protection Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment Protection Bill;

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

Mr. Ted Fletcher 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. Eric S. Heffer 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. Martin Flannery, Mr. Stan Thorne: 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. David Madel: 242.

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).

Companies (Qualification of Company Secretaries) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies (Qualification of Company Secretaries) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 10th February.

Civil Liability (Contribution) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Civil Liability (Contribution) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 10th February.

Control of Encampments Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Control of Encampments Bill;

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

Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill;

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

Tertiary Education Inquiry (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tertiary Education Inquiry (Scotland) Bill;

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

Overseas AKI.—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 Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1977, which was laid before this House on 5th December, 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 Tobacco Products (Cigarettes and Cigars) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1979), a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th December, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox): — It was agreed to.

Pensions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft State Scheme Premiums (Actuarial Tables) Regulations 1977, which were laid before this House on 15th December, 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 seventeen minutes to Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.43 p.m.

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**APPENDIX I**

**Friday 20th January 1978**

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 28th and 29th December 1977, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 174].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th January 1978, entitled the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Assessment of Resources) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 30) [by Act].
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Mr. Secretary Ennals:
National Health Service,—Copy of a Proposal made by the Health Services Board for the transfer of pay beds from the Royal Salop Infirmary to Shrewsbury Hospital, Copthorne [by Act]; to be printed [No. 139].

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. Cecil Parkinson and Mr. Kenneth Warren nominated in respect of the Civil Aviation Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Neubert and Sir George Sinclair.

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Frank R. White nominated in respect of the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. A. W. Stallard.

[No. 43]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 23rd January.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the British Railways Board (Funding of Pension Schemes) (No. 4) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2039) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (Mr. Michael Foot.)

Supply [4th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, believing that it is as much in the interests of the consumer as of the producer to sustain the livestock industry, calls on Her Majesty's Government to devalue the Green Pound forthwith by 7½ per cent. (Mr. John Peyton);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "recognising the special difficulties of the producers of pigmeat and beef, approves the action of Her Majesty's Government in requesting the Commission to propose an immediate devaluation of the Green Pound by 5 per cent. as part of a move, in the course of 1978, to increase the net income of such producers by 10 per cent., an amount which corresponds to the guideline figure in the Government's incomes policy", instead thereof. (Mr. John Silkin.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 280.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 291

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: 291.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 281.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House, believing that it is as much in the interests of the consumer as of the producer to sustain the livestock industry, calls on Her Majesty's Government to devalue the Green Pound forthwith by 7½ per cent.
Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Developments in the EEC Civil Aircraft Sector 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. Alf Bates.)

Developments in the EEC Civil Aircraft Sector.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of developments in the EEC Civil Aircraft Sector as outlined in the Government’s memorandum of 17th January 1978—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman);

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

Tuesday, 24th January, 1978:

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

Resolved, That this House takes note of developments in the EEC Civil Aircraft Sector as outlined in the Government’s memorandum of 17th January 1978.

Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) [Money] (No. 2),—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) [Money] (No. 2);

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the making of supplementary payments to or in respect of employees of certain shipbuilding and other companies in respect of redundancy or transfer to less well-paid employment, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any sums payable by the Secretary of State to British Shipbuilders under the said Act of the present Session in respect of—

(a) payments made or to be made by British Shipbuilders under any scheme for Great Britain made by the Secretary of State under that Act for the purpose of providing financial assistance to or in respect of employees of British Shipbuilders or any subsidiary (within the meaning of section 156 of the Companies Act 1948) of British Shipbuilders (in addition to any wholly owned subsidiary within the meaning of section 150 of the said Act of 1948 of British Shipbuilders) who are—

(i) made redundant or transferred to less well-paid employment; or

(ii) about to be made redundant or so transferred; and

(b) expenses incurred or to be incurred by British Shipbuilders in connection with the administration of any such scheme for Great Britain.—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.34 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 23rd January 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 15th January 1978, entitled the Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 37); and

(2) Regulations, dated 15th January 1978, entitled the Gaming Clubs (Hours and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 38) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Census,—Copy of the Census 1971, relating to New Area Migration Tables (Ten per cent. sample) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:


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 them under sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Protection of Aircraft Act 1973, during 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission on UG Glass Containers Ltd—Prices of Glass Containers [by Act]; to be printed [No. 170].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 23rd January 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Employment Protection Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 44.]


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

PRAYERS.

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 Railways (Selby) Bill,—A Bill to empower the British Railways Board to construct works and to acquire lands in the District of Selby in the county of North Yorkshire; to confer further powers on the Board; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

British Transport Docks Bill,—A Bill to empower the British Transport Docks Board to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Board; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Commons Registration (Cardiganshire) Bill,—A Bill to make provision for the reconstitution and validation of the register of common land maintained under the Commons Registration Act 1965 for the former county of Cardigan; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Customs Annuity and Benevolent Fund Bill,—A Bill to extend the benefits of the Customs Annuity and Benevolent Fund; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Greater London Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill,—A Bill to confer further powers upon the Greater London Council and other authorities; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

King’s College London Bill,—A Bill to unite that part of the University of London known as University of London King’s College with the Corporation of King’s College, London; to transfer certain functions, rights, properties and liabilities from the University to the Corporation; to provide for the pooling of investments and moneys of certain funds of the Corporation; and for connected or other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

London Transport Bill,—A Bill to empower the London Transport Executive to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Executive; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
Portsmouth City Council Bill.—A Bill to authorise the provision of facilities for yachtsmen and small boats in or adjoining the city of Portsmouth; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill.—A Bill to transfer the Sheffield General Cemetery to the Council of the City of Sheffield; to provide for the removal of restrictions attaching to the use of the cemetery; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Tamar Bridge Bill.—A Bill to amend the Tamar Bridge Act 1957, to repeal certain provisions of that Act and of the County of Cornwall Act 1929 and to provide that the other provisions of the Tamar Bridge Act 1957 shall continue to have effect notwithstanding section 262(9) of the Local Government Act 1972; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill.—A Bill to make provision for the regulation and integration of passenger transport services provided by the Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Executive; the rating of the Tyne and Wear Metropolitan Railway; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill.—A Bill to confer powers on the Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council as the harbour authority for Barry Harbour; for the provision of facilities within the harbour; for the regulation of navigation therein; and for connected purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Orkney Islands Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Orkney Islands Council Bill:

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

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, 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 17th January and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xiii].

Scotland Bill (Business Committee).—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Business Committee, That they had come to a Resolution in respect of the Scotland Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House:

That the Resolution of the Business Committee reported to the House on 17th November and agreed to by the House on 22nd November be amended by substituting the following for so much of the Table as relates to the proceedings in Committee after the 11th allotted day.

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Report to lie upon the Table.

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 24th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 54-x].
Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 24th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 52-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 24th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 179-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. 17-vii].

Hairdressers (Registration) (Amendment), A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring a Bill to amend the Hairdressers (Registration) Act 1964 (Mr. Stephen Ross) ;

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. Stephen Ross, Mrs. Margaret Bain : 158.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Brooke, Mr. Robin Hodgson : 77.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Stephen Ross, Mrs. Renee Short, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. William Molloy, and Mr. Cyril Smith, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Hairdressers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Stephen Ross accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Hairdressers (Registration) Act 1964: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 24th February and to be printed [Bill 48].

Scotland Bill [11th allotted day],—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 64 (Status and remuneration of certain officers and servants).

Amendment (No. 602) proposed, in page 30, line 13, to leave out the word “ accordingly ” and insert the words “ subject to the consent and approval of the Minister for the Civil Service and subject to such conditions as he may from time to time impose.”—(Mr. Leon Britton.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. John MacGregor : 159.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates : 175.

Amendments (Nos. 558 to 560) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 65 (Rate support grants).

Amendment (No. 491) proposed, in page 30, line 41, to leave out the words “ have regard to such considerations ” and insert the words “ act in accordance with such directions ”.—(Mr. George Younger.)

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

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ted Graham : 161.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Lord Douglas-Hamilton : 147.

Clause No. 66 (Public bodies).
Amendment (No. 412) proposed, in page 31, to leave out lines 25 and 26.—(Mr. Ian Gow.)

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

And it being Eleven o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [22nd November], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eleven o'clock.

Clause No. 66 agreed to.

Schedule No. 13 (Public bodies).

Amendments (Nos. 144, 146, 582, 538 and 539) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 67 agreed to.

Clause No. 68 (Planning).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 152.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 146.

Schedule No. 14 agreed to.

Clause No. 69 (Transfer of property).

Amendments (Nos. 561 to 564) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 70 (Acquisition and disposal of land by First Secretary).

Amendment (No. 565) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 71 (Supplementary provisions as to property vested in First Secretary).

Amendment (No. 610) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 72 and 73 agreed to.

Clause No. 74 (Confirmation by House of Commons of resolutions passed by it but not passed by House of Lords).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 161.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 146.

Clauses Nos. 75 to 80 agreed to.

Schedule No. 15 agreed to.

The Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Tinn reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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. James Tinn):

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

Wednesday, 25th January, 1978:

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.  

[Adjourned at 12.1 a.m.]
Tuesday 24th January 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Customs and Excise—Copies of Orders—
1. Dated 23rd January 1978, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (No. 1) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 78), and

Mr. Secretary Owen:
European Communities (No. 1, 1978)—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 28th January 1977, relating to Article 19 of the Co-operation Agreement and Article 12 of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria and concerning the import into the Community of fruit salads originating in Algeria [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 1, 1978)—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 Luxembourg on 29th June 1976, opening tariff preferences for products covered by that Community and originating in Algeria [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 2, 1978)—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 Luxembourg on 28th June 1977, extending the period of validity of Decision 75/565/ECSC opening tariff preferences for products covered by that Community and originating in Algeria [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Industrial Training—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Construction Industry Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies)—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade for the year ended 31st March 1977, as to Orders under the Customs Duties (Dumping and Subsidies) Act 1969 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 155].

Tourism—Statement of determination of the single payment and pension payable to the former Chairman of the British Tourist Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to miscellaneous (non-electrical) machinery [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Housing—Copy of an Order, dated 12th January 1978, entitled the Housing Finance (Rent Allowance Subsidy) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 34) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

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

MEMORANDUM
Tuesday 24th January 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Beef Premiums (Protection of Payments) Order 1978 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the British Railways Board (Funding of Pension Schemes) (No. 4) Order 1977 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Herring (Specified Western Waters) (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 2) Order 1977 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Medicines (Prescription Only) Order 1977 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
PRAYERS.

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

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 (Eleventh Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-xi].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 11th and 25th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 105-v and 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 25th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 166-ii].

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 January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 153-ii].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee on 25th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 116-iv].

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

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That they had considered the matter of the Welsh Development Agency, referred to them on 24th November, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 180].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Spence reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Korea) Order 1978 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Botswana) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 13th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 182].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft European Patent Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 and the draft International Rubber Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 13th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 185].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Consumer Transactions (Restrictions on Statements) (Amendment) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 13th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 180].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 4) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2087) and the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) (Variation) (No. 3) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2086), referred to a Committee on 13th and 16th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 181].
Education Act 1944 (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend sections 39 and 55 of the Education Act 1944; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Fred Evans, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. John Watkinson, and Mr. William Wilson, do prepare and bring it in.

Education Act 1944 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Hal Miller accordingly presented a Bill to amend section 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 14th April and to be printed [Bill 49].

Scotland Bill [12th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland Bill.

(In the Committee)
Clause No. 81 (Commencement).
Amendment (No. 627) proposed, in page 37, line 32, after the word “Parliament”, to insert the words “together with a statement setting out the answers given in the referendum held pursuant to section 82 of this Act in each region and islands area, and the percentage of those eligible to vote who have voted in each region and islands area, as well as the corresponding details for the whole of Scotland”.—(Mr. Francis Pym.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 82 (Referendum).
Amendment (No. 229) proposed, in page 37, line 37, after the word “a”, to insert the words “United Kingdom”.—(Mr. W. W. Hamilton.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Terence L. Higgins: 122.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Jim Marshall: 184.

Another Amendment (No. 586) proposed, in page 37, line 40, to leave out subsection (2) and insert the words—

“(2) If it appears to the Secretary of State that less than one-third of the persons entitled to vote in the referendum have voted “Yes” in reply to the question posed in the Appendix to Schedule 17 to this Act he shall lay before Parliament the draft of an Order in Council for the repeal of this Act”.—(Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann.)

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

Mr. J. Enoch Powell 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:—
Debate resumed.

Question put.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Tim Renton: 166.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. James Tinn: 151.

Question put, That the Amendment, as amended, be made.
The Committee proceeded to a Division. The Tellers for the Noes not appearing to announce the numbers, the Chairman directed the Serjeant at Arms to ascertain from the Tellers why they were not in a position to do so. The Serjeant at Arms having made his report, the Chairman instructed him to direct the Tellers for the Noes to return to the Table.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. W. W. Hamilton: 168.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ted Graham: 142.

Another Amendment (No. 149) proposed, in page 38, line 3, at the end, to insert the words—

“(2A) If the answers given in the referendum show that the majority of the persons giving valid votes in the Orkney Islands area or the majority of such persons in the Shetland Islands area do not wish effect to be given to this Act the Secretary of State shall lay before Parliament the draft of an Order in Council providing that in respect of that area or, as the case may require, those areas the Act shall not apply, and
providing also for the establishment of a commission to recommend such changes in the
government of that area or those areas as may be desirable".—(Mr. Grimond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Grimond, Mr. A. J. Beith : 204.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. A. W. Stallard : 118.

And it being after Eleven o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order
[16th November] and the Resolution [22nd November], to put forthwith the Questions
necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eleven o'clock.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Peter Snape : 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Andrew Welsh : 18.

Clause No. 83 agreed to.

Schedule No. 17 (Referendum).

Amendments (Nos. 583 and 624) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

The Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant
to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. James Tinn reported, That the
Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have
leave to sit again.

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. James Tinn) ;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Thursday morn-
ing:

Thursday, 26th January, 1978:

And the Question being put ;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.2 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 25th January 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr. Robert Sheldon :

Customs and Excise.—Copies of Orders, dated 24th January 1978, entitled—

(1) the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No.
81),

(2) the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (No. 3) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No.
82),

(3) the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (No. 4) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No.
83),

(4) the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (No. 5) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No.
84), and

85)

[by Act].

Income Tax,—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 16th January 1978, entitled the Capital Allowances (Corresponding North-
ern Ireland Grants) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 53), and

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence,—Copy of the United States Mutual Defence Assistance Programme Equipment Disposal Deposit Account for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Command].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Transport Bill, viz.: Mr. R. E. Bean, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. David Penthaligon, Mr. Secretary Rodgers, Mr. J. Sever, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mr. George Younger.

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 Employment Protection Bill, viz.: Mr. Ivor Clemenston, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Ted Fletcher, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Philip Holland, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Sir Anthony Meyer, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. J. W. Rooke, Mr. Fred Slivester, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Harold Walker, and Mr. Dafydd Wigley.

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 Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Sir Frederic Bennett, Mr. John Biffen, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Sir Anthony Royle, and Mr. Kenneth Warren.

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 Beef Premiums (Protection of Payments) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Hector Monroe, Mr. Wm Ross, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Tom Torney, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

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 British Railways Board (Funding of Pension Schemes) (No. 4) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mr. George Younger.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Herring (Specified Western Waters) (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 2) Order 1977, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. James Dempsey, Sir John Gilmore, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Tom McMillan, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Ian Sproat, Mr. Sydney Tierney, and Mr. Patrick Wall.

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 Medicines (Prescription Only) Order 1977, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Eric Deakins, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Frank Hatton, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, and Dr. Gerard Vaughan.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 25th January 1978

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

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).

Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 50].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 188].

European Assembly Elections 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:—

Committee, Report and Third Reading

1.—(1) The remaining proceedings in Committee on the Bill shall be completed in two allotted days, and those proceedings shall be taken in the order stated and be brought to a conclusion at the times shown in the following table:—

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(2) The proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed in one allotted day and on that day—

(a) the proceedings on Consideration shall be brought to a conclusion at 8.00 p.m. and

(b) the proceedings on Third Reading shall be brought to a conclusion at Midnight.

(3) Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee) shall not apply to this Order.

Proceedings on going into Committee

2. When the Order of the day is read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill, Mr. Speaker shall forthwith put the Question on any Motion for an Instruction standing on the Order Paper in the name of a member of the Government, and shall then leave the Chair without putting any other Question, whether or not notice of any other Instruction has been given.

Conclusion of proceedings in Committee

3. 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

4. No Motion shall be made to change the order in which the Bill is to be considered in Committee or on Consideration.

Dilatory Motions

5. 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

6. (1) On an allotted day paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings on the Bill for two hours after Ten o’clock.

(2) Any period during which proceedings on the Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o’clock under paragraph (7) of Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) shall be in addition to the period under this paragraph.

(3) If an allotted day is one to which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 stands over from an earlier day, a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings upon that Motion shall be added to the period during which proceedings on the Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o’clock under this paragraph, and the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day shall also be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on the Motion.

Private Business

7. 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.

Conclusions of proceedings

8.—(1) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order 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) above 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, 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, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day at any hour falling after the beginning of the proceedings on that Motion shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

Supplemental orders

9.—(1) The proceedings on any Motion moved in the House by a Member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after they have been commenced and the last foregoing paragraph shall apply as if the proceedings were proceedings on the Bill on an allotted day.

(2) If on an allotted day on which any proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended before that time, no notice shall be required of a Motion moved at the next sitting by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order.

Saving

10. Nothing in this Order shall—

(a) prevent any proceedings to which the Order applies from being taken or completed earlier than is required by the Order, or
(b) prevent any business (whether on the Bill or not) from being proceeded with on any day after the completion of all such proceedings on the Bill as are to be taken on that day.

Re-commital

11.—(1) References in this Order to proceedings on Consideration or proceedings on Third Reading include references to proceedings at those stages respectively, for, on or in consequence of re-commital.

(2) On an allotted day no debate shall be permitted on any Motion to re-commit the Bill (whether as a whole or otherwise), and Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith any Question necessary to dispose of the Motion, including the Question on any amendment moved to the Question.

Interpretation

12. In this Order—

"allotted day" means any day (other than 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 European Assembly Election Bill—(Mr. Secretary Rees);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 314.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. J. W. Rooker: 137.

So the Question was 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 Fourth Report in the last Session of Parliament, relating to the size of Hansard—(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 "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. Geoffrey Finsberg.)

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

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

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Donald Coleman: 105.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Michael English: 58.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Alan Clark: 67.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Donald Coleman: 96.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being accordingly put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 92.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Alan Clark: 63.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in their Fourth Report in the last Session of Parliament, relating to the size of Hansard.

Business of the House.—Ordered. That, at this day’s sitting, the Motion relating to Sound Broadcasting and the second Motion relating to House of Commons (Services) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o’clock or for one and a half hours after each has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. James Tinn.)
Sound Broadcasting.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That there shall be a Select Committee to give directions and perform other duties in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution of the House on 26th July 1977 in relation to Sound Broadcasting:

That the Committee do consist of Six Members:

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

That Two be the Quorum of the Committee:

That the Committee have power to report from time to time the Minutes of Evidence taken before them and any Memoranda submitted to them:

That the Committee have power to appoint persons with expert knowledge either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity relating to the matters referred to them:

That the Committee have power to join with any Select Committee on Sound Broadcasting that may be appointed by the Lords:

That this Order be a Standing Order of the House—(Mr. William Price)—Debate arising;

Mr. Tim Rathbone moved, That this House do now adjourn, but Mr. Deputy 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 House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning;

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And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

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 Fifth Report in the last Session of Parliament, on Computer-based Indexing for the Library—(Mr. Michael Foot);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 4, at the end, to add the words “provided that at least one manual system of indexing Parliamentary business and papers is maintained”.—(Mr. Nigel Spearing.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in their Fifth Report in the last Session of Parliament, on Computer-based Indexing for the Library.

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 twenty-one minutes to Two o'clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.39 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 26th January 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 30th December 1977 and 3rd, 4th and 5th January 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 189].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Immigration,—Statement of Change in Immigration Rules for Control on Entry of EEC and other non-Commonwealth nationals [by Act]; to be printed [No. 173].
Mr. Secretary Owen:


Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Population Censuses and Surveys,—Copy of the Review of the Registrar General on Deaths (Childhood) in England and Wales for 1975 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Air Travel Reserve Fund,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Air Travel Reserve Fund Agency for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Prices,—Copies of Orders, dated 25th January 1978, entitled—

1. the Butter Prices Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 97), and
2. the Cheese Prices Orders (Revocation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 98) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Fees and Charges,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th January 1978, entitled the Agricultural or Forestry Tractors (Type Approval) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 62) [by Act].

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

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Second Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1977-78 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 157].

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Transport Bill; Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Beef Premiums (Protection of Payments) Order 1978; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the British Railways Board (Funding of Pension Schemes) (No. 4) Order 1977; Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Herring (Specified Western Waters) (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 2) Order 1977; and Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Medicines ( Prescription Only) Order 1977.
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The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Agriculture (Adaptation of Enactments) (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2007) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1805) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill;

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

Mr. Ian Mikardo 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. Martin Flannery, Mr. Stan Thorne: 235.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Philip Holland: 210.

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).

Consumer Safety Bill,—The Consumer Safety 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).

Urban Parishes Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Urban Parishes Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 21st April.

Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill;

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

Control of Encampments Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Control of Encampments Bill;

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

Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill;

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to the safety of consumers, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by a Minister of the Crown or a government department in consequence of the provisions of that Act;

(2) the payment out of money so provided of any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment; and
(3) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sum received by a Minister of the Crown or a government department by virtue of that Act.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

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) (Botswana) Order 1978 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 9th January.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—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 Korea of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the draft Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Korea) Order 1978, which draft was laid before this House on 9th January, an Order may be made in the form of that draft.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—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.

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 draft European Patent Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 10th January, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft International Rubber Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 10th January, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Consumer Protection.—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 Consumer Transactions (Restrictions on Statements) (Amendment) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 9th January, 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 fifteen minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 27th January 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 19th January 1978, entitled the Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) (Scotland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 75); and

(2) Regulations, dated 19th January 1978, entitled the Gaming Clubs (Hours and Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 76)

(by Act).

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation,—Accounts of the Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 190].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford on 3rd November 1977, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 30th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 56-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 30th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 19141].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Slaughter of Poultry Act 1967 Extension Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

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. Jim Marshall);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 296.

So the Question was negatived.

Excise Duty Harmonisation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. COM(72)225, R/2113/73 and R/1966/77 on Excise Duty Harmonisation—(Mr. Robert Sheldon);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn: 74.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Frank Hooley: 25.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. COM(72)225, R/2113/73 and R/1966/77 on Excise Duty Harmonisation.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Leicester and elsewhere, for the granting to men of the same right as women to retire on pension at sixty if they wish, 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. Jim Marshall):—Debate arising:

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

Tuesday, 31st January, 1978:

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

Monday 30th January 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise,—Copies of Orders, dated 28th January 1978, entitled—
(1) the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (No. 7) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 109),
(2) the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (No. 8) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 110), and
(3) the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (No. 9) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 111)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industrial Development,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th January 1978, entitled the Investment Grants Termination (No. 8) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 73) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Sea Fisheries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Eastern Sea Fisheries District (Variation) Order 1978 [by Act].

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker allocated the Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill and the Consumer Safety Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 49.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

British Railways (Selby) Bill,—Ordered, That the British Railways (Selby) Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

British Transport Docks Bill,—The British Transport Docks Bill was read a second time and committed.

Commons Registration (Cardiganshire) Bill,—The Commons Registration (Cardiganshire) Bill was read a second time and committed.

Customs Annuity and Benevolent Fund Bill,—The Customs Annuity and Benevolent Fund Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Greater London Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill,—The Greater London Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill was read a second time and committed.

King’s College London Bill,—The King’s College London Bill was read a second time and committed.

London Transport Bill,—The London Transport Bill was read a second time and committed.

Portsmouth City Council Bill,—Ordered, That the Portsmouth City Council Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill,—Ordered, That the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
Tamar Bridge Bill.—The Tamar Bridge Bill was read a second time and committed.

Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill.—The Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill was read a second time and committed.

Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill.—The Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill was read a second time and committed.

Orkney Islands Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Orkney Islands Council Bill;

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

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee 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 31st January and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Ninth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xiv].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xvii].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 31st January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 179-ii].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighth Report).

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

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Herring (Specified Western Waters) (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 2) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2182), referred to a Committee on 20th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 193].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Medicines (Prescription Only) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2127), referred to a Committee on 20th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 195].

Age of Compulsory Retirement.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make void any provision for compulsory retirement on the ground of age below the age of seventy; to provide for exceptions to the general rule; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Ivor Stanbrook do prepare and bring it in.

Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill,—Mr. Ivor Stanbrook accordingly presented a Bill to make void any provision for compulsory retirement on the ground of age below the age of seventy; to provide for exceptions to the general rule; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 10th February and to be printed [Bill 52].

Scotland Bill [13th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland Bill.

(In the Committee)

A Clause (Speaker’s Conference)—(Mr. Francis Pym)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—

Debate arising:

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

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John MacGregor, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 220.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. James Hamilton: 272.

And it being after Eleven o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

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.

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. 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 seventeen minutes to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.43 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 31st January 1978

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 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Revenue and Store Accounts, Classes X to XV and XVII [by Act]; to be printed [No. 138].

Inland Revenue,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Probation and After-Care,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Probation Orders (Variation of Statutory Limits) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 2, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 28th January 1977, between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria on the import into the Community of tomato concentrates originating in Algeria [by Command].

European Communities (No. 3, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 30th June 1977, extending the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Open Spaces,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Linlithgow Peel and Loch Amendment Regulations 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of a Government Statement on airports policy [by Command].

Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—

(1) food and drink processing machinery and bottling machinery,
(2) inorganic chemicals,
(3) jute, and
(4) production of man-made fibres [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

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Paper 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 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 194].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 31st January 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Agriculture (Adaptation of Enactments) (Scotland) Regulations 1977 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations 1977 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1978, the Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 and the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Slaughter of Poultry Act 1967 Extension Order 1978 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 50.]

Wednesday, 1st February, 1978.

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 (Twelfth Report). Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-xii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-xii].

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 (Thirteenth Report). Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-xiii].

European Legislation, &c.,—Mr. Peter Mills 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 25th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 69-iii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee.

Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 196].

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.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-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 1st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 198-i].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee on 1st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 116-v].

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

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the British Railways Board (Funding of Pension Schemes) (No. 4) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2039), referred to a Committee on 23rd January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 197].
Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 4 (Statutory Instruments, &c. (procedure)), the Motion relating to Road Traffic may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Twelve o’clock.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

Naval Defence (Inquiry),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State for Defence to set up an inquiry to examine the prospects for improving defence from potential terrorist attack by the provision of missile and other defence systems for installation on British merchant ships and oil rigs; and for connected purposes; And that Mr. John Loveridge, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Mr. Robert Banks, Sir Frederic Bennett, Sir Harwood Harrison, Mr. Robert Rhodes Janes, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Mr. Patrick Wall, and Mr. George Younger, do prepare and bring it in.

Naval Defence (Inquiry) Bill,—Mr. John Loveridge accordingly presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State for Defence to set up an inquiry to examine the prospects for improving defence from potential terrorist attack by the provision of missile and other defence systems for installation on British merchant ships and oil rigs; and for connected purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 10th February and to be printed [Bill 53].

Scotland Bill [14th allotted day],—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Scotland Bill.

(In the Committee)

Another Clause (Bill of Rights for Scotland)—(Mr. Leon Brittan)—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 Nine o’clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [22nd November], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John MacGregor, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 227.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Thomas Cox: 251.

Schedule No. 16 (Amendments of enactments).

Amendment (No. 447) proposed, in page 79, line 7, after the word “record”, to insert the words “transmitted under subsection (1) of this section.”—(Miss Harvie Anderson.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 615, 616 and 638) made.

Another Amendment (No. 601) proposed, in page 82, line 20, at the end, to insert the words “England, Wales and Northern Ireland or elsewhere in Europe.”—(Sir John Gilmour.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 603) proposed, in page 83, to leave out lines 11 to 17.—(Mr. George Younger.)

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

And it being Eleven o’clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [22nd November], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Mr. Anthony Berry: 215.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 255.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eleven o’clock.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill, as amended, to the House, pursuant to the Order [16th November].
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Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mrs. Ann Taylor reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be considered to-morrow; and be printed [Bill 51].

Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Community Drivers' Hours Rules (Temporary Modifications) Regulations 1978 (S.I. 1978, No. 7), dated 4th January 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th January, be annulled—(Mr. Norman Fowler):—Debate arising:

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

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And it being half-past Twelve o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Croydon and elsewhere, for support in a proposed appeal for a reduction in the numbers of Russian and Japanese killings of whales, 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 One o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 1st February 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copies of Orders, dated 17th January 1978, further amending in certain respects the regulations appended to the Orders of His Late Majesty King George the Sixth dated—

(1) 22nd December 1948, providing for the government, discipline, pay and allowances of the Royal Auxiliary Air Force, and
(2) 21st June 1950, providing for the government, discipline and pay of the Royal Air Force Reserve

[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 Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Ivor Clemmitson, Mr. Ted Fletcher, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Nicholas Scott, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Richard Wainwright, and Mr. Harold Walker.

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 Agriculture (Adaptation of Enactments) (Scotland) Regulations 1977, viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. James Dempsey, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Tom McMillan, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Andrew Welsh, Mr. James White, and Mr. George Younger.

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 Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations 1977, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Geraid Howells, Mr. James Johnsgaard, Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. Richard Page, Mr. John Parker, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Hamish Watt, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

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 Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1978, the Representation of
the People (Amendment) Regulations 1978 and the Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978, viz.: Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Gerard Fitt, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Stanley Newens, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Teddy Taylor, and Mr. John Watkinson.

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 Slaughter of Poultry Act 1967 Extension Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Richard Body, Mr. F. A. Burden, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Paul Dean, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. John Loveridge, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. John Ryman, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Tom Swain, Mr. Tom Torney, and Mr. Andrew Welsh.


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

PRAYERS.

Royal Assent.—Mr. Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919: 1. Dioceses Measure 1978. 2. Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978.

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

County Courts.—The Order made on 18th November 1977, That the draft County Courts Jurisdiction (Inheritance—Provision for Family and Dependants) 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 2nd February. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 191-ii].

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

Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to make new provision for Scotland with respect to grants for housing authorities and grants and loans to voluntary organisations concerned with housing; to provide for grants and loans by local authorities to meet expenses of repairing houses in a state of disrepair; to make further provision for the improvement of houses below the tolerable standard; to make further provision as to the rents of houses provided by local authorities in Scotland; and to make minor amendments of certain enactments relating to housing. Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 54]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 200].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the Commonwealth Development Corporation with corrections and minor improvements made under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act 1949; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision to enable the United Kingdom to accede to a Convention for the Reciprocal Recognition of Proof Marks of Small Arms done at Brussels on 1st July 1969; to amend the Gun Barrel Proof Act 1868; to extend that Act and the Gun Barrel Proof Act 1950 to Scotland Vol. 234 L 2
and Northern Ireland; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid; to which
the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Gun Barrel Proof Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for the consti-
tution and functions of the General Medical Council and certain committees of the
Council and to amend or provide for the amendment of the Medical Acts with respect
to medical education, the registration of medical practitioners and their professional
conduct and fitness to practise; and for purposes connected with those matters; to
which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Medical Bill [Lords]].

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]].

Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill [Lords].—The Commonwealth Development
Corporation Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time
to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 55].

Gun Barrel Proof Bill [Lords].—The Gun Barrel Proof Bill [Lords] was read the first time;
and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 56].

Medical Bill [Lords].—The Medical Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be
read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 57].

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 58].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) (Paper,
Paperboard and Printed Products) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2048) be referred to a
Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

European Assembly Elections Bill [1st allotted day].—The Order of the day being read, for
the Committee on the European Assembly Elections Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Order
[26th January], That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the European Assembly
Elections Bill that they have power to make provision in the Bill to secure that no
treaty which provides for any increase in the powers of the Assembly of the European
Communities is ratified by the United Kingdom unless it has been approved by an
Act of Parliament—(Mr. Secretary Rees):—It was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the European
Assembly Elections Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 3 (Method of election).

Another Amendment (No. 26) proposed, in page 2, line 8, to leave out from the word
"system" to the end of line 9.

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

And it being Six o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [26th
January], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. McCusker, Mr. Neil Marten: 150.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 241.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary for the disposal
of the business to be concluded at Six o'clock.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Thomas Cox: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Roger Moate: 59.

Clause No. 2 (Number of representatives).

Amendment (No. 16) proposed, in page 1, line 12, to leave out "81" and insert "89".

—(Mr. George Reid.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising;
And it being Eight o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [26th January], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Dafydd Thomas: 47.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 132.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eight o'clock.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates: 122.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Roger Moate: 47.

A Clause (Parliamentary approval of treaties increasing Assembly's powers)—(Mr. Secretary Owen)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—

 Debate arising:

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And it being Midnight, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [26th January], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Thomas Cox: 101.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Kenneth Clarke: 7.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Midnight.

Clause added.

And it being after Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [26th January].

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.

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.39 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 2nd February 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 6th, 9th and 11th January 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 201].

Civil Aviation.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th December 1977 on loans raised by the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 202].

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Coal Industry.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th December 1977 on loans raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 203].

Electricity.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th December 1977 on a loan raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 204].

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland).—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 8th July 1977 on loans raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 205].

Iron and Steel.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—
(1) 29th December 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation,
(2) 29th December 1977 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation, and
(3) 30th December 1977 on loans raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 206 to 208].

Transport.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th December 1977 on a loan raised by the British Railways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 209].

Water.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th December 1977 on loans raised by the National Water Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 210].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 4, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 30th June 1977, extending the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 5, 1978),—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 Luxembourg on 28th June 1977, extending the period of validity of Decision 76/564/ECSC opening tariff preferences for products covered by that Community and originating in Tunisia [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th January 1978, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Documents) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 107) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd December 1977, entitled the Newlyn Pier and Harbour Revision Order 1977, with a Certificate by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Mr. Speaker’s Conference on Electoral Law,—Copies of Papers submitted to Mr. Speaker’s Conference on Electoral Law; to be printed [No. 70-iii].

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. James Tinn (nominated in respect of the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations 1977); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Thomas Cox.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Mike Noble (nominated in respect of the Slaughter of Poultry Act 1967 Extension Order 1978); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Albert Roberts.

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 First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Agriculture (Adaptation of enactments)
(Scotland) Regulations 1977; Sir Thomas Williams Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations 1977; Mr. Alan Fitch Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1978, the Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 and the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1978; and Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Slaughter of Poultry Act 1976 Extension Order 1978.

[No. 52.]
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The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Estate Agents Bill.—The Estate Agents 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).

Sale of Salmon Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Salmon 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 17th February.

Rating Bill.—The Rating 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).

Freedom of Information Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Freedom of Information Bill:

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

Nuclear Waste Disposal Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nuclear Waste Disposal Bill:

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

Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill.—The Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (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).

Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill.—The Local Government Act 1974 (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).

Tertiary Education Inquiry (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tertiary Education Inquiry (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 17th February.

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.26 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 3rd February 1978

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Shore:


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

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Chairman of Ways and Means, in pursuance of Standing Order 85, informed the House, That, in his opinion, the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill should be treated as an opposed private Bill.

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 6th February and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Tenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xvi].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-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 Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 6th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 56-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 6th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 191-iii].

Sound Broadcasting.—The Order for resuming, this day, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 26th January, That there shall be a Select Committee to give directions and perform other duties in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution of the House of 26th July 1977 in relation to Sound Broadcasting:

That the Committee do consist of Six Members:

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

That Two be the Quorum of the Committee:

That the Committee have power to report from time to time the Minutes of Evidence taken before them and any Memoranda submitted to them:

That the Committee have power to appoint persons with expert knowledge either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity relating to the matters referred to them:

That the Committee have power to join with any Select Committee on Sound Broadcasting that may be appointed by the Lords:

That this Order be a Standing Order of the House, was read and discharged.

Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee Bill.—Mr. Secretary Shore, supported by Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Milian, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Joel Barnett, and Mr. Reginald Freeson, presented (under Standing Order No. 91 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to authorise the use of public money for assisting first-time purchasers of house property, and for connected purposes; and to increase the financial limit governing the housing corporation's power to guarantee loans to housing associations and others: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 59].

Soviet Aims in Africa.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets the failure of Her Majesty's Government to recognise the threat to world peace posed by Soviet adventurism in Africa—(Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles):—Debate arising:

Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles 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. Victor Goodhew, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind : 142.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ted Graham : 180.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being after Seven o' clock, proceedings on the Motion lapsed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 6 (Precedence of Government business).

Sound Broadcasting.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That there shall be a Select Committee to give directions and perform other duties in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution of the House of 26th July 1977 in relation to Sound Broadcasting and to make recommendations thereon to the House:

That the Committee do consist of Six Members:

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

That Two be the Quorum of the Committee:

That the Committee have power to report from time to time the Minutes of Evidence taken before them and any Memoranda submitted to them:

That the Committee have power to appoint persons with expert knowledge either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity relating to the matters referred to them:

That the Committee have power to join with any Select Committee on Sound Broadcasting that may be appointed by the Lords:

That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House until the end of the next Session of Parliament—(Mr William Price):

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 11, to leave out from the word “Committee” to the end of line 13, and insert the words “shall be charged with the appointment of a Manager of Broadcasting Operations, to supervise the preparation of the signal supplied to broadcasting organisations, and the compilation of the records of broadcasting material retained by the House”, instead thereof.—(Mr Phillip Whitehead.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Roper, Mr Ian Wrigglesworth : 53.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr Ted Graham : 64.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 13, at the end, to insert the words “That it be an Instruction to the Committee to set up, prior to any further broadcasting of proceedings, a House of Commons Broadcasting Unit akin to the organisation of the Official Report (Hansard), which shall supply signals to the broadcasting authorities or other broadcasting organisations or persons”.—(Mr. Michael English.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael English, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop : 49.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. James Tinn : 68.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Ordered, That there shall be a Select Committee to give directions and perform other duties in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution of the House of 26th July 1977 in relation to Sound Broadcasting and to make recommendations thereon to the House:

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Six Members:

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

Ordered, That Two be the Quorum of the Committee:

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from time to time the Minutes of Evidence taken before them and any Memoranda submitted to them:
Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint persons with expert knowledge either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity relating to the matters referred to them:

Ordered, That the Committee have power to join with any Select Committee on Sound Broadcasting that may be appointed by the Lords:

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House until the end of the next Session of Parliament.

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

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

Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Committee of Privileges in their Third Report in the last Session of Parliament on the Recommendations of the Select Committee on Parliamentary Privilege (House of Commons Paper No. 417), and declares that the Recommendations contained in paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 9 of the Report, and those in paragraph 16 which do not require legislation for their implementation, shall have immediate effect—(Mr. Donald Coleman);

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.

Resolved, That this House agrees with the Committee of Privileges in their Third Report in the last Session of Parliament on the Recommendations of the Select Committee on Parliamentary Privilege (House of Commons Paper No. 417), and declares that the Recommendations contained in paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 9 of the Report, and those in paragraph 16 which do not require legislation for their implementation, shall have immediate effect.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.37 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 6th February 1978

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 1977: with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].

Mr Secretary Millan:

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copies of Acts of Sederunt, dated 26th January 1978, entitled—

(1) the Act of Sederunt (Amendment of Fees for Sheriff Clerks) 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 116), and
(2) the Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) (Value Added Tax) 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 115)

[by Act].

Mr Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—

(1) animal and poultry foods,
(2) locomotives, railway track equipment, railway carriages, wagons and trams,
(3) trailers, caravans and freight containers, and
(4) water supply

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

Legal Aid and Advice.—Copy of the Report of the Law Society on the operation and finance of the Legal Aid Act 1974, with the Report of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Aid, for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 172].

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Estate Agents Bill, the Rating Bill, the Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill and the Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee C; and the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) (Paper, Paperboard and Printed Products) Order 1977 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 54.]

Tuesday, 7th February, 1978.

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.:—

Customs Annuity and Benevolent Fund Bill.
Bill committed.

British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill; 

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

British Railways (Selby) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (Selby) Bill; 

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

Orkney Islands Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Orkney Islands Council Bill; 

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

Portsmouth City Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Portsmouth City Council Bill; 

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

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill; 

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

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, 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 7th February and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Eleventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xviii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xix].
Scotland Bill (Business Committee).—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Business Committee, That they had come to a Resolution in respect of the Scotland Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House:

That of the three days which, under the Order [16th November] and the Resolution of the Business Committee agreed to by the House on 22nd November, are given to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading, two shall be allotted to proceedings on consideration; and those proceedings shall be brought to a conclusion as follows—

(a) new Clauses and amendments to end of line 16 on page 38 [Clause 80(1)] at 7.30 p.m. on the second day; and

(b) remainder at 11 p.m. on the second day.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 7th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 179-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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 7th February: And the Report was brought up and read (Ninth Report).

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

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 17-x].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Slaughter of Poultry Act 1967 Extension Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 30th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 215].

Sale of Council Houses.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for tenants of dwellings owned by local authorities and other housing bodies to acquire the ownership of their homes—(Mr. Timothy Smith);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. 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. Timothy Smith, Mr. Ian Gow: 207.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Iain Evans: 219.

So the Question was negatived.

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. James Tinn);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Anthony Berry: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 292.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Consideration by Secretary of State of representations made by certain other shipbuilders and shiprepairers in Great Britain)—(Mr. Norman Lamont)—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) made to the Bill.
A Motion was made, and the question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—Debate arising;
And 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 the third time, and passed.

Privileges,—*Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Committee of Privileges be amended, by leaving out Mr. John Peyton and inserting Mr. Francis Pym. (Mr. Jim Marshall.)*

Adjournment,—*Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Jim Marshall.)*

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

[Adjourned at 12.26 a.m.]

**APPENDIX**

*Tuesday 7th February 1978*

*Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:*

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Royal Free Hospital,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 7th February 1978, relative to the leasing at a nominal rent of land at the Royal Free Hospital to the Special Trustees of the Royal Free Hospital [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Owen:

Botswana (No. 1, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 5th October 1977, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Botswana for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Miscellaneous (No. 1, 1978),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Neuilly-sur-Seine on 20th November 1975, introducing amendments to the Arrangement between certain Member States of the European Space Research Organisation and the European Space Research Organisation concerning the execution of an Aeronautical Satellite Programme (the Protocol is not in force) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Housing (Scotland),—Draft of an Order, entitled the Scottish Special Housing Association (Limit of Advances) Order 1978 [by Act].

Public Health (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 25th January 1978, entitled the City of Glasgow District Council (Common Lodging-Houses) (Charges) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 124) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Arts Council,—Statement of indemnities for borrowed objects (Arts Council) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Social Security,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Mobility Allowance Up-rating Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd January 1978, entitled the Housing (Determination of Unfitness) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 22) [by Act].

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th January 1978, entitled the Local Government (General Grant) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 9) [by Act].

Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Industries Development (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, and
(2) the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Rates,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th January 1978, entitled the Rates (Regional Rate and Reduction of Regional Rate on Dwellings) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 23) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Consumer Credit,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st January 1978, entitled the Consumer Credit (Exempt Agreements) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 120) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th January 1978, entitled the Antioxidants in Food Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 105) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of his proceedings in 1977 under sections 1 to 5 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

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


[No. 55.]

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

PRAYERS.

Papua New Guinea (Gift of a Clock).—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 15th December relating to Papua New Guinea (Gift of a Clock) had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that I will give directions that there be presented on behalf of your House a gift of a Clock for the Clerk's Table to the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea and assuring me that your House will make good the expenses attending the same.

It gave me the greatest pleasure to learn that your House desires to make such a presentation and I will gladly give directions for carrying your proposal into effect.

Income Tax,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 27th 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 Address praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Botswana) Order 1978 be made in the form of the draft laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

Income Tax,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 27th 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 Address praying that on the ratification by the Government of Korea of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the draft Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Republic of Korea) Order 1978, which draft was laid before your House, an Order may be made in the form of that draft.

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 I).

University of London 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 University of London Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr. Daniel Awdry reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Refuse (Disposal) 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. 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 (Fourteenth Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-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 8th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-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 B on 8th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 198-ii].

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 8th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 153-iii].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Mr. Antony Buck 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 (First Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 221].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee on 8th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 116-vi].

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

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Agriculture (Adaptation of Enactments) (Scotland) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2007), referred to a Committee on 27th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 216].
Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Beef Premiums (Protection of Payments) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 17), referred to a Committee on 19th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 217].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Thomas Williams reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 1505), referred to a Committee on 27th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 219].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Alan Fitch reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1978, the Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 and the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1978, referred to a Committee on 30th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 218].

Employment Subsidies 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 authorise payments to employers as a means of contributing to the alleviation of unemployment: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 61].

Sea Fish (Conservation) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.—Sir John Gilmour presented a Bill to make further provision in relation to Scotland for the regulation of nets and other fishing gear: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 24th February and to be printed [Bill 62].

Overseas Aid.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to revise the arrangements for the granting of aid to overseas countries; and for purposes connected therewith—(Mr. Victor Goodhew); 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. Victor Goodhew, Mr. Ian Gow: 141.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Joan Lestor, Mr. Joan Evans: 219.

So the Question was negatived.

European Assembly Elections Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the European Assembly Elections Bill.

(In the Committee)

Schedule No. 1 (Simple majority system (for Great Britain) with S.T.V. (for Northern Ireland)).

Amendment (No. 183) proposed, in page 11, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—

"(aa) those who were entitled to vote as electors at a parliamentary election in a parliamentary constituency wholly or partly comprised in the Assembly constituency but who, on that day, are not so entitled being resident in one of the other member States of the European Communities, and who have made a written declaration to the registration officer in the parliamentary constituency in which they were last entitled to vote as electors at a parliamentary election to the effect that—

(i) they have established, or are able to establish, right of abode in the United Kingdom within the meaning of section 2 of the Immigration Act 1971; and

(ii) they or their spouses have been resident in the United Kingdom; and

(iii) they or their spouses will on the day appointed under paragraph 3 below for the election be resident in one of the other member States of the European Communities by virtue of their occupation, service or employment; and

(iv) they intend to return to reside in the United Kingdom, such persons being entitled to vote by proxy subject to the provisions of any regulation made under sub-paragraph (3)(c) below (including any provision for the verification of their written declaration); and—"—(Mr. Douglas Hurd.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Mr. Anthony Berry : 149.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham : 160.

Another Amendment (No. 195) proposed, in page 12, line 8, to leave out from the word "expenses" to the end of line 10 and insert the words "provided that in no case shall a candidate's election expenses exceed the election expenses permitted to a candidate in elections held under the Representation of the People Acts; and".—(Mr. Douglas Jay.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 186) proposed, in page 12, line 10, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3A) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraph (3) above, the Secretary of State shall in any such regulations provide that in any provision relating to the subscription of the nomination paper every nomination paper shall be subscribed by two electors as proposer and seconder, and by ninety-eight other electors as assenting to the nomination, and not more than twenty of those so subscribing may be registered as electors in any one parliamentary constituency wholly or partly comprised in the Assembly constituency for which the nomination is made".—(Mr. David Howell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 194) proposed, in page 12, line 29, to leave out from the word "instrument" to the end of line 31 and insert the words "shall not be made under this paragraph unless a draft of the instrument has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament".—(Mr. Bryan Gould.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 196) proposed, in page 13, to leave out lines 39 to 41 and insert the words—

"(a) he is not a member of either House of Parliament".—(Dr. Colin Phipps.)

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

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And it being Midnight, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [26th January], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put and negatived.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Midnight.

Question put, That this Schedule be the First Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Donald Coleman : 86.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. John Ellis : 38.

Schedule No. 2 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 12 and 13 agreed to.
Clause No. 14 (Expenses).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper : 83.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Roger Moate : 38.

Clauses Nos. 15 and 16 disagreed to.
Clauses Nos. 4 to 11 disagreed to.
Schedules Nos. 3 to 5 disagreed to.

Title amended.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill, as amended, to the House, pursuant to the Order [26th January].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. Ted Graham reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto: and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to make provision for and in connection with the
election of representatives to the Assembly of the European Communities, and to prevent any treaty providing for any increase in the powers of the Assembly from being ratified by the United Kingdom unless approved by Act of Parliament.

Bill, as amended, to be considered this day; and to be printed [Bill 63].

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.55 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 8th February 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 12th, 16th and 18th January 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 223].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 8, 1978).—Copy of a Report on developments in the European Communities during the period July-December 1977 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Census.—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for England and Wales, relating to Migration Regional Report (Ten per cent. sample)—

(1) East Anglia,
(2) East Midlands Region,
(3) North Region,
(4) North West Region,
(5) South East Region,
(6) South West Region,
(7) Wales,
(8) West Midlands Region, and
(9) Yorkshire and Humberside Region
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production.—Copies of the Reports on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—

(1) gas,
(2) industrial (including process) plant and steelwork,
(3) petroleum and natural gas,
(4) rope, twine and net,
(5) scales and weighing machinery and portable power tools, and
(6) warp knitting
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:


Hire-Purchase.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Hire-Purchase (Increase of Limit of Value) (Great Britain) Order 1978 [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 [30th November] from the National Association of the Launderette Industry and others for legislation to exempt laundrettes from effluent charges [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 nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Consumer Safety Bill, viz.: Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. H. Boardman, Mr. John Cope, Mr. E. Fernyhough, Mr. John Fraser, Sir Raymond Gover, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Tony Newton, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. John Wakeham, Mr. David Watkins, Mr. David Young, 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 Customs Duties (Quota Relief) (Paper, Paperboard and Printed Products) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Ronald Bell, Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. David Knox, Mr. McCusker, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

[No. 56.]


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).

Portsmouth City Council Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the Portsmouth City Council Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Bill,—Mr. Gerard Fitt, supported by Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. R. J. Mellish, Mr. E. Fernyhough, Mr. Ted Leadbeitter, Mr. R. Wool, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Neil Kinreck, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. J. P. W. Malleleliu, and Mr. Nigel Spearing, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the welfare of chronically sick and disabled persons in Northern Ireland ; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 17th February and to be printed [Bill 60].

Inner Urban Areas Bill,—The Inner Urban Areas 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).

Inner Urban Areas [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Inner Urban Areas [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision as respects inner urban areas in Great Britain in which there exists special social need and to amend section 8 of the Local Employment Act 1972, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums so payable under any other Act.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Poultry,—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 Slaughter of Poultry Act 1967 Extension Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Mr. James Tinn):—It was agreed to.

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 Sir Geoffrey de Freitas and inserting Mr. Frank Hooley.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.27 p.m.]

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Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Public Petitions,—Observations by—
(1) the Secretary of State for the Environment, and
(2) the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
on the Petition [16th December] from Stonebridge Council Estate, Brent, for compensation for damage caused by flooding and for flood alleviation and flood warning measures [by Standing Order]; to be printed.


MEMORANDUM

Thursday 9th February 1978

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 Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; and Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) (Paper, Paperboard and Printed Products) Order 1977.

[No. 57.]

Friday, 10th February, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Redbridge, Ilford North, Writ,—Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Redbridge, Ilford North, in the room of Mrs. Millie Miller, deceased.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)
Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix).

Protection of Children Bill.—The Protection of Children 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).

Armed Forces (Repossession of Dwellings) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Armed Forces (Repossession of Dwellings) Bill;

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.

Companies Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Bill;

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

Companies (Qualification of Company Secretaries) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies (Qualification of Company Secretaries) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 24th February.

Civil Liability (Contribution) Bill.—The Civil Liability (Contribution) 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).

Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill;

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

Naval Defence (Inquiry) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Defence (Inquiry) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 24th February.

Nuclear Waste Disposal Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nuclear Waste Disposal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 5th May.

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 (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 17th January, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—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 (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 17th January, 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.]

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APPENDIX

Friday 10th February 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Customs and Excise,—Copies of Orders, dated 9th February 1978, entitled—
(1) the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (No. 11) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 192), and
(2) the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (No. 12) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 193)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Medicines,—Copies of—
(1) Regulations, dated 9th February 1978, entitled the Medicines (Labelling) (Special Transitional) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 190), and
(2) an Order, dated 9th February 1978, entitled the Medicines (Prescription Only) Amendment Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 189)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Export Guarantees,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) (No. 2) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

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

The Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (No. 11) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 192), and

[No. 58.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James 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 8th and 13th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 56-vii and viii].

Companies Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Companies Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 28th April.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday next.
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Scottish Special Housing Association (Limit of Advances) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (Mr. Jim Marshall.)

Supply [7th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

Public Purchasing and the Abuse of Ministerial Power.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House declines to support the Government's arbitrary use of economic sanctions against firms and workers who have negotiated pay settlements beyond a rigid limit which Parliament has not approved; and calls upon the Government to withdraw its new contract clauses for public purchasing (Sir Geoffrey Howe);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Anthony Berry: 268.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 283.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Ways and Means and the Motion relating to Financial Assistance to Opposition Parties may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour. (Mr. Jim Marshall.)

Financial Assistance to Opposition Parties.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Resolution of the House of 20th March 1975 shall have effect from 1st January 1978 with the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph 2 of that Resolution:

"That for the purpose of determining the annual maxima of such assistance the following formula shall apply:

£550 for each seat won by the party concerned plus £1.10 for every 200 votes cast for it at the preceding General Election, provided that the maximum payable to any party shall not exceed £165,000."—(Mr. William Price);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out '1978' and insert '1979', instead thereof.—(Mr. J. W. Rooker.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Dennis Canavan: 15.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Frank R. White: 124.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper: 118.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. J. W. Rooker: 15.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Resolution of the House of 20th March 1975 shall have effect from 1st January 1978 with the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph 2 of that Resolution:

"That for the purpose of determining the annual maxima of such assistance the following formula shall apply:

£550 for each seat won by the party concerned plus £1.10 for every 200 votes cast for it at the preceding General Election, provided that the maximum payable to any party shall not exceed £165,000."

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, 14th February, 1978:

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.

\(\text{Adjourned at 12.25 a.m.}\)
APPENDIX

Monday 13th February 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 19th, 20th, 24th and 25th January 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 227].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Rating and Valuation,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th January 1978, entitled the Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Mr. John Silkin:
Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th February, entitled the Agricultural Levy Reliefs (Frozen Beef and Veal) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 194) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
Christ Church Woburn Square and Saint Matthew Oakley Square Bill [Lords],—Report of the Attorney General on the Christ Church Woburn Square and Saint Matthew Oakley Square Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 13th February 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Protection of Children Bill and the Civil Liability (Contribution) Bill to Standing Committee C.

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill;

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

British Railways (Selby) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (Selby) Bill;

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

Orkney Islands Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Orkney Islands Council Bill;

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

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill;

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

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, 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 14th February: And the Report was brought up and read (Twelfth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xx];

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-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 14th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 179-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 (Tenth Report).

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

Civil Aviation Bill,—Mr. Michael English reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Civil Aviation Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 65].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 231].

Gun Barrel Proof Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Gun Barrel Proof Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Medical Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Medical Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Probation Orders (Variation of Statutory Limits) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Hire-Purchase (Increase of Limit of Value) (Great Britain) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Criminal Offences (Appeals).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to appeals on sentences for criminal offences; 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. 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. Ken Weetch, Mr. Ian Campbell: 30.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Ian Gow: 293.

So the Question was negatived.

Scotland Bill (Allocation of time).—Ordered, That the Report of 7th February of the Business Committee be now considered.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

The House accordingly considered the Report.

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee), That this House doth agree with the Committee in their Resolution:—It was agreed to.

Scotland Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Scotland Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Period between general election and referendum)—(Mr. Tam Dalyell)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Iolo Evans: 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 223.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Contents of orders under section 44(2))—(Mr. Leon Brittan)—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 (Reference of Assembly Bills to Privy Council)—(Mr. Leon Brittan)—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 Motion relating to Ways and Means may be
proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Scotland Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Scotland Bill, as amended in the
Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Reference of Assembly Bills to Privy Council) be read a second time.

Question put.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 216.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham: 242.

And it being after Eleven o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be further considered to-morrow.

Ways and Means,—Value added tax on supplies by Scottish Executive,—Resolved, That
section 19(4) of the Finance Act 1972 shall be amended by inserting after the words “Minister of the Crown” the words “or of a Scottish Secretary.”—(Mr. John Smith.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.29 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 14th February 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Transport,—Report of the Transport Users’ Consultative Committee for Scotland for 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 175].

Mr. John Silkin:

Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders),—Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of his proceedings during the year ended 31st January 1978 under the General Pier and Harbour Acts 1861 to 1915 [by Act].

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

Magistrates’ Courts,—Copies of Rules, dated 1st February 1978, entitled—

(1) the Magistrates’ Courts (Amendment) Rules (S.I., 1978, No. 147), and

(2) the Magistrates’ Courts (Forms) (Amendment) Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 146)
by Act.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 14th February 1977

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Inner Urban Areas Bill to Standing Committee A; the draft Scottish Special Housing Association (Limit of Advances) Order 1978 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Probation Orders (Variation of Statutory Limits) Order 1978 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Hire-Purchase (Increase of Limit of Value) (Great Britain) Order 1978 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
PRAYERS.

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

Customs Annuity and Benevolent Fund 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 Customs Annuity and Benevolent Fund Bill, and had amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; had gone through the Bill and had made no further Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.
Report to be printed.

European 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).

Report to lie upon the Table: and to be printed [No. 29-xv].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-xv].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 13th and 15th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 105-xi and xii].

House of Commons (Services),—Mr. Michael Foot reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), That they had made progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 233].

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 15th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 198-iii].

Overseas Development,—Mr. Kevin McNamara 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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 153-iv].

Selection,—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) (Paper, Paperboard and Printed Products) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2048), referred to a Committee on 2nd February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 232].

House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 15th February to be printed [No. 68-iv].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 4 (Statutory instruments, &c. (procedure)), the Motion relating to Medicines may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Twelve o'clock.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)
Social Security (Kidney Patients).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend to kidney patients on dialysis units the attendance allowance provided under Social Security Acts: And that Sir George Young, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mr. George Younger, and Mr. Peter Morrison, do prepare and bring it in.

Social Security (Kidney Patients) Bill.—Sir George Young accordingly presented a Bill to extend to kidney patients on dialysis units the attendance allowance provided under Social Security Acts: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th April and to be printed [Bill 64].

Scotland Bill [2nd allotted day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Scotland Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Clause (Number of members)—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind : 236.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper : 276.

An Amendment (No. 5) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 118) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 10, at the end, to insert the words "provided that, other than is enacted in Clause 19 hereof, an Act of the Assembly shall be deemed to be intra vires".—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

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

And it being half-past Seven o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution yesterday, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. George Thompson : 12.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Thomas Cox : 462.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at half-past Seven o'clock.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 16, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) Section 21 above shall not apply to the Act of 1936",".—(Mr. John Smith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham : 259.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Peter Morrison : 241.

Other Amendments (Nos. 55, 56, and 62 to 66) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 69) proposed to the Bill, in page 38, to leave out lines 17 to 22 and insert the words—

"(2) If it appears to the Secretary of State having regard to the answers given in the referendum and all other circumstances that this Act should not be brought into effect he may lay before Parliament the draft of an Order in Council providing for its repeal", instead thereof.—(Mr. Dennis Canavan.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John P. Mackintosh : 243.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. George Gardiner : 298.

And it being after Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution yesterday, to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eleven o'clock.

Another Amendment (No. 73) proposed to the Bill, in page 38, line 17, to leave out the words "40 per cent." and insert the words "one in three", instead thereof.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. John Watkinson: 240.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Leslie Spriggs: 285.

Other Amendments (Nos. 83 to 86, 88, 90, 91, 93, 106, 107 and 109 to 111) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow; and be printed [Bill 66].

Medicines.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Medicines (Exemptions from Restrictions on the Retail Sale or Supply of Veterinary Drugs) Order 1977 (S.I., 1977, No. 2167), dated 20th December 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th January, be annulled (Mr. Michael Jopling):—Debate arising;

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

Thursday, 16th February, 1978:

And it being half-past Twelve o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

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 Beef Premiums (Protection of Payments) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 17), a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th January, be approved (Mr. Donald Coleman):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.56 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 15th February 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Protection of Wrecks,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th February 1978, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 1) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 199) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:


Mr. Secretary Shore:

Local Government,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th February 1978, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Specified Bodies) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 171) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, and

(2) the Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 1978

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Coal Industry,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—

(1) the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1978, and

(2) the Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) Order 1978

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission,—Reports of the Price Commission on—

(1) Tate and Lyle Refineries Limited—Sugar and Syrup Products, and

(2) British Railways Board—Increases in Passenger Fares

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 224 and 225].
Transport.—Reports to the Secretary of State for Transport and the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection of—

(1) the Transport Users’ Consultative Committee for Scotland,
(2) the Transport Users’ Consultative Committee for Wales, and
(3) the Central Transport Consultative Committee for Great Britain for 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 176 to 178].

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

Broadcasting.—Account of additional payments to the Independent Broadcasting Authority by programme contractors and of sums paid into the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom and the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland in the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 234].

House of Commons Members’ Fund.—Accounts of the House of Commons Members’ Fund for the year ended 30th September 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 235].

Local Government (Scotland).—Account of the Commission for Local Authority Accounts in Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1977 and Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 236].

Nature Conservancy Council.—Account of the Nature Conservancy Council for the year ended 31st March 1977 and Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 237].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Inner Urban Areas Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Andrew MacKay, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, Mr. Robert Parlby, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Mike Thomas, and Sir George Young.

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Sir Raymond Gower (nominated in respect of the Consumer Safety Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Timothy Smith.

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 Gun Barrel Proof Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Churchill, Mr. William Craig, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Ben Ford, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Ron Lewis, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, Mr. David Walder, Mr. Patrick Wall, Mr. Alan Lee Williams, and Mr. David Young.

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 Medical Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. David Crouch, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Jim Marshall, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. William Molley, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Mr. Terry Walker, and Sir George Young.

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 Scottish Special Housing Association (Limit of Advances) Order 1978, viz.: Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Andrew Welsh, Mr. James White, Mr. Alexander Wilson, and Mr. George Younger.
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 Probation Orders (Variation of Statutory Limits) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. John Sever, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, and Mr. David Walder.

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 draft Hire Purchase (Increase of Limit of Value) (Great Britain) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. H. Boardman, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ieuan Evans, Mr. John Frazer, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Michael Newbert, Mr. Tom Normenton, Mr. Walter Padley, Mr. Timothy Raison, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, Mr. Tom Torney, and Mr. William Whitlock.

PRAYERS.

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

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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to facilitate the establishment in Northern Ireland of schools likely to be attended by pupils of different religious affiliations or cultural traditions: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Education (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].

Overseas Development.—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Overseas Development on 15th February to be printed [No. 240].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) (No. 2) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

European Assembly Elections Bill [allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the European Assembly Elections Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Approval of salaries, &c.)—(Mr. Max Madden)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Roger Moate : 58.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper : 166.

And it being after Eight o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [26th January], to put forthwith the Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eight o'clock.

An Amendment (No. 5) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read a third time:

Mr. Secretary Rees, 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 proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—Debate arising;
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And it being Midnight, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [26th January], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Alf Bates: 159.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Roger Moate: 45.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.43 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 16th February 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd February 1978, entitled the Food Hygiene (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 173) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Benn:

Coal Industry,—Statement by the Secretary of State for Energy relating to the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Gregor Mackenzie (nominated in respect of the Inner Urban Areas Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hugh D. Brown.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from a Second Reading Committee Mr. Alan Lee Williams (nominated in respect of the Gun Barrel Proof Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Roy Hughes.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from a Second Reading Committee Mr. Jim Marshall (nominated in respect of the Medical Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. A. W. Stallard.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Thomas Cox (nominated in respect of the draft Hire-Purchase (Increase of Limit of Value) (Great Britain) Order 1978); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Frank R. White.
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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 Inner Urban Areas Bill ; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Gun Barrel Proof Bill [Lords] ; Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Medical Bill [Lords] ; Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Scottish Special Housing Association (Limit of Advances) Order 1978 ; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Probation Orders (Variation of Statutory Limits) Order 1978 ; and Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Hire-Purchase (Increase of Limit of Value) (Great Britain) Order 1978.

[No. 62.]

Friday, 17th February, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the National Campaign for Nursery Education for the provision of nursery education in accordance with local needs and the wishes of parents 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).

Sea Fish (Conservation) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Sea Fish (Conservation) (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Education (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The Education (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next and to be printed [Bill 67].

Post Office Workers (Industrial Action) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office Workers (Industrial Action) 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. Russell Kerr, Mr. Ron Thomas : 212.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook : 20.

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).

Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 28th April.

Internationally Protected Persons Bill.—The Internationally Protected Persons 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).

Tertiary Education Inquiry (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tertiary Education Inquiry (Scotland) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 12th May.

Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.
Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment).—Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill that they have power to extend the Bill to Scotland for the purpose of amending the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966 and the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975 with respect to investigations by the Commissioner for Local Administration in Scotland.—(Mr. Ivor Clemitson.)

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

And the Question having been proposed after 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 eighteen minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.42 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 17th February 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:
Supply Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1977-78,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the Service of the year ending 31st March 1978—
(1) for Civil Departments, and
(2) for Defence Services
(by Command); to be printed [Nos. 184 and 183].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Mr. Michael Foot:


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 20th February.

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

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

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot)
Papua New Guinea (Gift of a Clock).—Ordered, That Mr. Robert Mellish and Mr. Spencer Le Marchant have leave of absence to present on behalf of this House a Clock for the Clerk’s Table to the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee Bill.—The Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee 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).

Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise the use of public money for assisting first-time purchasers of house property, and for connected purposes, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums required by the Secretary of State—

(a) for making advances to recognised lending institutions enabling them to provide assistance to first-time purchasers of house property, where the purchaser obtains finance by means of a secured loan from the institution, the assistance to be provided as follows—

(i) the secured loan may be financed to the extent of £600;

(ii) £600 of the loan may be made free of interest, and of any obligation to repay principal, for up to five years from the date of purchase; and

(iii) the lending institution may provide the purchaser with a bonus on savings up to a maximum of £110;

(but so that any of these money sums may be altered by order with Treasury consent);

(b) for indemnifying lending institutions in respect of loss suffered in cases where assistance has been given under the Act;

and that for the purposes of the said Act of the present Session it is expedient also to authorise payments into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Secretary Shore.)

Employment Subsidies Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment Subsidies 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 Employment Subsidies Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

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

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

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

Employment Subsidies [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Employment Subsidies [Money];

Resolved, That it is expedient that there should be paid out of money provided by Parliament any sums required by the Secretary of State for the purposes of schemes set up or continued under any Act of the present Session to authorise payments to employers as a means of contributing to the alleviation of unemployment.—(Mr. John Golding.)

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

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 I

Monday 20th February 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:


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Supply Estimates (Defence Votes A), 1978-79,—Estimates of the maximum number of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces for the year ending 31st March 1979 [by Command] ; to be printed [No. 226].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to motor vehicle manufacturing [by Act].

Post Office,—Statements of appointment of twelve part-time members of the Post Office [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Mines and Quarries,—Copies of Orders, dated 10th February 1978, entitled—
(1) the Ironstone Restoration Fund (Rates of Contribution) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 195), and
(2) the Ironstone Restoration Fund (Standard Rate) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 196)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission on prices, costs and margins in the importation and distribution of bacon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 229].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from a Second Reading Committee Mr. David Young (nominated in respect of the Gun Barrel Proof Bill [Lords]) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Harry Cowans.

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Monday 20th February 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Post Office Workers (Industrial Action) Bill and the Internationally Protected Persons Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 64.]

Tuesday, 21st February, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Customs Annuity and Benevolent Fund Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Customs Annuity and Benevolent Fund Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

University of London Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the University of London 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 the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill;

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

British Railways (Selby) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (Selby) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
Orkney Islands Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Orkney Islands Council Bill ;

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

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill ;

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

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

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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 179-v].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee on 21st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 116-vii].

Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Local Government (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. 245].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows :
The Lords have agreed to the Participation Agreements Bill, without Amendment.

Sea Fish (Conservation) (Amendment) Bill.—Sir John Gilmour presented a Bill to extend in relation to waters adjacent to Scotland the purposes for which orders may be made under the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 for regulating the use of nets and other fishing gear and to include salmon and migratory trout among the species of sea fish in respect of which such orders may be made. And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 68].

Abortion (Amendment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision with respect to the protection of the life of a viable foetus ; to amend section 4 of the Abortion Act 1967 ; to regulate the provision of payment for consultation and advice in relation to the termination of pregnancy ; and to make provision with respect to bodies corporate—(Sir Bernard Braine) ;

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. Ian Campbell : 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mrs. Joyce Butler : 175.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Frederick Willey, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. William Benyon, Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. Cyril Smith, the Reverend Robert Bradford, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. James White, Mr. Keith Stainton, and Mr. Ian Campbell, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Abortion (Amendment) Bill.—Sir Bernard Braine accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the protection of the life of a viable foetus ; to amend section 4 of the Abortion Act 1967 ; to regulate the provision of payment for consultation and advice in relation to the termination of pregnancy ; and to make provision with respect to bodies corporate : And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 69].

Supply [8th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

Taxation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House condemns Her Majesty's Government for raising excessive amounts in taxation and for doing so in such a way as to penalise hard work, stifle enterprise and increase unemployment ; and calls for a substantial and continuing reduction in the burden of direct taxation in preference to an increase in public expenditure—(Mr. Peter Rees) ;
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word “House” to the end of the Question and add the words “welcomes the start Her Majesty’s Government has made in reducing levels of direct taxation; applauds Her Majesty’s Government’s success in controlling inflation and restoring financial stability; recognises the need to provide adequate public services; and notes that present Conservative leadership is still wedded to old fashioned dogmas which in the past created so much squalor, social divisiveness and injustice”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 275.

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

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 248.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the start Her Majesty’s Government has made in reducing levels of direct taxation; applauds Her Majesty’s Government’s success in controlling inflation and restoring financial stability; recognises the need to provide adequate public services; and notes that present Conservative leadership is still wedded to old fashioned dogmas which in the past created so much squalor, social divisiveness and injustice.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Members’ Secretaries and Research Assistants may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Members’ Secretaries and Research Assistants.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in their recommendations in paragraphs 9, 17, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36 and 38 of the Seventh Report of the said Committee in the last Session of Parliament (H.C. 508), and that the Fees Office be authorised, in respect of secretaries and research assistants employed on Parliamentary business whose names are registered with that Office by Members, to make monthly payments of salary on behalf of such Members, if so requested, together with appropriate deductions from the secretarial allowance.—(Mr. Alf Bates);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 8, at the end, to add the words, “but considers that provision for payment of secretaries should also be made, in respect of Members who so decide, in accordance with the proposals of the Select Committee on Assistance to Private Members in their First Report in Session 1974-75 H.C. 375.”—(Mr. Michael English.)

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

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

Wednesday, 22nd February, 1978:

Mr. Michael English rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that the Motion was unnecessary, as no Member had risen to continue the debate.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Nigel Spearing: 37.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Frank R. White: 53.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House agrees with the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in their recommendations in paragraphs 9, 17, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36 and 38 of the Seventh Report of the said Committee in the last Session of Parliament (H.C. 508), and that the Fees Office be authorised, in respect of secretaries and research assistants employed on Parliamentary business whose names are registered with that Office by Members, to make monthly payments of salary on behalf of such Members, if so requested, together with appropriate deductions from their secretarial allowance.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.52 a.m.]

APPENDIX
Tuesday 21st February 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Currency and Bank Notes,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th February 1978, entitled the Fiduciary Note Issue (Extension of Period) Order 1978 (S.I. 1978, No. 224) [by Act.]

Mr. Secretary Owen:
European Communities (No. 5, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 14th January 1977, between the European Economic Community and Macao on trade in textile products [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Law Commissions,—Copy of the third Programme of consolidation and statute law revision proposed by the Scottish Law Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 192].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Electoral Law,—Copy of a Letter, dated 13th February 1978, from Mr. Speaker to the Prime Minister, concerning Mr. Speaker’s Conference on Electoral Law [by Command].
Rates,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th January 1978, entitled the Rate Rebate (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 32) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Coal Industry,—Copy of the Report of the Domestic Coal Consumers’ Council for 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 222].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
National Loans Fund,—Copy of Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 247].

Radiological Protection,—Statement of Account of the National Radiological Protection Board for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 248].

Severn Bridge Tolls,—Copy of the Operating Account of the Severn Bridge Tolls for the year ended 31st March 1977 and Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 249].

MEMORANDUM
Tuesday 21st February 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee Bill to Standing Committee A; the Employment Subsidies Bill to Standing Committee D; the draft Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) (No. 2) Order 1978 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order 1978 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
Wednesday, 22nd February, 1978.

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 Lieutenant-Colonel Marcus Lipton, C.B.E., Member for Lambeth Central, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 22nd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 105-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 B on 22nd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 198-iv].

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 (First Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 255].

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 them on 22nd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 256].

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

Gun Barrel Proof Bill [Lords].—Mr. Michael English reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Gun Barrel Proof 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 Gun Barrel Proof 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. 251].

Medical Bill [Lords].—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Medical 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 Medical 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. 254].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Scottish Special Housing Association (Limit of Advances) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 13th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 250].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Probation Orders (Variation of Statutory Limits) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 14th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 252].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Hire-Purchase (Increase of Limit of Value) (Great Britain) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 14th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 243].
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Baroness Wootton of Abinger to attend to be examined as a witness before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee. — (Mr. James Boyden.)

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

Expenditure. — The Lords give leave to the Baroness Wootton of Abinger to attend to be examined as a witness before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee, if her Ladyship thinks fit.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give powers to residents of purpose-built blocks of flats in private ownership jointly to purchase the premises of which their flats are part; to specify the procedures to be adopted; to make consequential provisions as to the management and upkeep of premises so purchased; and for connected purposes: And that Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Stephen Ross, and Mr. Nicholas Scott, do prepare and bring it in.

Co-ownership of Flats. — Sir Brandon Rhys Williams accordingly presented a Bill to give powers to residents of purpose-built blocks of flats in private ownership jointly to purchase the premises of which their flats are part; to specify the procedures to be adopted; to make consequential provisions as to the management and upkeep of premises so purchased; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 28th April and to be printed [Bill 70].

Scotland Bill [allotted day]. — The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Scotland Bill:

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 297.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 257.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords]. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (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. Secretary Millan): It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to the valuation and rating of certain lands and heritages in Scotland and to make further provision with respect to payments to the Commissioner for Local Administration in Scotland and his officers, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase in rate support grant which is attributable to the said Act of the present Session. — (Mr. Alf Bates.)

Adjournment. — Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. — (Mr. Alf Bates.)

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 I

Wednesday 22nd February 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:


Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Museums and Galleries. — Draft of an Order, entitled the National Gallery (Lending Outside the United Kingdom) Order 1978 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Engineering) Order 1978 [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 Newlyn Pier and Harbour Revision 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)]:


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

Erskine Bridge Tolls.—Copy of the Operating Account of the Erskine Bridge Tolls for the year ended 31st March 1977 and Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 253].

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 Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee Bill, viz.: Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Reginald Freeson, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Michael O’Halloran, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Hugh Rossi, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Frank R. White, and Mr. George Younger.

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 Employment Subsidies Bill, viz.: Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. John Golding, Mr. John D. Grant, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Fred Silvester, and Mr. A. W. Stallard.

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 Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. William Craig, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr Ted Fletcher, Mr. Phillip Goodhart, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Stan Thorne, and Mr. van Straubenzee.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) (No. 2) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Michael Neuberli, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Michael Spicer, Mr. Keith Staiton, Mr. John Stokes, Mr. Tim Urwin, 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 Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order 1978, viz.: Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Nell Carmichael, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Miss Horvie Anderson, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Iain McCormick, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Malcolm Rijkind, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Alexander Wilson, and Mr. George Younger.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Participation Agreements Act 1978.

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 made further 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 (Second Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 257].

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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with 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. 238].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 238].

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, that the draft Mobility Allowance Up-rating Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

Supply [9th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

Developments in the European Communities.—Resolved, that this House takes note of the Report on Developments in the European Communities, July-December 1977 (Command Paper No. 7100).—(Mr. Frank Judd.)

Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill [Lords].—The Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Committee to-morrow.

Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Committee to-morrow.

Conflict of Laws on Employment Relationships in the Community.—Resolved, that this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/1123/76 on Conflict of Laws on Employment Relationships in the Community.—(Mr. John Grant.)

Gun Barrel Proof Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gun Barrel Proof 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).

Medical Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical 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,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.50 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 23rd February 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:
Supply Estimates, 1978-79 (Classes II-XVII: Civil),—Estimates for Civil Departments for the year ending 31st March 1979 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 230].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd February 1978, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (No. 14) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 246) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Mr. Secretary Owen:


Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Museums and Galleries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the National Gallery (Lending Outside the United Kingdom No. 2) Order 1978 [by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [30th January] from Leicester and elsewhere, for the granting to men of the same right as women to retire on pension at sixty if they wish [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Employment and Training,—Accounts of the Manpower Services Commission and 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 1977; with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 258].

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 Roberts (nominated in respect of the Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jim Lester.

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. David Penhaligon, and Mr. J. W. Rooker (nominated in respect of the Employment Subsidies Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Michael Roberts, and Mr. Dafydd Wigley.
MEMORANDA

Thursday 23rd February 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to the First Scottish Standing Committee.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mrs. Lena Jeger an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Inner Urban Areas Bill; Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Employment Subsidies Bill; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1978; Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) (No. 2) Order 1978; and Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order 1978.

[No. 671]

Friday, 24th February, 1978.

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 I).

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

Small Businesses (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Businesses (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Bill;

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

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

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Osborn, Mr. Robert Rhodes James: 86.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Russell Kerr: 26.

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 14th April.

Public Lending Right Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Lending Right Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th April.

Hairdressers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hairdressers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 5th May.

Companies (Qualification of Company Secretaries) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies (Qualification of Company Secretaries) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 5th May.

Naval Defence (Inquiry) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Defence (Inquiry) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.
Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Education (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The Education (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee upon Friday 12th May.

Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill:

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

Sea Fish (Conservation) (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fish (Conservation) (Amendment) Bill:

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

Housing (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 draft Scottish Special Housing Association (Limit of Advances) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 7th February, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Probation and After-Care.—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 Probation Orders (Variation of Statutory Limits) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Hire-Purchase.—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 Hire-Purchase (Increase of Limit of Value) (Great Britain) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 8th February, 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 eighteen minutes to Five o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.42 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 24th February 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Pensions.—Copies of Regulations, dated 15th February 1978, entitled—
(1) the Pensions Increase (Compensation to Staff of Grant-Aided Colleges) (Scotland) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 210), and
(2) the Pensions Increase (Welsh Development Agency) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 211)
[by Act].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 26th, 27th, 30th January and 2nd and 3rd February 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 259].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Mr. John Silkin:


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 D.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Fred Silvester (nominated in respect of the Employment Subsidies Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ray Mawby.

MEMORANDUM

Friday 24th February 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Gun Barrel Proof Bill [Lords] and the Medical Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D.

[No. 68.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 27th February.

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

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 (Fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 239].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 239].

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 (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 261].

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. 262].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)
Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Conces-
sionary Coal (Payments Schemes) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on
Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Supply [10th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the
business of Supply.

Law and Order,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the salary of
the Secretary of State for the Home Department should be reduced by £1,000—
(Mr. William Whitelaw);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Michael Roberts: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 282.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Jurisdiction and Judgements
Convention 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. Frank R. White.)

Jurisdiction and Judgments Convention,—Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC
Documents Nos. R/2962/76 and R/2963/76 on Jurisdiction and Judgments Conven-
tion.—(The Lord Advocate.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.57 p.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 27th February 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Ascension Island,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 27th February 1978, concerning
the gift of stores and fuel to the BBC External Services on Ascension Island [by
Command].

Taxes,—Accounts of the appointment of—
(1) John Douglas Richard Adams, Esquire, and
(2) John Bury Hodgson, Esquire,
as Commissioners with salaries for the special purposes of the Income Tax Acts [by Act].

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 1977,
namely, the Central Regional Council Order, the District Council of Renfrew Order, the
Forth Ports Authority Order, the Monklands District Council Order, and the Solicitors
in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) 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 Dell:

Patents,—Copy of Rules, dated 17th February, entitled the Patents Rules 1978 (S.I.,
1978, No. 216) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th February
1978, entitled the Shipbuilding Industry (Pension Schemes) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978,
No. 232) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission on margins of coal
merchants in West Wales [by Act]; to be printed [No. 214].
MEMORANDUM

Monday 27th February 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 in the place of Mr. Michael English.

[No. 69.]

Tuesday, 28th February, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Customs Annuity and Benevolent Fund Bill,—The Customs Annuity and Benevolent Fund Bill was read the third time, and passed.

University of London Bill [Lords],—The University of London Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill;

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

British Railways (Selby) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (Selby) Bill;

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

Orkney Islands Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Orkney Islands Council Bill;

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

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill;

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

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee 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 (Thirteenth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xxii].

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. 17-xii].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. H. Davies reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) (No. 2) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 16th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 263].

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 University of London Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Northern Ireland Committee,—Ordered, That the matter of the Reorganisation of the Housing Executive, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor)
Community Land Act (Repeal).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed,
That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Community Land Act 1975—(Mr. 
Ian Gow);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member 
who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the 
Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and 
nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Ian Gow: 177.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. David Lambie: 189.

So the Question was negatived.

Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act 1921.—Resolved, That it is expedient that a Tribunal 
be established, for inquiring into a definite matter of urgent public importance, that is to 
say, to what extent there were lapses from accepted standards of commercial or 
professional conduct or of public administration in relation to the operations of the 
Crown Agents as financiers on own-account in the years 1967-74 described in the 
report of the Committee of Inquiry on the Crown Agents (HC 48 of 1977-78).—(Mr. 
Secretary Rees.)

Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded 
to consider the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the 
Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 3, 5 and 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 24, at the end, to 
insert the words—

‘‘(2A) The Secretary of State shall also take into account as a matter of priority any 
substantial element of dampness in local authority houses which constitutes a hazard to 
the health and welfare of the tenants and their families, in determining the said pro-
portion payable to a local authority’’.—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Sir George Young: 140.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham: 146.

Other Amendments (Nos. 9 to 11) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 30, after the word 
‘‘to’’, to insert the words ‘‘the urgency of the repairs and’’.—(Mr. Robin F. Cook.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 33, at the end, to 
insert the words—

‘‘To this end, each local authority shall submit to the Secretary of State a plan or 
scheme to cater for such hardship and the approval of the Secretary of State shall be 
required for any such scheme’’.—(Mr. George Younger.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 3, to leave out 
Clause 15.—(Mr. David Lambie.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. David Lambie: 11.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. James Tinn: 128.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 9, at the end, to 
insert the words ‘‘but a local authority shall not increase the income so receivable by 
more than an average of £39 for each such house in any period of 12 months’’.—(Mr. 
Robin F. Cook.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. David Lambie: 25.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Jim Marshall: 119.
Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 47, at the end, to insert the words—

"The Land Compensation (Scotland) Act 1973 (c.56)"

9A. In section 27(7) (home loss payments), after paragraph (c) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph—

"(d) a dangerous building order under section 13 of the Building (Scotland) Act 1959;"—(Mr. Robin F. Cook.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 20) made to the Bill.

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

Mr. Secretary Millan, 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.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Civil Aviation Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

Civil Aviation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Civil Aviation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Adherence to tariffs)—(Mr. Robert McCrindle)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 7) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—Debate arising:

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

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And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hugh Jenkins, Sir George Sinclair: 6.

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

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 Sir Bernard Braine and Mr. Michael Grylls and inserting Mr. Paul Dean and Mr. Peter Bottomley.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.55 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 28th February 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Submarine Museum,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 28th February 1978, concerning the conditional gift of the Submarine HMS Alliance and land and buildings to the Trustees of the Submarine Museum [by Command].

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Appropriations in Aid.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 28th February 1978, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for Transport Services [by Act].

Bank Notes.—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th February 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 264].

Electricity.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—
   (1) 18th January 1978, and
   (2) 18th January 1978
on loans raised by the Electricity Council, and on—
   (3) 20th January 1978, and
   (4) 13th February 1978
on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 265 to 268].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Law Commissions.—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Law Commission for the year ended 15th June 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 211].

Rating and Valuation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th February 1978, entitled the Rate Rebate (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 222) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Shore:


Town and Country Planning.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th November 1978, entitled the Bassetlaw District Council (Sandhill Lake) Appropriation 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 Morris:

National Health Service.—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th February 1978, entitled the National Health Service (Health Authorities: Membership) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 228) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Benn:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Monopolies and Mergers.—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger between Smith Bros. Limited and Bisgood, Bishop and Company Limited [by Act]; to be printed [No. 242].

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 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 269].
Health and Safety,—Accounts of the Health and Safety Commission and the Health and Safety Executive for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 270].

National Research Development Corporation,—Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 271].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 28th February 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Mobility Allowance Up-rating Order 1978 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1978 and the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) Order 1978 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 70.]

Wednesday, 1st March, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

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

European 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. 29-xvi]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-xvi].

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 1st March.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boydén 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 1st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-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 C on 1st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-i].

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

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 15th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 274].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 20th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 272].

Trustee Savings Banks Bill,—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. Denzil Davies, presented a Bill to clarify and amend the law with respect to investment and borrowing by trustee savings banks: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 72].
Council Tenants’ Charter.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to improve the status of tenants of council houses; to make provision with respect to their security of tenure and to facilitate transfers of tenancy; to provide opportunities for such tenants to participate in matters affecting their interests; and to make certain other administrative improvements: And that Mr. Reginald Eyre, Sir William Elliott, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Andrew MacKay, Mr. Peter Bottomley, and Mr. Ian Grist, do prepare and bring it in.

Council Tenants’ Charter Bill.—Mr. Reginald Eyre accordingly presented a Bill to improve the status of tenants of council houses; to make provision with respect to their security of tenure and to facilitate transfers of tenancy; to provide opportunities for such tenants to participate in matters affecting their interests; and to make certain other administrative improvements: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 10th March and to be printed [Bill 71].

Business Committee (Wales Bill),—Ordered, That the Report of 24th November from the Business Committee be now considered.-(Mr. Michael Foot.)

The House accordingly considered the Report.

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee), That this House doth agree with the Committee in their Resolution:—It was agreed to.

Wales Bill [1st allotted day],—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 disagreed to.

Clause No. 2 (The Welsh Assembly).

Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 1, line 15, after the word “Assembly”, to insert the words “the Members of which shall be elected by that system of proportional voting specified under this Act.”—(Sir Anthony Meyer.)

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

And it being Eleven o’clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution this day, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Geraint Howells: 114.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 377.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eleven o’clock.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. Thomas Cox: 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Carol Mather: 224.

Schedule No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Elections).

An Amendment (No. 33) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 5 to 9 agreed to.

The Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

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

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Donald Coleman):—Debate arising:
And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12 midnight.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 1st March 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Supply Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1977-78,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1978 (relating to Classes II to XVII: Civil) [by Command]; to be printed [No. 241].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 18th February 1978, amending the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to mineral oil refining [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

London Government,—Copy of a Scheme, entitled the Greater London Rate Equalisation Scheme 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Weights and Measures,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd February 1978, entitled the Weights and Measures (Solid Fuel) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 238) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Gun Barrel Proof Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Ben Ford, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. Ron Lewis, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. Wm. Ross, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, Mr. David Walder, and Mr. Patrick Wall.

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 Medical Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. David Crouch, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Mr. Terry Walker, and Sir George Young.

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 Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Ian Campbell, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Hugh McCarder, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Frank McElhone, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Malcolm Rikkind, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. James 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 draft Mobility Allowance Up-rating Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Jack Ashley, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Sir
Bernard Braine, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Joan Evans, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Kenneth Lomas, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Alfred Morris, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, 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 draft Mineworkers’ Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1978 and the draft Redundant Mine-workers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Alex Eadie, Sir William Elliott, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Timothy Smith, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mr. Alexander Wilson, and Mr. Robert Woof.

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 Reorganisation of the Housing Executive, viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Carol Mather, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Airey Neave, and Mr. Stan Thorne.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 1st March 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 71.1


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 made further 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 (Third Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 280].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 281-i].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to replace section 16(2)(a) of the Theft Act 1968 with other provision against fraudulent conduct ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Theft Bill [Lords]].

Wales Bill [2nd allotted day],—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 10 (Existing statutory functions).

Amendment (No. 43) proposed, in page 6, line 13, after the word “ Assembly ” to insert the words—

“ (a) may subject to subsections (7) and (8) of this section make laws to be called Welsh Assembly Acts ; and

(b) ”.—(Mr. Gwynfor Evans.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. George Thompson: 10.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Ted Graham: 104.

Another Amendment (No. 134) proposed, in page 6, to leave out lines 18 to 21.—
(Mr. Dafydd Wigley.)

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

Clause agreed to.

And it being Eleven o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask
leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. James Tinn reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill and moved, That the Committee may have leave
to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will to-morrow again resolve itself into the Committee.

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 draft Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) (No. 2) Order 1978, which was laid
before this House on 10th February, be approved—(Mr. James Tinn):—It was agreed to.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 11.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 2nd March 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Savings Banks.—Draft of a Warrant, entitled the Savings Banks (Registrar’s Fees) (Amendment) Warrant 1978 [by Act].

Taxes.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and Inheritances and on Gifts) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 45, 1977).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on
26th March 1976, between the European Economic Community and Hong Kong on trade in textile products [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th February 1978, amending the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Civil Aviation,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 22nd February 1978, entitled the Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 241), and
(2) 23rd February 1978, entitled the Civil Aviation (Canadian Navigation Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 245)

[by Act].
Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production.—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1973, relating to—
(1) electronic computers, and
(2) miscellaneous chemicals
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. John Silkin:


Sea Fisheries.—Copies of Orders, dated—
(1) 21st February 1978, entitled the Menai Strait (West) Oyster, Mussel and Clam Fishery Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 243), and
(2) 1st March 1978, entitled the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 288)
[by Act].

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

Sex Discrimination.—Account of the Equal Opportunities Commission for the year ended 31st March 1977 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 279].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 2nd March 1978

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 Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Reorganisation of the Housing Executive ; Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Mobility Allowance Up-rating Order 1978 ; and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1978 and the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) Order 1978.

[No. 72.]

Friday, 3rd March, 1978.

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).

Kidney Donors.—Resolved, That this House recognises the need to amend the Human Tissue Act to allow a "contracting out" scheme, whereby medical authorities may remove for transplant, once clinical death has been established by two doctors, the organs of any person, other than those who have registered in their lifetime that they do not want kidneys and other organs removed.—(Mr. Tam Dalyell.)

Concessionary Travel for Old People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, whilst recognising that the Government felt it necessary to prohibit new schemes for concessionary bus fares or an extension of existing such schemes as part of a national economic plan, welcomes the raising of the embargo on such new or extended schemes now, and believes that priority should be given for a nationwide scheme to be introduced as in other countries rather than to rely upon local authorities to take the initiative.—(Mr. John Farr):—Debate arising:

And it being Four o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Abortion (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abortion (Amendment) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th April.

Naval Defence (Inquiry) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Defence (Inquiry) Bill:

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

Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill:

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

Sea Fish (Conservation) (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fish (Conservation) (Amendment) Bill:

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

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 draft Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 9th February, 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 Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th February, 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-nine minutes to Five o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 3rd March 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Weights and Measures.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Hardware, Textiles and Floor Coverings) (Restriction on Imperial Units) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st March 1978, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 293) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:


(1) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Locally Engaged Ratings’ Disablement) Order 1978, and

(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Reservists’ Attributable Benefits) Order 1978 [by Act].

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the Petition [17th February] from the National Campaign for Nursery Education for the provision of nursery education in accordance with local needs and the wishes of parents [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the Petition [1st February] from Croydon and elsewhere for support in a proposed appeal for a reduction in the numbers of Russian and Japanese killings of whales [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Supreme Court of Judicature.—Copy of Rules, dated 23rd February 1978, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment) (Bail) 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 251) [by Act].

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 106 (Chairmen’s Panel), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. David Watkins to be a member of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session, in the place of Mr. Alan Fitch.

[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).

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 6th March.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 6th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 282-i].

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 the Motion relating to the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 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. James Tinn.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 15th February, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Industries Development (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 7th February, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

Northern Ireland.—A motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Property (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr. James A. Dunn);

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

Tuesday, 7th March, 1978;

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

Resolved, That the draft Property (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved.
Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 7th February, be approved—(Mr. J. D. Cuscannon);

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

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 15th February, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Firearms (Northern Ireland),—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1977, No. 360), dated 15th December 1977, a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th December 1977.—(Mr. John Farr.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.39 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 6th March 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Coal Industry.—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd February 1978, entitled the Opencast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 255) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd February 1978, entitled the Appeals and Valuation Appeal Committee Procedure (Scotland) Regulations 1978 (S.I. 1978, No. 252) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th February 1978, entitled the Agriculture (Forms of Notices to Remedy) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 258) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:
Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated—

(1) 9th February 1978, entitled the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Disability Awards) Order 1978,

(2) 9th February 1978, entitled the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings' Disability Awards) Order 1978,

(3) 9th February 1978, entitled the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Disability Awards) Order 1978,

(4) 9th February 1978, entitled the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Widows' Attributable Pensions) Order 1978,

(5) 9th February 1978, entitled the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Widows' Attributable Pensions) Order 1978, and

(6) 1st March 1978, entitled the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings' Attributable and Non-attributable Death Awards) Order 1978 [by Act].

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute, made by the Governing Body of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, on 14th December 1977, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


[No. 74.]

Tuesday, 7th March, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill;

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

British Railways (Selby) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (Selby) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday at Seven o'clock.

Orkney Islands Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Orkney Islands Council Bill;

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

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill;

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

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee 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 March and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xxiii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xxiv].

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 (Fourth Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 286].

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 7th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 179-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 (Twelfth Report).

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

Employment Subsidies Bill,—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Employment Subsidies Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 76].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 285].
Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 74].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 283].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to abandoned vehicles and other refuse; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Bill [Lords].

Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Bill [Lords].—The Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 77].

New Member sworn.—Vivian Walter Hough Bendall, Esquire, Member for Redbridge, Ilford North, was sworn.

Disabled Persons (Mobility after Retirement).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise payment from the National Insurance Fund to persons over pensionable age of a mobility allowance equivalent to any mobility allowance awarded to them before reaching that age: And that Mr. Tony Newton, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Giles Shaw, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Sir George Younger, and Mr. Michael Mates, do prepare and bring it in.

Disabled Persons (Mobility after Retirement) Bill.—Mr. Tony Newton accordingly presented a Bill to authorise payment from the National Insurance Fund to persons over pensionable age of a mobility allowance equivalent to any mobility allowance awarded to them before reaching that age: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 73].

Wales Bill [3rd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Schedule No. 2 (Existing statutory functions).

Amendments (Nos. 50 and 51) made.

Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed, in page 37, column 1, to leave out lines 2 to 26 and insert the words—

"The Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70) sections 55, 68(1) to (7) and 74 and Parts V to IX, XI and XII."—(Mr. John Smith.)

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

And it being Seven o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [1st March], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and agreed to.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions on the Amendments to the Bill, moved by a member of the Government.

Other Amendments (Nos. 54 to 60, 208 to 210, 65, 69, 212 and 213) made.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Seven o'clock.

Question put, That this Schedule, as amended, be the Second Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. James Tinn: 222.


Schedule No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Cultural and recreative activities).

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

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham: 223.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Jim Lester: 191.

Clause No. 12 agreed to.
Clause No. 13 (Review of local government structure).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. James Hamilton: 213.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr. John MacGregor: 206.

Clauses Nos. 14 and 15 agreed to.
Clause No. 16 (Standing orders).
Amendment (No. 220) proposed, in page 7, line 17, at the end, to add the words—
"(4) The standing orders shall not have effect until they have been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament."—(Mr. Leon Brittan.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 17 (Pecuniary interests).
Amendment (No. 80) proposed, in page 7, line 23, at the end, to insert the words "and such disclosures of pecuniary interest shall be entered in a register, compiled in such a form as the standing orders shall provide, and deposited with the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council."—(Mr. Andrew Bennett.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 18 (Subject committees).
Amendment (No. 177) proposed, in page 7, to leave out lines 31 to 36 and insert the words—
"(1) The Assembly may appoint committees for the discharge of any of its functions"—(Sir David Renton.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising;
And it being Eleven o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [1st March], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. John MacGregor: 177.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn: 203.
The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eleven o'clock.
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 201.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Anthony Berry: 173.
Clauses Nos. 19 to 24 agreed to.
The Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jim Marshall 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.

European Parliament (Membership).—Ordered, That with effect from 13th March Mr. Christopher Price and Mr. John Evans be discharged from membership of the European Parliament and that Mr. George Cunningham and Mr. Alan Fitch be designated members of the European Parliament.
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. Jim Marshall):—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, if being then three minutes to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Tuesday 7th March 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Supply Estimates (Excesses), 1976-77,—Statement of the sums required to be voted in order to make good excesses on certain grants for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 244].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Arms and Ammunition,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th February 1978, entitled the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 267) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Austria (No. 1, 1978),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at London on 17th November 1977, amending the Convention between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Austria for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income signed at London on 30th April 1969 (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Shore:


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

Northern Ireland (Trading and Other Accounts),—Copy of Northern Ireland Trading and Other Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1977; 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. 213].

MEMORANDUM
Tuesday 7th March 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) Order 1978 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 75.]

Wednesday, 8th March, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment 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 Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 75].

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one 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 (Seventeenth Report). Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-xvii]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-xvii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 8th March. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-xv].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 8th March. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 281-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 8th March. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [198-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 8th March. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-ii].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 8th March: and the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report). Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 291]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 291].

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

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Mobility Allowance Up-rating Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 23rd February. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 288].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Wells reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1978 and the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 27th February. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 289].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Social Security Pensions (Home Responsibilities and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

Finance (Reduction of Taxation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with respect to the reduction of taxation; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Nicholas Ridley and Mr. Ian Gow, do prepare and bring it in.

Finance (Reduction of Taxation) Bill.—Mr. Nicholas Ridley accordingly presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the reduction of taxation; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th May and to be printed [Bill 79].

Wales Bill [4th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 25 (Staff).

Amendment (No. 83) proposed, in page 10, line 10, at the end, to add the words "but in no circumstances shall it be regarded as appropriate that any person be not appointed in any role as an officer or servant of the Assembly because of lack of knowledge of Welsh and if any person fails to secure a post as such an officer or servant because of his
lack of knowledge of Welsh then he shall have a tortious cause of action enabling him to pursue a claim for damages against the Assembly in the County Court or High Court whichever is the appropriate jurisdiction".—(Mr. Leo Abse.)

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

And it being Seven o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [1st March], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Seven o'clock.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Cox: 196.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr. John MacGregor: 169.

Clauses Nos. 26 to 32 agreed to.

Clause No. 33 (Remuneration).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Tinn: 194.

Tellers for the Noes, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Jim Lester: 165.

Clause No. 34 agreed to.

Clause No. 35 (Power of Secretary of State to prevent or require action).

Amendment (No. 225) proposed, in page 12, line 6, to leave out from the word "would" to the second word "or" in line 7 and insert the words "affect, directly or indirectly, any matter with respect to which the Assembly has no power to act".—(Mr. Francis Pym.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Sir George Young: 132.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Tinn: 169.

Another Amendment (No. 229) proposed, in page 12, line 42, to leave out from the word "Parliament" to the word "and" in line 1 on page 13.—(Mr. Leon Brittan.)

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

And it being Eleven o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jim Marshall 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.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.28 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 8th March 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Housing,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Housing (Homeless Persons) (Appropriate Arrangements) (No. 2) Order 1978 [by Act].


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Mr. Secretary Benn:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Fair Trading,—Copy of the Report of the Director General of Fair Trading for 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 228].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fourth 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 Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) Order 1978, viz.: Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. James Dempsey, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Patrick Wall, Mr. Hamish Watt, and Mr. Alexander Wilson.

[No. 76.]


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).

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committees).—Sir Edward Brown reported from the Committee on the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next at half-past Ten o'clock.

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Mr. Antony Buck 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 (Second Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 296].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Mr. Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 8th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 295-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 fresh provision for matrimonial proceedings in magistrates' courts; to amend enactments relating to other proceedings so as to eliminate certain differences between the law relating to those proceedings and the law relating to matrimonial proceedings in magistrates' courts; to extend section 15 of the Justices of the Peace Act 1949, to amend Part II of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1952; to amend the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972; to amend certain enactments relating to adoption; and for purposes connected with those matters; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House (Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords]).

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to raise the amounts of deposits which an industrial and provident society may take without thereby carrying on the business of banking; and to authorise the further alteration of those amounts from time to time; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House (Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords]).
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision with respect to the constitution, jurisdiction and proceedings of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland; to establish as part of that Court a Crown Court to try indictments and exercise other jurisdiction in Northern Ireland in relation to criminal cases and to abolish courts of assize there and deal with their jurisdiction; to make, as respects Northern Ireland, provision for the administration of courts; to provide for certain rules of law in judicial matters in Northern Ireland and to amend the law regarding county courts, magistrates' courts and justices of the peace in Northern Ireland and otherwise with respect to the administration of justice there; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords]].

Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords].—The Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 80].

Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 81].

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. Joseph Harper.)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, proceedings on the British Railways (Selby) Bill, set down for consideration at Seven o'clock by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means, shall, instead of being considered at that hour, be considered at Ten o'clock, and may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour. —(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Supply [11th 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, 1978-79 (Navy)

Vote A

1. The Question being put, That during the year ending on 31st March 1979 a number not exceeding 78,000 Officers, Ratings and Royal Marines be maintained for Naval Service:—It was agreed to.

Defence Estimates, 1978-79 (Army)

Vote A

2. The Question being put, That during the year ending on 31st March 1979 a number not exceeding 183,500 all ranks be maintained for Army Service, a number not exceeding 65,000 for the Regular Reserve, a number not exceeding 84,000 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, 1978-79 (Air)

Vote A

3. The Question being put, That during the year ending on 31st March 1979 a number not exceeding 88,900 all ranks be maintained for Air Force Service, a number not exceeding 10,775 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, 1977-78

4. The Question being put, That a further Supplementary sum not exceeding £786,995,000 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 1978, for expenditure on Civil and Defence Services, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 183, 184 and 214:—It was agreed to.

Civil and Defence Estimates, Excesses, 1976-77

5. The Question being put, That a sum not exceeding £18,620,295.71 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 1977, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 244:—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. 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 78].

Supply.—The House again proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

British Steel Corporation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the First, Second and Fifth Reports from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries in Session 1977-78 relating to the British Steel Corporation—(Sir Keith Joseph) ;

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "takes note of the First, Second and Fifth Reports from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, and accordingly calls upon Her Majesty's Government to bring forward proposals in consultation with the British Steel Corporation and the trade unions to secure a future for a modern competitive and profitable industry", instead thereof.—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made. The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 302.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. John Stradling Thomas : 254.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Main Question, so amended, being put ;
Resolved, That this House takes note of the First, Second and Fifth Reports from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, and accordingly calls upon Her Majesty's Government to bring forward proposals in consultation with the British Steel Corporation and the trade unions to secure a future for a modern competitive and profitable industry.

British Railways (Selby) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (Selby) Bill ;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—Debate arising ;
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning ;

Friday, 10th March, 1978 :

And the Question being put ;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Alec Woodall : 63.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Timothy Kitson, Mr. Giles Shaw : 6.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

Expenditure,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Select Committee on Expenditure be amended, by leaving out Mr. Frank Hooley and Mr. Eric Moonman and inserting Mr. John Watkinson and Mr. Tom Pendry.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Public Accounts,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th December 1974 relating to the Public Accounts Committee be amended, by leaving out Dr. Oonagh McDonald and Mr. Caerwyn Roderick and inserting Mr. John Evans and Mr. Hugh Jenkins.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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. Neil Kinnock and inserting Mr. David Stoddart.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes to One o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.46 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Thursday 9th March 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Income Tax,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Austria) Order 1978, and
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1978
[by Act].

Royal Hospital, Chelsea,—Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea (for services other than those voted by Parliament), in the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 292].

Mr. Secretary Owen:


Mr. Secretary Booth:
Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th February 1978, entitled the Explosives (Licensing of Stores) Variation of Fees Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 270) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Food and Drugs,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1978, entitled the Welfare Food (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 269) [by Act].


Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Social Security (Contributions) Consequential Amendment Regulations 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Weights and Measures,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Weighed out Foodstuffs) (Restriction on Imperial Units) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:


(1) the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 1) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 272), and
(2) the Transfer of Functions (Wales) (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 274) [by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 1st March 1978, entitled the War Pensions (Amendment of Previous Instruments) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 278) [by Act].

Papers 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 1977-78 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 246].

Tithes,—Accounts of the sums received into and paid out of the Redemption Annuities Account, and the Redemption Stock Sinking Fund, for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 294].

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 Sir George Young (nominated in respect of the Medical Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jim Lester.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 9th March 1978

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 Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill; Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Medical Bill [Lords]; and Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) Order 1978.

In pursuance of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919, Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. William van Straubenzee to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee in the place of Mr. John Cordle.

[No. 77.]

Friday, 10th March, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Patents Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 216) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)
Labour's Programme for Britain.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of "Labour's Programme for Britain 1976"—(Mr. John Cope):—Debate arising;

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

Protection of Children Bill.—Ordered, That Standing Committee C be discharged from considering the Protection of Children Bill and that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Cyril D. Townsend.)

Committee upon Friday 14th April.

Naval Defence (Inquiry) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Defence (Inquiry) Bill;

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

Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill;

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

Sea Fish (Conservation) (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fish (Conservation) (Amendment) Bill;

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

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 Mobility Allowance Up-rating Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 7th 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 draft Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 15th 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 draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 15th February, be approved—(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-nine minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.31 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 10th March 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Malta.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 10th March 1978, relative to the gift of assets to the Government of Malta [by Command].

Bank Notes.—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 21st and 22nd February 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 297].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Miscellaneous (No. 8, 1978),—Report on the meeting held at Belgrade from 4th October 1977 to 9th March 1978 to follow up the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Local Government.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd March 1978, entitled the City of Sheffield (Local Act Repeal) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 316) [by Act].
Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Orders, dated 2nd March 1978, entitled—

(1) the Home Loss Payments (Scotland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 323), and

(2) the Town and Country Planning (Limit of Annual Value) (Scotland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 324)

[by Act].

Arms and Ammunition,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd March 1978, entitled the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 360) [by Act].

Housing (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 27th February 1978, entitled the Housing (Homeless Persons) (Property and Staff) (Scotland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 315) [by Act].

Nurses and Midwives,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Central Midwives Board for Scotland (Variation) Order 1978 [by Act].

Public Health (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 6th March 1978, entitled—

(1) the Public Health (Aircraft) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 370), and

(2) the Public Health (Ships) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 369)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

National Health Service,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 6th March 1978, entitled the Prescription Pricing Authority Constitution Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 331), and


[by Act].

Public Health,—Copies of Regulations, dated 28th February 1978, entitled—

(1) the Public Health (Aircraft) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 286), and

(2) the Public Health (Ships) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 287)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:


Mr. Secretary Varley:


Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Secretary Morris:


Mr. John Silkin:


Plant Breeders' Rights.—Copies of Regulations, dated 28th February 1978, entitled—
(1) the Plant Breeders' Rights Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 294), and
(2) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Fees) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 295)
[by Act].

Plant Breeders' Rights.—Copies of Schemes, dated 28th February 1978, entitled—
(1) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Broad Beans and Field Beans) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 297),
(2) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Brussels Sprouts) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 298),
(3) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Cabbages) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 299),
(4) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Celery (including Celeriac)) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 300),
(5) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Fenugreek) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 301),
(6) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Lupins) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 302),
(7) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Maize) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 303),
(8) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Marrow) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 304),
(9) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Red Fescue (including Chewings Fescue)) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 305),
(10) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Turnips) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 306),
(11) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Velvet bent, Red top, Creeping bent and Brown top) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 307), and
(12) the Plant Breeders' Rights (Wood Meadow-Grass, Swamp Meadow-Grass, Smooth Stalked Meadow-Grass and Rough Stalked Meadow-Grass Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 308)
[by Act].


Sugar.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd March 1978, entitled the Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 320) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Bill [Lords].—Report of the Attorney General on the Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

[No. 78.]
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 13th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 56-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 13th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 282-ii].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 13th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 300-i].
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 Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 303].

Road Accident (Compensation) Bill,—Mr. R. Graham Page presented a Bill to make provision for recovery (without proof of fault) of compensation for injury resulting from the use of a motor vehicle on a road and to require compulsory insurance in respect thereof; and for purposes in connection therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 21st April and to be printed [Bill 82].

Privilege,—Complaint having been made by Mr. Frederick Willey, Member for Sunderland North, of reports published in the Guardian newspaper and the Daily Mail newspaper on 8th March 1978 relating to the proceedings of the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges—(Mr. Frederick Willey);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. Alan Lee Williams: 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Max Madden: 70.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Defence,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House endorses Her Majesty's Government's policy set out in the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1978 (Command Paper No. 7099) 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);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "regrets that the defence policy of Her Majesty's Government during the last four years has damaged the security of the United Kingdom and has harmed the prospects of reaching international agreement on arms control and disarmament", instead thereof.—(Sir Ian Gilmour.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising; And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill [Lords], the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords] and the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 19 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and 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, without Amendment.
Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 20 agreed to.
Clause No. 21 (Proscribed organisations).
Amendment (No. 1) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 22 to 36 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 6 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.

Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Bill [Lords].—The Refuse Disposal (Amenity) 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 13 agreed to.
Schedules 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, without Amendment.

Currency and Bank Notes.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Fiduciary Note Issue (Extension of Period) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 224), dated 16th February 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st February, be annulled—(Mr. Nigel Lawson);

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

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Joseph Harper):—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-eight minutes past Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.28 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Monday 13th March 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Expenditure,—Copy of Government Observations on the Tenth Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1976-77, relating to the attainments of the school leaver [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
National Health Service,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th March 1978, entitled the Central Health Services Council (Variation of Constitution) Amendment Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 339) [by Act].
Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 9th March 1978, entitled Personal Injuries (Civilians) (Amendment) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 384) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Price Commission,—Copies of the Reports of the Price Commission relating to—
(1) the Ever Ready Company (Great Britain) Ltd—dry (primary) batteries, and
(2) Cadbury Schweppes Foods Ltd—grocery products
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 284 and 293].

[No. 79.]

Tuesday, 14th March, 1978.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Orkney Islands Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Orkney Islands Council Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill.
Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 14th March and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifteenth Report).
Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xxv].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xxvi].
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. 301].

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 on 1st and 15th February, and an Appendix: 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. 302].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 179-vii].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to give effect to the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism; to amend the law relating to the extradition of criminals and the obtaining of evidence for criminal proceedings outside the United Kingdom; to confer jurisdiction in respect of certain offences committed outside the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords]].

Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords].—The Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 86].

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 14th March to be printed [No. 68-v].

House of Commons (Administration) Bill.—Mr. Michael Foot, supported by Mr. Charles Morris and Mr. Arthur Bottomley, presented a Bill to make further provision for the administration of the House of Commons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 83].

Statute of Westminster Bill.—Mr. Ronald Bell presented a Bill to restore freedom of speech and action in spheres recently invaded by prescription, and to provide for the consequent repeal of certain Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 85].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Social Security (Contributions) Consequential Amendment Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. [Mr. Donald Coleman].

Mortgages.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require building societies to lend a proportion of their total annual advances to local authorities at the societies' current interest rate, to enable the authorities to provide more mortgages to local house buyers unable to obtain them from building societies—(Mr. Frank Allaun);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Joseph Dean : 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Robert Adley : 165.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Arthur Latham, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Julius Silverman, and Mr. Brian Sedgemore, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mortgages Bill.—Mr. Frank Allaun accordingly presented a Bill to require building societies to lend a proportion of their total annual advances to local authorities at the societies' current interest rate, to enable the authorities to provide more mortgages to local house
buyers unable to obtain them from building societies; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th April and to be printed [Bill 84].

Defence.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment to the Question proposed yesterday, That this House endorses Her Majesty's Government's policy set out in the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1978 (Command Paper No. 7099) 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;

Which Amendment was, in line 1, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question, and add the words "regrets that the defence policy of Her Majesty's Government during the last four years has damaged the security of the United Kingdom and has harmed the prospects of reaching international agreement on arms control and disarmament", instead thereof;

And the Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 246.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 285.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Ted Graham: 276.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 246.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House endorses Her Majesty's Government's policy set out in the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1978 (Command Paper No. 7099) 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.

Industrial Training.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 22nd February, be approved—(Mr. John Golding);

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

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

Resolved, That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 22nd February, be approved.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.30 a.m.]

Treaty Series (No. 19, 1978),—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 Luxembourg on 28th June 1977, opening tariff preferences for products covered by that Community and originating in Egypt [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st November 1977 to 31st January 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 287].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st February 1978, entitled the Shoreham Port Authority Revision Order 1978; with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Transport under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Greater London Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill,—Report of the Attorney General on the Greater London Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

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

Government Trading Funds,—Accounts of the Royal Mint Trading Fund as at 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 304].

Sea Fish Industry,—Accounts of the sums received into and paid out of the Herring Marketing Fund, and of receipts and payments of grants by the White Fish Authority and by the Herring Industry Board, in the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 305].

Supreme Court of Judicature,—Copy of Rules, dated 28th February 1978, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment No. 2) 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 359) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 14th March 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Patents Rules 1978 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Social Security (Contributions) Consequential Amendment Regulations 1978 and the draft Social Security Pensions (Home Responsibilities and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1978 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 80.]


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

PRAYERS.

Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill,—The Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment 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).

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Commons Registration (Cardiganshire) 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 Commons Registration (Cardiganshire) Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—Sir Edward Brown reported from the Committee on the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; 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 (Eighteenth Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-xviii].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 15th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-iii].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Mr. Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 15th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 295-ii].

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

Employment Protection Bill.—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Employment Protection Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 14th April; and to be printed [Bill 89].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 309].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 288), referred to a Committee on 7th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 306].

Theatres Trust (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. David Crouch, supported by Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Jim Craigen, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, and Mr. James White, presented a Bill to extend the Theatres Trust Act 1976 to Scotland:

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 21st April and to be printed [Bill 88].

Representation of the People (Deposits and Nominations).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to change the Parliamentary Elections Rules in respect of the validity of nominations—(Mr. Greville Janner):

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. Ronald Atkins, Mr. John Sever: 158.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Nicholas Scott: 60.

So the Question was agreed to.
Ordered, That Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. John Davies, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. Peter Walker, Sir Harold Wilson, and Mr. John Sever, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Representation of the People (Deposits and Nominations) Bill.—Mr. Greville Janner accordingly presented a Bill to change the Parliamentary Election Rules in respect of the validity of nominations: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th May and to be printed [Bill 87].

Trustee Savings Banks Bill.—The Trustee Savings Banks Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committee of Bills).

Employment Subsidies Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Employment Subsidies Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Parliamentary control of expenditure)—(Mr. John Golding)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) 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.

Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Minor amendments)—(Mr. Frank McElhone)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

An Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 16, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3A) An order under this section which provides for the matters described in subsection (3) above shall be accompanied by a report setting out the considerations which led the Secretary of State to make such provision".—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 23, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4A) In making an order under this section the Secretary of State shall show that payments in lieu of rates to be made by certain public utilities and bodies and by certain undertakings shall increase or decrease in proportion to the general level of rates paid by industry in Scotland."—(Mr. Alexander Fletcher.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 10, to leave out Clause 5.—(Mr. Alexander Fletcher.)

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

A Schedule (Minor amendments)—(Mr. Frank McElhone)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Prevention of Terrorism.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976 (Continuance) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 23rd February, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Rees);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper: 118.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Miss Jo Richardson: 21.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976 (Continuance) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 23rd February, be approved.

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 half-past Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.30 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 15th March 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:


Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes dated 23rd, 24th, 27th and 28th February 1978 relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 307].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Civil Liability,—Report of the Royal Commission on Civil Liability and Compensation for Personal Injury [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Millan:


Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training,—Copies of Orders, dated 6th March 1978, entitled—

(1) the Industrial Training Levy (Air Transport and Travel) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 362), and

(2) the Industrial Training Levy (Distributive Board) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 363)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 7th March 1978, entitled the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (Commencement No. 12) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 367), and


[by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of the Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee, preceded by a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services, on the Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 39) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 290].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Transport,—Statement of determination of the salary payable to a member of the Board [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:


Mr. John Silkin:

Agriculture,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 8th March 1978, entitled the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 380) [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. Stan Thorne (nominated in respect of the Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ron Thomas.
First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Patents Rules 1978, viz.: Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mr. Joan Evans, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. A. G. F. Hall-Davis, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. John Nott, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. William Shelton, 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 draft Social Security (Contributions) Consequential Amendment Regulations 1978 and the draft Social Security Pensions (Home Responsibilities and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1978, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Sir Bernard Braine, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Tony Newton, and Mr. Laurie Pavitt.

[No. 811

Thursday, 16th March, 1978.

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.

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

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 15th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 300-ii].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Technological Innovation Sub-Committee on 16th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 316-d].

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

Inner Urban Areas Bill,—Miss Janet Fookes reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Inner Urban Areas Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 91].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 313].

Medical Bill [Lords],—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Medical Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 90].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 315].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Local Government (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Public Expenditure,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of " The Government's Expenditure Plans 1978-79 to 1981-82 " (Command Paper No. 7049) ; and approves the plans to increase public expenditure in view of the need to reduce unemployment and improve public services—(Mr. Joel Barnett) ;

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 " declines to approve a White Paper which fails to restore a proper balance between capital and current expenditure, and which leaves inadequate scope for the reductions in taxation needed to create a healthy and thriving economy "; instead thereof.—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 294.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Ted Graham: 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 258.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of “The Government's Expenditure Plans, 1978-79 to 1981-82” (Command Paper No. 7049); and approves the plans to increase public expenditure in view of the need to reduce unemployment and improve public services.

Economic and Monetary Union and Co-ordination of National Economic Policies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of EEC Commission Documents Nos. COM (77) 620 final, R/2355/77 and R/415/78 on Economic and Monetary Union and Co-ordination of National Economic Policies—(Mr. Denzil Davies);

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.


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

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

Friday, 17th March, 1978:

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.25 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 16th March 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 6, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 30th June 1977, extending the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Housing (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd March 1978, entitled the Housing (Limits of Rateable Value for Improvement Grants) (Scotland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 381) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Pensions.—Copies of Orders, dated 14th March 1978, entitled—
(1) the National Insurance Commissioners’ Pensions (Preservation of Benefits) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 407), and
(2) the National Insurance Commissioners’ Pensions (Requisite Benefits) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 408)
[by Act].

Social Security.—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 9th March 1978, entitled the Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 393),
(2) 9th March 1978, entitled the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 394),
(4) 14th March 1978, entitled the Social Security (Contributions) (Special Annual Maximum) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 410),
(5) 14th March 1978, entitled the Social Security (Credits) Amendment and (Earnings Factor) Transitional Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 409), and
[by Act].

Social Security.—Copy of the Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee, preceded by a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services, on the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 423) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 308].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Inventions,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th March 1978, entitled the Development of Inventions (Increase of Limits) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 382) [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. Jim Lester (nominated in respect of the Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee Bill); and had appointed in substitution Sir George Young.

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. John Gosta (nominated in respect of the Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Norman Tebbit.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 16th March 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Patents Rules 1978; and Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Social Security (Contributions) Consequential Amendment Regulations 1978 and the draft Social Security Pensions (Home Responsibilities and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1978.
Friday, 17th March, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills (Petition for additional Provision) (Standing Orders not complied with).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for additional Provision in the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

British Railways Bill.

Report referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Aldermaston and elsewhere against the bringing back to full operational use of RAF Greenham Common was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 14th and 15th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 105-xvi and xviii].

Papua New Guinea (Gift of a Clock).—Mr. Robert Mellish acquainted the House, That the Members who had been given leave of absence on 20th February to present, on behalf of the House, a Clock for the Clerk’s table to the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea, had presented the said Clock.

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the draft Housing (Homeless Persons) (Appropriate Arrangements) (No. 2) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Weighed out Foodstuffs) (Restriction on Imperial Units) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Family Policy, Politics and Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, recognising that meeting the needs of families will require more public education, political discussion and improved representation, calls on the Government to respond to the creation of a family movement and to consider publishing an annual Family Policy Review—(Mr. Peter Bottomley);

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

Job Evaluation and Wage Bargaining.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets the rejection by the Department of Employment of an arbitration decision made by an independent adjudicator appointed by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service; and considers that the basic rates of wages paid to certain categories of building trades craftsmen employed by Cadbury-Schweppes Ltd. at their factory in Bourneville, Selly Oak, Birmingham, should be raised in accordance with the mutually agreed job evaluation criteria used in that organisation for the purpose of determining basic wage rates and generally acceptable wage differentials—(Mr. Tom Litterick);—Debate arising;

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

Internationally Protected Persons Bill. Ordered, That Standing Committee C be discharged from considering the Internationally Protected Persons Bill and that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. William Whitlock.)

Committee upon Friday 14th April.

Naval Defence (Inquiry) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Naval Defence (Inquiry) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 21st April.

Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 21st April.

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.26 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

Glasgow, Garscadden, 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 Burgh Constituency of Glasgow, Garscadden, in the room of William Watson Small, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Michael Cocks).

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 agreed to a Special Report, which they directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Special Report).

Expenditure,— Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Special Report).

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 March.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Civil Aviation Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Civil Aviation Bill,—Lords Amendment to the Civil Aviation Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 94].

Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill,—Mr. Secretary Rees, supported by Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Secretary Williams, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Brynmor John, presented a Bill to extend until 31st December 1981 the period during which television and local sound broadcasting services are to be provided by the Independent Broadcasting Authority and to exclude section 4(2) and (5) of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Act 1973 in relation to proceedings in Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 92].

Sittings of the House,—Resolved, That this House do meet on Thursday 23rd March at Eleven o'clock, that no Questions be taken after Twelve o'clock, and that at Five o'clock Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without putting any Question.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Adjournment (Easter and May Day),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House at its rising on Thursday 23rd March do adjourn till Monday 3rd April and at its rising on Friday 28th April do adjourn till Tuesday 2nd May.—(Mr. Donald Coleman):

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Frank R. White and Mr. Joseph Harper were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, and Mr. John Lee was appointed Teller for the Noes, but no Member being willing to act as a second Teller for the Noes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Resolved, That this House at its rising on Thursday 23rd March do adjourn till Monday 3rd April and at its rising on Friday 28th April do adjourn till Tuesday 2nd May.

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 (No. 2) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—Debate arising;
And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

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

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate;
And the House having continued to sit after Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 21st March, 1978:

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.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jim Marshall 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.

Sound Broadcasting.—Ordered, That Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Robert Mellish, Sir Anthony Royle, and Mr. Nigel Spearing, be members of the Select Committee on Sound Broadcasting.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes past Seven o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Adjourned at 7.22 a.m.

APPENDIX


Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:
European Communities,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1978,
(2) the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 2) Order 1978, and
(3) the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 3) Order 1978
(by Act).

Mr. Secretary Millian:
Transport,—Statement of determination of the salaries payable on appointment to—
(1) the Chairman, and
(2) a part-time member
of the Scottish Transport Group [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Mr. Secretary Shore:

Countryside Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Countryside Commission for the year ended 30th September 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 273].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:


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 Bassetlaw District Council (Sandhill Lake) Appropriation 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)]:—


MEMORANDUM

Monday 20th March 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee Bill; and Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Gun Barrel Proof Bill [Lords].

[No. 84.]

Tuesday, 21st March, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Orkney Islands Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Orkney Islands Council Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 4th April.

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 4th April.

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 (Sixteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xxvii].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 20th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 300-iii].
Gun Barrel Proof Bill [Lords].—Mr. Peter Doig reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Gun Barrel Proof 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. 319].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Social Security Pensions (Home Responsibilities and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1978 and the draft Social Security (Contributions) Consequential Amendment Regulations 1978, referred to a Committee on 8th and 14th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 320].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Customs Annuity and Benevolent Fund Bill, without Amendment.

Co-operative Development Agency Bill.—Mr. Secretary Varley, supported by Mr. Secretary Shore, Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Secretary Dell, Mr. John Silkin, Mr. Secretary Hattersley, Mr. Charles Morris, Mr. Alan Williams, and Mr. Bob Cryer, presented a Bill to establish a Co-operative Development Agency; 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 93].

Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee. (Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

Endangered Species (Import and Export).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act 1976 to improve the protection given to endangered species; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Jasper More, Mrs. Joyce Buller, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Peter Hardy, and Mr. Richard Page, do prepare and bring it in.

Endangered Species (Import and Export) Bill.—Mr. Robin Hodgson accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act 1976 to improve the protection given to endangered species; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 21st April and to be printed [Bill 95].

Agriculture Price Proposals and Milk.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents R/3200/77, R/3200/77 Addendum 1 and R/545/78 on agricultural prices, and Document R/27/78 on the Milk Marketing Boards; supports the Government's intention to negotiate a settlement which, taking into account the interests of consumers as well as producers, helps to secure a better balance of the market, particularly in those sectors with a structural surplus; welcomes the Commission's proposals to safeguard the essential functions of the Milk Marketing Boards; and supports the Government's intention to seek the changes necessary to ensure the continued stability of arrangements for marketing milk in the United Kingdom—(Mr. John Silkin);

The Question was amended, in line 4, by leaving out from the word ' Boards ' to the end of the Question and adding the words ' calls upon the Government to insist upon the maximum restraint on all Common Agricultural Policy prices and especially on the prices for milk products, cereals, sugar and other products in structural surplus as a result of the operation of the Common Agricultural Policy and to press for an agreement which fully safeguards the Milk Marketing Boards and the discharge of their essential functions ', instead thereof.—(Mr. Robin Corbett.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents R/3200/77, R/3200/77 Addendum 1 and R/545/78 on agricultural prices, and Document R/27/78 on the Milk Marketing Boards; calls upon the Government to insist upon the maximum restraint on all Common Agricultural Policy prices and especially on the prices for milk products, cereals, sugar and other products in structural surplus as a result of the operation of the Common Agricultural Policy and to press for an agreement which fully safeguards the Milk Marketing Boards and the discharge of their essential functions.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the consideration of the Lords Amendment to the Civil Aviation Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)
Mediterranean Agriculture and Wine.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents R/3197/77, R/3197/77 Addendum 1, R/3270/77 and R/402/78 on Mediterranean agriculture and the wine sector.—(Mr. Gavin Strang.)

Civil Aviation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the Civil Aviation Bill; and the same was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.7 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 21st March 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Oil,—Copy of a Government statement, entitled The Challenge of North Sea Oil [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Broadcasting,—Statement of determination of the salary payable to the Chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority [by Act].

Gaming,—Copy of the Report of the Gaming Board for Great Britain for 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 278].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 7, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 9th July 1976 between the European Economic Community and the Government of Japan, on trade in textiles (with Exchange of Notes) [by Command].

European Communities (No. 9, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 20th January 1977 between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Colombia, on trade in textile products [by Command].

European Communities (No. 10, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 13th January 1977 between the European Economic Community and the Federative Republic of Brazil, on trade in textile products [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

University Grants Committee,—Copy of the Annual Survey of the University Grants Committee for 1976-77 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Expenditure,—Copy of Government Observations on the First Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1977-78, relating to defence expenditure [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Violence in the Family,—Copy of Government Observations on the First Report from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family, Session 1976-77, relating to violence to children [by Command].

Health Services,—Copy of the Report of the Health Services Board for 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 276].


Social Security,—Copy of the Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee, preceded by a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services, on the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 433) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 314].

Mr. Attorney General:

King’s College London Bill,—Report of the Attorney General on the King’s College London Bill [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

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

Government Trading Funds,—Accounts of the Property Services Agency Supplies Trading Fund as at 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 322].
Health Services,—Account of the receipts and payments of the Health Services Board for the period 22nd November 1976 to 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 323].

Highlands and Islands Development Board,—Accounts of the Highlands and Islands Development Board for the year ended 31st March 1977, with the Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 324].

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Accounts of the sums recovered by the Secretary of State for Industry under Orders made under section 9 of the Industrial Organisation and Development Act 1947 and of their disposal, for the year ended 31st March 1977, viz.:—

(1) Cutlery and Stainless Steel Flatware Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Account,
(2) Hosiery and Knitwear Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Account,
(3) Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Account,
(4) Wool Textile (Export Promotion Levy) Account, and
(5) Wool Textile Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Account;
with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 325].

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 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 326].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 21st March 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Trustee Savings Banks Bill to Standing Committee D.

[No. 85.]

Wednesday, 22nd March, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

British Transport Docks [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to British Transport Docks [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to empower the British Transport Docks Board to construct, at Derrythorpe and East Butterwick, works consisting of mooring dolphins with interconnecting walkways, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State—

(a) in reimbursing the Board with such proportion of the costs, charges and expenses reasonably incurred and properly paid by them in connection with the preparation, obtaining and passing of the said Act as is attributable to the provisions of the said Act relating to those works, and

(b) in reimbursing or indemnifying the Board in respect of expenditure or liabilities incurred by the Board under the said Act in connection with those works.—
(Mr. John Horam.)

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).
King's College London 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 King's College London Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

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. 29-xix].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-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 Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 22nd March.

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

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Patents Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 216), referred to a Committee on 10th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 321].

Nuclear Safeguards and Electricity (Finance) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Benn, supported by Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Frank Judd, Mr. Brynmor John, and Mr. Alex Eadie, presented a Bill to make provision for giving effect to an international agreement for the application of safeguards in the United Kingdom in connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons; and to authorise contributions by the Secretary of State to expenditure by the Central Electricity Generating Board in connection with the construction of the second stage of the Board's generating station at Drax: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 96].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Prescription Pricing Authority Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 332) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Prescription Pricing Authority Constitution Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 331) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Value-Added Tax Regulations (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the regulations with respect to the powers of the Commissioners and appeals to a value-added tax tribunal; to amend sections 31 and 40 of the Finance Act 1972; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. John Wakeham, Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. John Loveridge, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Richard Page, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, and Mr. Ian Gow, do prepare and bring it in.

Value-Added Tax Regulations (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. John Wakeham accordingly presented a Bill to amend the regulations with respect to the powers of the Commissioners and appeals to a value-added tax tribunal; to amend sections 31 and 40 of the Finance Act 1972; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 21st April and to be printed [Bill 97].

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 the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until Eleven o'clock.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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. Frank Hooley, Mr. David Penhaligon: 56.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper: 186.

So the Question was negatived.
Cyprus.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes
note of Commission Document No. S/2066/77 on Cyprus.—(Mr. Frank Judd);

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

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An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words “notes,
however, that the present agricultural agreement between the European Economic
Community and Cyprus is a temporary one, pending an extension of the Association
agreement which expired in June 1977; and urges the Government to press for the
conclusion of a permanent agreement as soon as possible which takes more account of
both the economic problems of Cyprus and the need to secure the United Kingdom’s
traditional supplies of agricultural products from Cyprus, especially potatoes.”.—(Mr.
Christopher Price.)

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

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the
Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary for the disposal of the
proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business).

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Amendment be made:—It was
agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. S/2066/77 on
Cyprus; notes, however, that the present agricultural agreement between the European
Economic Community and Cyprus is a temporary one, pending an extension of the
Association agreement which expired in June 1977; and urges the Government to press
for the conclusion of a permanent agreement as soon as possible which takes more
account of both the economic problems of Cyprus and the need to secure the United
Kingdom’s traditional supplies of agricultural products from Cyprus, especially potatoes.

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 leaving out Mr. A. G. F. Hall-Davis and inserting Mr. Roger Sims.—
(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.10 a.m.

APPENDIX

Wednesday 22nd March 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 9th March 1978, entitled the
Local Authorities Agency Arrangements (Staff Transfer and Protection) (Scotland) Order
1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 419) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Education.—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th March 1978, entitled the Teachers’
Superannuation (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 422) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Iron and Steel.—Copy of a Government statement, entitled The British Steel Corpora-
tion: the Road to Viability [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. John Silkin:


Mr. Attorney General:

Contempt of Court—Copy of a Paper, entitled Contempt of Court [by Command].

Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth) Bill [Lords]—Report of the Attorney General on the Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth) Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

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

Administration of Justice—Copy of the Accounts of Funds in Court in England and Wales for the year ended 28th February 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 327].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration—Copy of the Fourth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1977-78 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 312].

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 1977; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 328].

PRAYERS.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

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

Contingencies Fund, 1976-77—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts for the Contingencies Fund, 1976-77, showing (1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1977, and (2) the Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

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 Employment Subsidies Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Amendment Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

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

23rd March


Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Austria) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and Inheritance and on Gifts) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 380) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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 (Contributions) Consequential Amendment Regulations 1978, which were laid before this House on 9th March, 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 draft Social Security Pensions (Home Responsibilities and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1978, which were laid before this House on 24th February, be approved.—(Mr. Peter Snape):—It was agreed to.

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. Roger Sims and inserting Mr. Victor Goodhew.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday 3rd April, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 20th March.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 23rd March 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Contingencies Fund, 1976-77,—Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 1976-77, showing (1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1977, 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. 329].
Bank Notes.—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 7th March 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 330].

Forestry.—Accounts of the Forestry Commission Forestry Enterprise for the year ended 31st March 1977, 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 1977 [No. 168].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Civil Aviation.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Aviation Security Fund Regulations 1978 [by Act].

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th March 1978, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Certification of Deck Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 430) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. John Silkin:

Food and Drugs.—Copies of Orders, dated 21st March 1978, entitled—
(1) the Milk (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 469), and
(2) the Milk (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 470) [by Act].

Forestry.—Copy of the Report of the Forestry Commissioners for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Seeds.—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th March 1978, entitled the Seed Potatoes (Fees) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 428) [by Act].

[No. 87.]

Monday, 3rd April, 1978.

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 Alexander Wilson, Esquire, Member for Hamilton, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

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

Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords].—The Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th April and to be printed [Bill 98].

House of Commons (Administration) Bill.—Ordered, That the House of Commons (Administration) Bill be referred to a Second Reading Committee.——(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Public Health (Ships) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 369) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Public Health (Aircraft) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 370) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

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. Jim Marshall);

The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Gun Barrel Proof Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Gun Barrel Proof 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.

Public Health.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Public Health (Aircraft) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 286), dated 28th February 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th March, be annulled (Dr. Gerard Vaughan);

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. Jim Marshall.)

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

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. 11, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 30th June 1977, between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, on trade in textile products.


Shipping (Miscellaneous No. 4, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Rome on 23rd April 1977, between the European Commission of the Danube and the Governments of the French Republic, the Italian Republic, Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Hellenic Republic (with Declaration and Agreement with the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania) (the Agreements have not entered into force).

Treaty Series (No. 20, 1978),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Munich on 5th October 1973, on the grant of European patents (European Patent Convention), with related documents.


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:

28th March 1978


29th March 1978


Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd March 1978, entitled the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 490) [by Act].


31st March 1978

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st March 1978, entitled the Bread Prices (No. 2) Order 1976 (Amendment) (No. 5) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 516) [by Act].


Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 3rd April 1978:

Mr. Robert Sheldon :

Supreme Court of Judicature,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st March 1978, entitled the Funds in Court (Investment) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 468) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees :

Mr. Secretary Millan :
Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to household composition tables [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals :
National Health Service,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd March 1978, entitled the Central Health Services Council (Variation of Constitution) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 489) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell :
Insurance,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Insurance Companies (Authorisation and Accounts: General Business) Regulations 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley :
Manufacturing Undertakings,—Draft of an Order, entitled the National Enterprise Board (Financial Limits) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore :


Mr. Michael Foot :
Continental Shelf,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st March 1978, entitled the Continental Shelf (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 454) [by Act].

Fugitive Criminal,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 21st March 1978, entitled the France (Extradition) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 455) [by Act].


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

PRAYERS.

Writ issued during the Adjournment.—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that, during the Easter Adjournment, he had issued a Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Lambeth Central, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Marcus Lipton, C.B.E., deceased.

Commons Registration (Cardiganshire) Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Commons Registration (Cardiganshire) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Orkney Islands Council Bill.—The Orkney Islands Council Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sheffield General Cemetery 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, 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 the Report was brought up and read (Seventeenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xxvii].

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. 17-xiv].

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 with respect to proceedings in the United Kingdom by or against other States; to provide for the effect of judgments given against the United Kingdom in the courts of States parties to the European Convention on State Immunity; to make new provision with respect to the immunities and privileges of heads of State; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [State Immunity Bill [Lords]].

State Immunity Bill [Lords].—The State Immunity Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 100].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 389) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Inner City (Disposal of Vacant Public Land).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it compulsory for local authorities, nationalised industries, other public bodies and statutory undertakings to dispose of vacant land in their ownership in certain circumstances; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Timothy Raison, Mr. Fred Silvester, and Sir George Young, do prepare and bring it in.

Inner City (Disposal of Vacant Public Land) Bill.—Mr. Anthony Steen accordingly presented a Bill to make it compulsory for local authorities, nationalised industries, other public bodies and statutory undertakings to dispose of vacant land in their ownership in certain circumstances; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 99].

Wales Bill [5th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wales Bill.
Clause No. 35 (Power of Secretary of State to prevent or require action).

Another Amendment (No. 229) proposed, in page 12, line 42, to leave out from the word "Parliament" to the word "and" in line 1 on page 13.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising:

And it being Six o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [1st March], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 145.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Frank R. White: 170.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Six o'clock.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. Alf Bates: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Peter Morrison: 145.

Clauses Nos. 36 and 37 agreed to.

Schedule No. 4 agreed to.

Schedule No. 5 (Reserved local matters).

An Amendment (No. 296) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 38 (Industrial and economic guidelines).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Thomas Cox: 161.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 145.

Clause No. 39 disagreed to.

Clauses Nos. 40 and 41 agreed to.

Clause No. 42 (Welsh Consolidated Fund and Loans Fund).

Amendment (No. 239) proposed, in page 15, line 31, to leave out from the word "Fund" to the end of line 35.—(Mr. Nicholas Edwards.)

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

Question proposed, That the Amendment stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising:

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

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Thomas Cox: 142.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Peter Morrison: 125.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Thomas Cox: 142.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 121.

And it being after Eleven o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Frank R. White 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.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.51 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 4th April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd March 1978, entitled the Option Mortgage (Rates of Interest) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 83) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Electricity,—Copy of Government proposals for the re-organisation of the electricity supply industry in England and Wales [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Weights and Measures,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1978, entitled the Units of Measurement Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 484) [by Act].

Weights and Measures,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Potatoes) Order 1978, and
(2) the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Roads,—Copies of Reports, entitled—
(1) Policy for Roads: England 1978, and

Mr. Attorney General:

West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords].—Report of the Attorney General on the West Midlands County Council 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 Shoreham Port Authority Revision Order 1978 [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:

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines.—National Oil Account for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 331].
MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 4th April 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Housing (Homeless Persons) (Appropriate Arrangements) (No. 2) Order 1978 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Prescription Pricing Authority Regulations 1978, the Prescription Pricing Authority Constitution Order 1978 and the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1978 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1978 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Public Health (Ships) (Scotland) Regulations 1978 and the Public Health (Aircraft) (Scotland) Regulations 1978 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1978, the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 2) Order 1978 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 3) Order 1978 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Austria) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1978 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and Inheritances and on Gifts) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1978 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 89.]

Wednesday, 5th April, 1978.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—Ordered, That the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered upon Tuesday next.

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 1978 to 30th September 1979; 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 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 (Twentieth Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-xx].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee on 5th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 116-viii].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Technological Innovation Sub-Committee on 5th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 316-ii].

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

Standing Orders,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee a Resolution, as follows:

That in the case of the British Railways Bill, Petition for Additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: That the Parties be permitted to insert their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

The Resolution was agreed to.
Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 21st April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 334].

Investment Income Surcharge (Abolition).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish investment income surcharge—(Mr. John MacGregor);

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. John MacGregor, Mr. John Cope: 150.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Terry Walker, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar: 166.

So the Question was negatived.

Wales Bill (6th allotted day).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 43 (Payments out of Welsh Consolidated Fund).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising;

And it being Six o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [1st March], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham: 169.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 134.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Six o'clock.

Clauses Nos. 44 and 45 agreed to.

Clause No. 46 (Payments into Welsh Consolidated Fund out of moneys provided by Parliament).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. James Tinn: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr. Peter Morrison: 136.

Clauses Nos. 47 to 49 agreed to.

Clause No. 50 (Limitation of capital expenditure financed by borrowing).

Amendments (Nos. 215 and 216) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 51 (Welsh Comptroller and Auditor General).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Alf Bates: 167.


Clauses Nos. 52 to 58 agreed to.

Schedule No. 6 (Enactments authorising the lending of money).

An Amendment (No. 214) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 59 agreed to.

Clause No. 60 (Rate support and other grants).
An Amendment (No. 89) made.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. James Tinn : 128.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 112.

Clause No. 61 (Power to make new provisions as to certain bodies).

Amendment (No. 293) proposed, in page 24, to leave out lines 8 to 10.—(Mr. Leon Brittan.)

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

And it being Eleven o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Frank R. White 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.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.34 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 5th April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Nationalised Industries,—Copy of a Government statement on the nationalised industries [by Command].

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:

Immigration,—Statistics relating to the control of immigration in 1977 [by Command].

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Hospital Endowments,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Hospital Trust for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 311].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Iron and Steel,—Copy of the Accounts of the publicly-owned companies of the British Steel Corporation for the year ended 2nd April 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1978, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 481) [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 Estate Agents Bill, viz.: Mr. Bendall, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. Andrew MacKay, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Michael Neuberi, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Michael Ward, and Mr. Ken Weetch.

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 Rating Bill, viz.: Mr. Robert Cant, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mr. Geoffrey Finberg, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. John Rodgers, Mr. Peter Tapsell, Mr. William Wilson, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

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 Trustee Savings Bank Bill, viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Nicholas Budgen, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. David Price, Mr. Malcolm Rijkind, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Stan Thorne, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill (Lords), viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Brynmore John, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Edward Lyons, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. John Straddling Thomas, and Mr. John Watkinson.

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 House of Commons (Administration) Bill, viz.: Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mr. Robert Mellish, Mr. John Mendelson, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. William Price, Mr. Francis Pym, Mr. Cyril Smith, and Mr. William Whittock.

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 Housing (Homeless Persons) (Appropriate Arrangements) (No. 2) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Robert Banks, Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Dennis Caravan, Mr. James Dempsey, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Anthony Steen, 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 Prescription Pricing Authority Regulations 1978 and the Prescription Pricing Authority Constitution Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Robert Boscowen, Mrs. Lynda Chatker, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. George Thompson, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, and Mr. Dennis Walters.

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 Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. William Benyon, Mr. Edward Bishop, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Walter Padley, Mr. Paul B. Rose, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Andrew Swain, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Jerry Wiggins, 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 Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1978, viz.: Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. John Parker, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. James Scott-Hopkins, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Thomas Swain, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Andrew Welsh, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

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 Public Health (Ships) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 and the Public Health (Aircraft) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978, viz.: Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Grimond, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. David Lamont, Mr. John P. Mackintosh, Mr. Tom McMillan, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. Teddy Taylor, and Mr. George Younger.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1978, the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 2) Order 1978 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 3) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Peter Blake, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Colin Jackson, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Frank Judd, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Neil Morton, Mr. Roger Moore, Mr. Anthony Royle, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, Mr. Michael Ward, and Mr. Alan Lee Williams.

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 Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Austria) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1978 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and Inheritances and on Gifts) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Peter Horden, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. Frank Maguire, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. Stan Newton, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Peter Rix, Mr. Michael Shaw, Mr. Keith Stainton, Mr. Neville Trotter, and Mr. Terry Walker.

[No. 90.]

Thursday, 6th April, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

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 Plowden, the Lord Kearton and the Baroness Seear to attend to be examined as witnesses before Sub-Committee B appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries (Mr. Russell Kerr).

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 regulation and protection of Abingdon Market Place; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Abingdon Market Place Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the establishment of the Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; to declare the trusts upon which the property of the Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland shall be held, to make provision for the management and operation of the Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; to provide for the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the Presbyterian College, Belfast, and the Magee Theological College, Londonderry, to the Trustees of the Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Bill [Lords]].
Nationalised Industries,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Plowden, the Lord Kearton and the Baroness Seear to attend to be examined as witnesses before Subcommittee B appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, if their Lordships think fit.

Social Security (Kidney Patients) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 14th April, the Social Security (Kidney Patients) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Abingdon Market Place Bill [Lords].—The Abingdon Market Place Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Bill [Lords].—The Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitioners for Private Bills.

Social Security (Kidney Patients) (No. 2) Bill,—Sir George Young, supported by Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mr. George Younger, and Mr. Peter Morrison, presented a Bill to authorise payment from the National Insurance Fund to persons receiving kidney dialysis treatment of an allowance equivalent to attendance allowance: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th April and to be printed [Bill 101].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 490) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Magistrates’ Courts (Forms) (Amendment) Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 146) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill.—The Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Sanding Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Independent Broadcasting Authority [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Independent Broadcasting Authority [Money];

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend until 31st December 1981 the period during which television and local sound broadcasting services are to be provided by the Independent Broadcasting Authority, it is expedient to authorise the payment—

(a) out of money provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums payable under any other Act out of such money; and

(b) out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase in the sums payable under any other Act out of that Fund, where the increase is attributable to provisions of that Act extending the said period until that date.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

Ways and Means,—Independent Broadcasting Authority,—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to extend until 31st December 1981 the period during which television and local sound broadcasting services are to be provided by the Independent Broadcasting Authority, it is expedient to authorise the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any increase in the sums payable into that Fund under any other Act, which is attributable to provisions of that Act extending the said period until that date.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

Co-operative Development Agency Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Co-operative Development Agency 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, at this day’s sitting, the Co-operative Development Agency Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Co-operative Development Agency Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Co-operative Development Agency Bill be now read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Co-operative Development Agency [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Co-operative Development Agency [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish a Co-operative Development Agency, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums required by the Secretary of State for making grants to the Agency up to a maximum aggregate of £1,500,000;

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums received by the Secretary of State under that Act. (Mr. Ted Graham.)

Freshwater Fish and Shellfish Growth.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/2005/76 and R/2641/76 on Freshwater Fish and Shellfish Growth (Mr. Kenneth Marks);

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

Friday, 7th April, 1978:

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

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/2005/76 and R/2641/76 on Freshwater Fish and Shellfish Growth.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Order of the House of 17th March, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Weighed out Foodstuffs) (Restriction on Imperial Units) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged. (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 Ten o’clock on Thursday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes to One o’clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.31 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 6th April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Food and Drugs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th March 1978, entitled the Antioxidants in Food (Scotland) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 492) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Transport.—Statements of determination of the pensions payable to—

(a) nine members of the British Railways Board, and

(b) a member of the National Freight Corporation

[by Act].

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

Welsh Development Agency.—Copy of the Accounts of the Welsh Development Agency for the period 1st January 1976 to 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 335].

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. Jim Craigie (nominated in respect of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Andrew Bennett.
Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Dr. Gavin Strong (nominated in respect of the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1978); and had appointed in substitution Mr. E. S. Bishop.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Frank Judd (nominated in respect of the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1978); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Tomlinson.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 6th April 1978

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 C in respect of the Consumer Safety Bill; Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill; Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the House of Commons (Administration) Bill; Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords]; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Prescription Pricing Authority Constitution Order 1978 and the Prescription Pricing Authority Regulations 1978; Mr. David Watkins Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1978; and Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Public Health (Ships) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 and the Public Health (Airframe (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978.

[No. 91.]

Friday, 7th April, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Wycombe Writ,—Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County Constituency of Wycombe, in the room of Sir John Hall, deceased.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

Epsom and Ewell 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 Epsom and Ewell, in the room of the Right Honourable Sir Peter Anthony Grayson Rawlinson, Q.C., who since his election for the said Borough Constituency hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 105-xviii to xxi].

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Insurance Companies (Authorisation and Accounts: General Business) Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Aviation Security Fund Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)
Working of the Common Agricultural Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in view of the disastrous effect of the EEC Common Agricultural Policy to both producer, consumer and the United Kingdom economy, immediate action should be taken to secure basic changes in the policy including the abolition of support prices, levies and taxes upon third country food imports and intervention; that member countries be permitted to support producers at their own cost, and to protect consumers from higher food prices; that marketing boards be established at the discretion of member countries; and that surplus food production be disposed of anywhere in the world, including the EEC, financial losses to be borne by the producing country—(Mr. Tom Torney);

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

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

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 I

Friday 7th April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Landlord and Tenant,—Copies of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1978, entitled—
(1) the Rent (Agriculture) (Rent Registration) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 494), and
(2) the Rent Regulation (Forms etc.) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 495) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

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. John Moore (nominated in respect of the Trustee Savings Banks Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Atkinson.

[No. 92.]

Monday, 10th April, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee 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 April and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xxix].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xxx].
Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 10th April.

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

Overseas Development.—Mr. Kevin McNamara reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 10th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 155-v].

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 10th April: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourteenth Report).

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

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 17-xvi].

Expenditure.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Peart to attend to be examined as a witness before the General Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.

—(Mr. James Boyden.)

Manufacturing Undertakings.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft National Enterprise Board (Financial Limit) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 3rd April, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Varley):

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Anthony Berry: 252.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft National Enterprise Board (Financial Limit) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 3rd April, be approved.

Financial Assistance to Industry (British Leyland Limited).—Resolved, That this House authorises the National Enterprise Board on the direction of the Secretary of State, given under section 3 of the Industry Act 1975, to pay or undertake to pay by way of financial assistance under section 8 of the Industry Act 1972 (as amended by section 22 of, and Part 1 of Schedule 4 to, the Industry Act 1975, and section 1 of the Industry (Amendment) Act 1976) sums to British Leyland Limited or any of its subsidiaries not exceeding in the aggregate £150 million, being sums in addition to the £30 million previously paid by the National Enterprise Board to British Leyland Limited under that section 8—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

Farm Structure.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/3069/77 and R/3121/77 on Farm Structure.—(Dr. Gavin Strang.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 10th April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Education (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd March 1978, entitled the Milk and Meals (Education) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 504) [by Act].

Police.—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th March 1978, entitled the Police (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 528) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Landlord and Tenant.—Copy of an Order, dated 28th March 1978, entitled the Agricultural Holdings Act 1948 (Variation of Fourth Schedule) Order 1978 [by Act]
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Copy of a Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 339].

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee upon the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 340].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from a Second Reading Committee nominated in respect of the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates Courts Bill [Lords] Mr. Brynmor John; and had appointed in substitution Dr. Shirley Summerskill.

[No. 93.]

Tuesday, 11th April, 1978.

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.:

Abingdon Market Place Bill [Lords].
Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Bill [Lords].

Bills 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 First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with.

Bill to be read a second time.

Commons Registration (Cardiganshire) Bill.—The Commons Registration (Cardiganshire) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

King's College London Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the King's College London Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday.

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

Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1978-79.—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.)

Public Accounts.—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 10th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-i].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee Bill.—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 102].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 347].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Wells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Prescription Pricing Authority Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 332) and the Prescription Pricing Authority Constitution Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 331), referred to a Committee on 22nd March 1978.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 342].

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

Expenditure,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Peart to attend to be examined as a witness before the General Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee, his Lordship consenting.

Mortgages Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Mortgages Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.

Council Tenants' Charter Bill,—Ordered, That the Council Tenants' Charter Bill be read a second time upon Friday.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That Commission Document No. R/1927/77 relating to Animal Feedingstuffs be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Potatoes) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot);

And not less than Twenty Members having risen in their places and signified their objection thereto, Mr. Speaker declared that the Noes had it, pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.).

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot);

And not less than Twenty Members having risen in their places and signified their objection thereto, Mr. Speaker declared that the Noes had it, pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.).

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) Gaming licence duty in Scotland (Motion No. 3).

(b) Value added tax (registration limits) (Motion No. 6):—(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 this Resolution does not extend to—

(a) the making of any amendment with respect to value added tax so as to provide—

(i) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;

(ii) for refunding any amount of tax otherwise than by virtue of a provision relating to bad debts;

(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; or

(b) the making of any amendment relating to the surcharge imposed by the National Insurance Surcharge Act 1976 and applying to some only of the persons by or in respect of whom the surcharge is payable; or
(c) the making, except in relation to farming or market gardening, of any provision for affording relief from tax by the adjustment of fluctuating income:—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—Debate arising;

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill.—The Sheffield General Cemetery Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Community Textile Policy.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. S/139/77, S/183/78, R/3375/77 and R/513/78 (and the Supplementary Memorandum submitted on 21st March 1978) on Community Textile Policy.—(Mr. Michael Meacher.)

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 six minutes to Twelve o'clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 11.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 11th April 1978

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, 1978-79 [by Command].


Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Royal Naval Museum,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 11th April 1978, concerning the conditional gift of land and buildings to the Trustees of the Portsmouth Royal Naval Museum [by Command].

Financial Statement, 1978-79,—Copy of the Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1978-79, as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 310].

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 8th, 9th, 10th, 13th and 14th March 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 344].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Medicines,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Medicines (Radioactive Substances) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Hire-Purchase,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th April 1978, entitled the Hire-Purchase and Credit Sale Agreements (Control) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 553) [by Act].

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th April 1978, entitled the Bread Prices (No. 2) Order 1976 (Amendment) (No. 6) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 545) [by Act].

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


National Insurance,—Accounts of the National Insurance Fund for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 346].
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. Paul Hawkins (nominated in respect of the Estate Agents Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Cockcroft.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 11th April 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Co-operative Development Agency Bill and the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill to Standing Committee D ; the Magistrates’ Courts (Forms) (Amendment) Rules 1978 and the draft Aviation Security Fund Regulations 1978 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. ; Commission Document No. R/1927/77 relating to Animal Feedingstuffs and the draft Insurance Companies (Authorisation and Accounts ; General Business) Regulations 1978 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. ; and the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) (Variation) Order 1978 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 94.]

Wednesday, 12th April, 1978.

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 Transport Docks Bill,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the British Transport Docks Bill and found the same to be true ; and had gone through the Bill and 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.

Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) 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 Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) 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-first Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 29-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-second Report).

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-xxii].
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 meetings held concurrently with Sub-Committee B of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities) on 14th and 21st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 69-iv and v].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 12th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-xxii].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 12th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 351-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 12th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-iv].

Overseas Development,—Mr. Kevin McNamara 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 April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 153-v].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Mr. Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 12th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 295-iii].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Technological Innovation Sub-Committee on 12th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 316-iii].

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

Consumer Safety Bill,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Consumer Safety Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 28th April; and to be printed [Bill 104].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 350].

Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords],—Mr Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts 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 Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts 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. 352].

House of Commons (Administration) Bill,—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Second Reading Committee on the House of Commons (Administration) Bill, That they had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows: That the Committee recommend that the House of Commons (Administration) Bill ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 354].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. David Watkins reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 380), referred to a Committee on 23rd March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 349].
Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Public Health (Ships) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 369) and the Public Health (Aircraft) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 370), referred to a Committee on 3rd April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 345].

Prevention of Violence Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 14th April, the Prevention of Violence Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 28th April.

Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) (No. 2),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require in certain circumstances the enforcement of compensation recommended by the Commission for Local Administration: And that Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Tom Arnold, and Mr. Ivan Lawrence, do prepare and bring it in.

Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—Mr. Fred Silvester accordingly presented a Bill to require in certain circumstances the enforcement of compensation recommended by the Commission for Local Administration: And the same was read the first time : and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 28th April and to be printed [Bill 103].

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 this Resolution does not extend to—

(a) the making of any amendment with respect to value added tax so as to provide—

(i) for zero-rating or exempting any supply ;
(ii) for refunding any amount of tax otherwise than by virtue of a provision relating to bad debts ;
(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 ; or

(b) the making of any amendment relating to the surcharge imposed by the National Insurance Surcharge Act 1976 and applying to some only of the persons by or in respect of whom the surcharge is payable ; or

(c) the making, except in relation to farming or market gardening, of any provision for affording relief from tax by the adjustment of fluctuating income ;

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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.]

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APPENDIX I
Wednesday 12th April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th April 1978, entitled the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1949 (Variation of First Schedule) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Wool Industries Research Association for the year ended 30th September 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission,—Copies of the Reports of the Price Commission on—
(1) Imperial Chemical Industries Limited—sodium carbonate, and
(2) Weetabix Limited—cereal and muesli products
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 332 and 336].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

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

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

Insolvency Services,—Copy of the Companies Liquidation Accounts and the Insolvency Services Investment Account for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 353].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill, viz: Mr. Tom Arnold, Mr. Alf Bates, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. Julian Critchley, Mr. Hugh Jenkins, Mr. Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Michael O’Halloran, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Giles Shaw, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, and Mr. John Watkinson.

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 Co-operative Development Agency Bill, viz: Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Tom Litterick, Mr. Richard Page, Mr. George Park, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Richard Wainwright, and Mr. Alan Williams.

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 Magistrates’ Courts (Forms) (Amendment) Rules 1978, viz: Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Mr. Ernest Fernyhough, Mr. Gerry Fowler, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. Douglas Jay, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Roger Sims, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. van Straubenzee, Mr. David Woodall, and Mr. John Watkinson.

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 Aviation Security Fund Regulations 1978, viz: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. Jo Grinmond, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. J. W. Roecker, Mr. John Ryman, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mrs. Audrey Wise, Mr. Alec Woodall, and Mr. David Young.

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 Commission Document No. R/1927/77 relating to Animal Feedingstuffs, viz: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. John Corrie, Sir William Elliott, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. John Parker, Mr. Wm. Ross, Dr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. James Tinn, and Mr. Jerry Wiggin.
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 Insurance Companies (Authorisation and Accounts: General Business) Regulations 1978, viz: Mr. Robert Boscowen, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Bryan Magee, Mr. Simon Mahon, Mr. J. P. W. Mallalieu, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Ernest Perry, Sir Anthony Royle, Mr. Michael Spicer, Mr. Dennis Walters, 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 Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) (Variation) Order 1978, viz: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Alec Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. Peter Doig, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. David James, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Patrick Wall, Mr. Hamish Watt, and Mr. James White.

[No. 95.]

Thursday, 13th April, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (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. 356].

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

Trustee Savings Banks Bill,—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Trustee Savings Banks Bill, and had 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. 355].

Education Act 1944 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Education Act 1944 (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 12th May.

Ways and Means,—Amendment of the law.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 11th April, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but this Resolution does not extend to—

(a) the making of any amendment with respect to value added tax so as to provide—

(i) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;

(ii) for refunding any amount of tax otherwise than by virtue of a provision relating to bad debts;

(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; or
(b) the making of any amendment relating to the surcharge imposed by the National Insurance Surcharge Act 1976 and applying to some only of the persons by or in respect of whom the surcharge is payable; or

(c) the making, except in relation to farming or market gardening, of any provision for affording relief from tax by the adjustment of fluctuating income;

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

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 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 13th April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Value Added Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th April 1978, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 532) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:


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. Michael O'Halloran and Mr. John Watkinson (nominated in respect of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Phillip Whitehead and Dr. Edmund Marshall.

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Sydney Irving (nominated in respect of the Co-operative Development Agency Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jim Craigen.

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 Alfred Broughton (nominated in respect of the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1978); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robin Corbett.

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. Robin Corbett (nominated in respect of Commission, Document No. R/1927/77 relating to Animal Feedingstuffs); and had appointed in substitution Sir Alfred Broughton.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 13th April 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Co-operative Development Agency Bill; Mr. Peter Doughty Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Housing (Homeless Persons) (Appropriate Arrangements) (No. 2) Order 1978; Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,
in respect of the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1978; Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Magistrates’ Courts (Forms) (Amendment) Rules 1978; Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Aviation Security Fund Regulations 1978; Mr. David Watkins Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/1927/77 relating to Animal Feedingstuffs; Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1978, the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 2) Order 1978 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 3) Order 1978; Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) (Variation) Order 1978; and Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Austria) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1978 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and Inheritances and on Gifts) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1978.

[No. 96.]

Friday, 14th April, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Selly Oak for the inclusion of Selly Oak in the Birmingham Inner City Partnership Area 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 I).

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 12th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-ii].

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

Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee. (Mr. Ted Graham.)

Employment Protection Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Employment Protection Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Service not to proceed on reference if certain industrial action taken (No. 1))—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—

Debate arising:

Mr. Stan Thorne 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.

Miss Jo Richardson rose in her place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put; That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Stan Thorne: 122.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. David Madel: 29.

So the Question was agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. David Madel: 38.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Stan Thorne: 125.
Another Clause (Amendment of Employment Protection Act 1975 (No. 2))—(Mr. Fred Silvester)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Debate arising;

Miss Jo Richardson 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.

Miss Jo Richardson rose in her place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Stan Thorne: 127.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. P. Costain, Mr. Fred Silvester: 34.

So the Question was agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. P. Costain, Mr. Fred Silvester: 33.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stan Thorne, Miss Jo Richardson: 130.

Another Clause (Amendment of Employment Protection Act 1975 (No. 3))—(Mr. David Madel)—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. Philip Holland, Mr. John Gorst: 29.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stan Thorne, Miss Jo Richardson: 126.

And it being after Four o'clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, further consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered upon Friday 5th May.

Protection of Children Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Protection of Children Bill;

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

Internationally Protected Persons Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Internationally Protected Persons Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 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.

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

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

Small Businesses (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24th February, That the Small Businesses (Protection of Employment) (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.
Abortion (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abortion (Amendment) Bill;

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

Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords].—The Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Social Security (Kidney Patients) (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Social Security (Kidney Patients) (No. 2) Bill;

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

Council Tenants' Charter Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Council Tenants' Charter Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 12th May.

Estate Agents [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Estate Agents [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the carrying on of, and to persons who carry on, certain activities in connection with the disposal and acquisition of property used or intended for use, in whole or in part, for residential purposes, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of the provisions of that Act;
(2) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under any other Act; and
(3) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any fees received by the Director General of Fair Trading under that Act.—(Mr. Ted Graham).

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) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 380), a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th 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 half-past Four o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 14th April 1978

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr Secretary Ennals:


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


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. Ken Weetch (nominated in respect of the Estate Agents Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Dennis Canavan.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 17th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 361-ii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 17th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 282-iii].

Overseas Development,—Mr Kevin McNamara reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 17th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 153-vii].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 17th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 341-iii].

New Member sworn,—Donald Campbell Dewar, Esquire, Member for Glasgow, Garscadden, was sworn.

State Immunity Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the State Immunity Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Ways and Means,—Amendment of the law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 11th April, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance ; but this Resolution does not extend to—

(a) the making of any amendment with respect to value added tax so as to provide—

(i) for zero-rating or exempting any supply ;
(ii) for refunding any amount of tax otherwise than by virtue of a provision relating to bad debts ;
(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 ; or

(b) the making of any amendment relating to the surcharge imposed by the National Insurance Surcharge Act 1976 and applying to some only of the persons by or in respect of whom the surcharge is payable ; or

(c) the making, except in relation to farming or market gardening, of any provision for affording relief from tax by the adjustment of fluctuating income ;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words—

"or

(d) the making of any provision for the further exemption of individuals from liability to capital gains tax."—(Mr. Ron Thomas);

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising ;
Mr. Michael Cocks rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

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

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Amendment be made:—It was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 255.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but this Resolution does not extend to—

(a) the making of any amendment with respect to value added tax so as to provide—

(i) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;

(ii) for refunding any amount of tax otherwise than by virtue of a provision relating to bad debts;

(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; or

(b) the making of any amendment relating to the surcharge imposed by the National Insurance Surcharge Act 1976 and applying to some only of the persons by or in respect of whom the surcharge is payable; or

(c) the making, except in relation to farming or market gardening, of any provision for affording relief from tax by the adjustment of fluctuating income.

2. Cigarettes with higher tar yield

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That additional excise duty may be imposed under section 4 of the Finance Act 1976 in the case of cigarettes with a tar yield exceeding a specified amount—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

3. Gaming licence duty in Scotland

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—

1. For the purpose of determining the amount of the duty chargeable under section 14 of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1972 on a gaming licence in respect of premises in Scotland for a period beginning after 31st March 1978 the rateable value of any lands and heritages shall be ascertained in accordance with the following provisions of this Resolution in any case where a rateable value is shown for them in the valuation roll for the time being in force and either a lower value or no value was shown for them in the valuation roll in force on 31st March 1978.

2. Where the rateable value of any lands and heritages falls to be ascertained in accordance with this Resolution, then—

(a) if a rateable value was shown for them in the valuation roll in force on 31st March 1978, their rateable value shall be taken to be the value so shown, but subject to sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph;

(b) if, since the value so shown was entered in that valuation roll, there has been a material change of circumstances affecting the value of the lands and heritages, their rateable value shall be taken to be the value determined under this Resolution as the rateable value which would have been shown for them in that valuation roll if the change had been given effect to in that roll;

(c) if no value was shown for the lands and heritages in the valuation roll in force on 31st March 1978, their rateable value shall be taken to be the value determined under this Resolution as the value that would have been shown if, at the time of the valuation for the purposes of that roll, the premises in respect of which the licence is to be granted had been in existence and all relevant circumstances had been the same as at the time when the value of the lands and heritages is determined under this Resolution.
(3) Any determination under this Resolution shall be made by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise after consultation with the assessor appointed under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 for the valuation area concerned; but the person to whom the licence is to be or has been granted may, by notice in writing given to the Commissioners not later than four weeks after the date on which the determination is notified to him, require the determination to be referred to the arbitration of a referee appointed by the Lord President of the Court of Session, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

(4) A person appointed under paragraph (3) above shall not be an officer of any government department.

(5) If the amount of duty chargeable is reduced in consequence of a decision of a referee appointed under this Resolution, any amount overpaid shall be repaid.

(6) In this Resolution "material change of circumstances" has the meaning assigned to it by section 37(1) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975.

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. Anti-dumping measures on ECSC products

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That duties of customs may be imposed for the purpose of giving effect to any Recommendation or other Community obligation arising under the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community and relating to anti-dumping measures, that is to say, measures for affording protection against dumping or the granting of bounties or subsidies by countries which are not members of the Coal and Steel Community—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

5. 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 1979—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

6. Value added tax (registration limits)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—

(1) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Finance Act 1972 (liability to be registered)—

(a) in the provisions before the Table, for "£7,500" (in both places) there shall be substituted "£10,000"; and

(b) in the second column of the Table for "2,625", "4,500", "6,375" and "7,500" there shall be substituted respectively "3,500", "6,000", "8,500" and "10,000";

and in section 20(1) of that Act (registration of local authorities) for "£7,500" (in both places) there shall be substituted "£10,000".

(2) In paragraph 2 of the said Schedule (termination of liability to be registered) for "£6,000" (in both places) there shall be substituted "£8,500" and for "£1,875" there shall be substituted "£2,500".

(3) Paragraph (1) above shall come into force on 12th April 1978 but shall apply also for determining whether a person was liable to be registered before that day if the date from which his registration would take effect in accordance with the said Schedule 1 is after 11th April 1978.

(4) Paragraph (2) above shall come into force on 1st July 1978.

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. Value added tax (cancellation of registration)

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 enabling the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to cancel the registration of a person who has at any time ceased to be liable to be registered by virtue of paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Finance Act 1972 and has before that time failed or subsequently fails to make any return or account for or pay any tax as required by or under that Act—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.
8. Income tax (charge and rates for 1978-79)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—

(1) Income tax for the year 1978-79 shall be charged at the basic rate of 34 per cent.; and—

(a) in respect of so much of an individual's total income as does not exceed £750 at the rate of 25 per cent.;

(b) in respect of so much of an individual's total income as exceeds £7,000 at such higher rates as are specified in the Table below; and

(c) in respect of so much of the investment income included in an individual's total income as exceeds £1,700 at the additional rates of 10 per cent. for the first £550 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 (c) above shall have effect with the substitution for the references to £1,700 and £550 of references to £2,500 and £500 respectively.

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(2) This Resolution shall not require any change to be made in the amounts deductible or repayable under section 204 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (pay as you earn) before 13th July 1978.

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. Income Tax (lower rate)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—

(1) In paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 32 of the Finance Act 1971 (income tax charged at basic and other rates) for the words “income not falling within paragraph (b) below” there shall be substituted the words “income not falling within paragraph (aa) or (b) below”; and after that paragraph there shall be inserted—

“(aa) in respect of so much of an individual's total income as does not exceed such amount as Parliament may determine, at such lower rate or rates as Parliament determine; and “.

(2) After subsection (1) of that section there shall be inserted—

“(1A) In the case of a husband whose total income includes relevant earned income of his wife—

(a) the income chargeable in accordance with paragraph (aa) of subsection (1) of this section shall be—

(i) so much of his total income, other than relevant earned income of his wife, as does not exceed the amount referred to in that paragraph; and

(ii) so much of the relevant earned income of his wife as does not exceed that amount; and

(b) if there are two or more such rates as are referred to in that paragraph, those rates shall be applied separately to the income mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) and the income mentioned in sub-paragraph (ii) above,

and any provision charging income tax in accordance with that paragraph shall have effect accordingly.

(1B) For the purposes of subsection (1A) of this section earned income of the wife has the same meaning as for the purposes of subsection (2) of section 8 of the Taxes Act and relevant earned income of the wife means so much of her earned income as exceeds the relief available in respect of it under that subsection.”

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. Income tax (personal reliefs)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That

(1) In section 8 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (personal reliefs)—
   (a) in subsection (1)(a) (married) for £1,455 there shall be substituted £1,535;
   (b) in subsection (1)(b) (single) and (2) (wife's earned income relief) for £945 there shall be substituted £985;
   (c) in subsection (1A) (age allowance) for £1,975 and £1,250 there shall be substituted £2,075 and £1,300 respectively;
   (d) in subsection (1B) (income limit for age allowance) for £3,500 there shall be substituted £4,000.

(2) In section 14(2) and (3) of that Act (additional relief for widows and others in respect of children) for £510 there shall be substituted £550.

(3) 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 11th May 1978.

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

11. Child tax allowances and benefits in respect of children (income tax)

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 section 25 or 26 of the Finance Act 1977 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 for the year 1978-79 shall, instead of being determined in accordance with subsection (3) of that section, be determined in accordance with paragraph (2) below.

(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, subject to subsection (5) of the said section 10—
   (a) for a child shown by the claimant to have been then over the age of sixteen, shall be £165;
   (b) for a child not so shown, but shown by the claimant to have been then over the age of eleven, shall be £135;
   (c) in any other case, shall be £100.

(3) For the year 1978-79 and subsequent years of assessment subsection (5) of the said section 10 shall have effect with the substitution for £350 (in both places) and £235 of £500 and £385 respectively.

(4) Section 23 (3) of the said Act of 1977 (£52 of certain benefits in respect of children to be exempt from income tax for the year 1977-78) shall have effect also in relation to the year 1978-79 but with the substitution for £52 of £80.

(5) Section 25 of the said Act of 1977 (tax allowances in the year 1977-78 for children living abroad) shall have effect also in relation to years of assessment after that year.

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.

12. Relief for interest (limit for 1978-79)

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 I to the Finance Act 1974 shall, subject to any reduction to be made under that paragraph, be £25,000 for the year 1978-79—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—It was agreed to.

13. Divers and diving supervisors (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 applying Schedule D instead of Schedule E to certain divers and diving supervisors—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—It was agreed to.

14. Corporation tax (charge and 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 corporation tax shall be charged for the financial year 1977 at the rate of 52 per cent.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—It was agreed to.
15. Advance corporation tax (rate for financial year 1978)

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 1978 shall be thirty-four sixty-sixths—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

16. 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 1977 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 one-seventh—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

17. Commodity futures (income tax and corporation tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions). That provision may be made (with retrospective effect) for withdrawing income tax and corporation tax relief in respect of losses incurred in dealing in commodity futures—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

18. Sale of land with right to repurchase (income tax and corporation tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions). That provision may be made (with retrospective effect) as respects the treatment for corporation tax purposes of the matters dealt with in any accounts or records kept under section 43 of the Community Land Act 1975—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

19. Community land authorities (corporation tax)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions). That provision may be made (with retrospective effect) as respects the treatment for corporation tax purposes of the matters dealt with in any accounts or records kept under section 43 of the Community Land Act 1975—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

20. Capital gains 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 (with retrospective effect) for abolishing the alternative charge to income tax; and

(b) for reducing the percentages specified in section 112(3)(b) and (c) of the Finance Act 1972—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

21. 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—

(a) amendments of section 47 of the Finance Act 1975 and paragraph 13(7) of Schedule 4 to that Act;

(b) provisions restricting relief under section 87(1)(a) of the Finance Act 1976 where there has been a reduction in the rates of tax;

(c) provisions about settled property or about life policies and deferred annuity contracts—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

22. Disposals on trust for employees (corporation tax and 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 corporation tax and capital transfer tax may be imposed by provisions amending sections 56(6) and 90(4) of the Finance Act 1976—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

23. 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, 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 provision for giving effect to the Directive of the Council of the European Communities dated 19th December 1977 No. 77/799/EEC—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.
Procedure (Loans by Public Works Loan Commissioners).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to matters which may be included in Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain provision for enabling the Public Works Loan Commissioners to make further loans in pursuance of section 3 of the National Loans Act 1968—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

Procedure (Future Taxation).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to matters which may be included in Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain the following provisions taking effect in a future year—

(a) provisions about relief under section 19 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 ;

(b) provisions reducing the percentages specified in section 112(3)(b) and (c) of the Finance Act 1972 ;

(c) provisions increasing the amount specified in section 69(1)(b) and (3)(a) of the Finance Act 1976 ;

(d) provisions with respect to the treatment for the purposes of income tax of benefits under profit sharing schemes—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session relating to finance, it is expedient to authorise any increase in the sums to be issued out of or paid into the National Loans Fund which is attributable to any provision of that Act enabling the Public Works Loan Commissioners to make further loans in pursuance of section 3 of the National Loans Act 1968 up to a limit of £12,000 millions—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Ennals, Mr. Secretary Dell, Mr. John Silkin, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Harold Lever, Mr. Denzil Davies, and Mr. Robert Sheldon, 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 105].

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

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Judicature (Northern Ireland) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Judicature (Northern Ireland) [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland, the establishment of a Crown Court in Northern Ireland and the administration of courts and with respect to related matters, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown or government department in consequence of the said Act; and

(b) the payment out of money so provided or, as the case may be, out of or into, the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)
Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts 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).

Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates Court [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make fresh provision for matrimonial proceedings in magistrates' courts, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the provisions of that Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under any other enactment.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

House of Commons (Administration) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Commons (Administration) Bill;

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

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

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Peter Snape):—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-nine minutes to One o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.31 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 17th April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Accounts of the National Wool Textile Export Corporation for the year ended 31st December 1977, with the Balance Sheet as at that date [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Proposals for a draft Order in Council under Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission on Banks: charges for money transmission services [by Act]; to be printed [No. 337].

MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee C, and the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1978 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Estate Agents Bill.
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.:

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill.

Bill committed.

King's College London Bill.—Ordered, That the King's College London Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

Abingdon Market Place Bill [Lords].—The Abingdon Market Place Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Bill [Lords].—The Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—The Greater London Council (Money) Bill was read a second time and committed.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Nineteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xxx].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 13th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 374-i].

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 (Fourth Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 375].

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 (Fifteenth Report).

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

Transport Bill,—Sir Stephen M. Adden reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Transport Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 107].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 373].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hor Davies reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 490), referred to a Committee on 6th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 364].
Picketing (Registration and Control) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Picketing (Registration and Control) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Nationalised Industries.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Baroness Pike to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee C appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries.—(Mr. Russell Kerr.)

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

Nationalised Industries.—The Lords give leave to the Baroness Pike to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee C appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, if her Ladyship think fit.

Shops (Amendment),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to allow the organisation on weekdays of promotional evenings on retail premises—(Mr. Michael Neubert);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. Michael Neubert: 128.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Ernest Fernyhough: 148.

So the Question was negatived.

Wales Bill [7th allotted day],—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 61 (Power to make new provision as to certain bodies).
Amendment (No. 293) proposed, in page 24, to leave out lines 8 to 10.
Question again proposed, That the Amendment be made.
Question put.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Lester, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 146.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn: 165.

Amendments (Nos. 90, 217 and 294) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 7 (Public Bodies).
Amendment (No. 91) made.

Another Amendment (No. 92) proposed, in page 64, to leave out lines 7 and 8.—(Mr. William Benyon.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 93) made.

Another Amendment (No. 261) proposed, in page 64, to leave out lines 15 and 16.—(Mr. Tom Ellis.)

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

And it being Nine o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [1st March], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Nine o'clock.

Other Amendments (Nos. 94 and 95) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 62 (Power of Assembly to assume functions of certain bodies).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Donald Coleman: 150.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Jim Lester: 130.

Clause No. 63 agreed to.
Clause No. 64 (Countryside Commission for Wales).
Amendments (Nos. 322 and 297) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 65 (Water).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates: 150.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 129.

Schedule No. 8 agreed to.
Clause No. 66 (Planning).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Ted Graham: 148.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Jim Lester: 128.

Schedule No. 9 (Intervention by Secretary of State in planning matters).
Amendment (No. 98) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 67 agreed to.
Clause No. 68 (Transfer of property).
Amendments (No. 99 and 100) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 69 (Stamp duty).
Amendment (No. 101) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 70 and 71 agreed to.

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. Frank R. White reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the motion relating to Ways and means may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Wales Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 72 (Determination of issues as to Assembly's powers).
Amendment (No. 315) proposed, in page 29, line 16, at the end, to add the words "or whether the failure to take any action constitutes a breach of the law".—(Mr. Timothy Raison.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising;
And it being Eleven o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

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.

Resolved, That this House will to-morrow again resolve itself into the Committee.
Ways and Means.—Value added tax on supplies by Welsh Assembly.—Resolved, That section 19(4) of the Finance Act 1972 shall be amended by inserting before the words “and any part” the words “or of the Welsh Assembly.”—(Mr. John Smith.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 18th April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:


Civil Aviation.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 21st February 1978 on loans raised by the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 365].

Coal Industry.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—
(1) 23rd February 1978, and
(2) 8th March 1978
on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 366 and 367].

Electricity.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 2nd March 1978 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 368].

Income Tax.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Ghana) Order 1978,
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Hungary) Order 1978, and
(3) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Singapore) Order 1978 [by Act].

Iron and Steel.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—
(1) 22nd February 1978, and
(2) 23rd February 1978
on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 369 and 370].

National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th February 1978 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 371].

Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 25, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 17th November 1977, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Austrian Federal Government, for air services between their respective territories [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 26, 1978),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Kingston on 28th March 1977 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Jamaica, concerning officers designated by the Government of the United Kingdom in the service of specified organisations or institutions in Jamaica (The British Expatriates Supplementation (Jamaica) (Continuance) Agreement 1977/81) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Civil Aviation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th April 1978, entitled the Civil Aviation (Joint Financing) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 554) [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. Mike Noble and Dr. Shirley Summerskill (nominated in respect of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bryan Gould and Mr. Brynmor John.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 18th April 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the House of Commons (Administration) Bill and the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A and the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B.

Wednesday, 19th April, 1978.

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

British Transport Docks Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the British Transport Docks Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, 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 Export Guarantees and Overseas Investment Bill [Lords] and the Oaths Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, were referred, that they had gone through the Bills, 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. 409]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 409].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table: and to be printed [No. 382-i].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 19th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table: and to be printed [No. 383-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 19th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table: and to be printed [No. 105-xxiii].
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 April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 351-ii].

Overseas Development,—Mr. Kevin McNamara reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, that they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 19th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 153-viii].

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 23rd November, 7th December, 25th January and 8th and 22nd February: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 372].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 372].

Privileges,—Mr. George Strauss reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the matter of the complaint by Mr. Frederick Willey, Member for Sunderland North, of reports published in the Guardian newspaper and the Daily Mail newspaper on 8th March 1978 relating to the proceedings of the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, that they had considered the matter to them referred and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 376].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 376].

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 April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 410-i].

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

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Housing (Homeless Persons) (Appropriate Arrangements) (No. 2) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 17th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 379].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 389), referred to a Committee on 4th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 377].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Magistrates’ Courts (Forms) (Amendment) Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 140), referred to a Committee on 6th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 381].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. David Watkins reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Commission Document No. R/1927/77 relating to Animal Feedingstuffs, referred to a Committee on 11th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 387].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1978, the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 2) Order 1978, and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 3) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 23rd March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 378].
Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Michael English reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Austria) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1978, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and Inheritances and Gifts) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 23rd March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 380].

House of Commons (Services)—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 19th April to be printed [No. 68-vii].

Picketing.—Mr. Nicholas Ridley presented a Bill to amend the law in relation to picketing in connection with trade disputes; to give police authorities certain powers with respect to picketing; 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 106].

Northern Ireland Committee.—Ordered, That the matter of the Proposal for a draft Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee. (Mr. Michael Foot.)

Wales Bill [8th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 72 (Determination of issues as to Assembly’s powers).

Amendment (No. 315) proposed, in page 29, line 16, at the end, to add the words “or whether the failure to take any action constitutes a breach of the law.”

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

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising:

And it being Five o’clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [1st March], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Alf Bates: 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Andrew Welsh: 12.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Five o’clock.

Clause No. 73 (Confirmation by House of Commons of resolutions passed by it but not by the House of Lords).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 222.

Clause No. 74 agreed to.

Clause No. 75 (Orders).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Thomas Cox: 236.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Douglas Crawford: 16.

Clauses Nos. 76 to 78 agreed to.

Schedule No. 10 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 79 and 80 agreed to.

Clause No. 81 (Interpretation).

Amendment (No. 343) proposed, in page 31, line 31, after “1974” to insert the words “a Scottish Assembly Act.”—(Mr. John Smith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank R. White: 235.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. George Reid: 15.
Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. Donald Coleman: 223.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Andrew Welsh: 12.

Clause No. 82 (Commencement).

Amendment (No. 344) proposed, in page 32, line 16, to leave out from the word "shall" to the end of line 18, and insert the words "come into operation on 1st January 1979."—(Mr. Geraint Howells.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Dafydd Thomas: 14.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Jim Marshall: 239.

Another Amendment (No. 350) proposed, in page 32, line 26, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Geraint Howells.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Cyril Smith: 18.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn: 220.

Another Amendment (No. 320) proposed, in page 32, line 30, at the end, to add the words—
"(5) Subject to the provisions of section 83(1) below, the first order under this section shall be made within 120 days of this Act receiving Royal Assent".—(Mr. Dafydd Wigley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Douglas Crawford: 18.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Frank R. White: 222.

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising:

And it being Eleven o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [1st March], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Thomas Cox: 232.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Gordon Wilson: 259.

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eleven o'clock.

Clause No. 83 (Referendum).

Amendment (No. 325) proposed, in page 32, line 35, to leave out subsection (2) and insert the words—
"(2) If it appears to the Secretary of State that less than 40 per cent. of the persons entitled to vote in the referendum have voted 'Yes' in reply to the question posed in the Appendix to Schedule 12 to this Act or that a majority of the answers given in the referendum have been 'No' he shall lay before Parliament the draft of an Order in Council for the repeal of this Act".—(Mr. John Smith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann: 280.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Frank R. White: 208.

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank R. White, Mr. Ted Graham: 269.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mr. Andrew Welsh: 30.
Schedule No. 12 (Referendum).
Amendments (Nos. 106 and 107) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 84 agreed to.

Then the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again, pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Tinn reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will to-morrow again resolve itself into the Committee.

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration have power to adjourn from place to place.

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

Protection of Children Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself in a Committee on the Protection of Children Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 8 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Tinn 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. James Tinn):—Debate arising:

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.21 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 19th April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Civil Aviation,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 17th March 1978 on loans raised by the British Airways Board,
(2) on 17th March 1978 on loans raised by the British Airways Board, and
(3) on 29th March 1978 on loans to be raised by the Civil Aviation Authority [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 384 to 386].
Coal Industry.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 17th March 1978, and
(2) on 22nd March 1978
on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 388 and 389].

New Towns.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 17th March 1978,
(2) on 17th March 1978,
(3) on 29th March 1978,
(4) on 29th March 1978,
(5) on 29th March 1978,
(6) on 29th March 1978, and
(7) on 29th March 1978,
on loans raised by Development Corporations [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 390 to 396].

New Towns.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29 March 1978 on loans proposed to be raised by the Commission for the New Towns [by Act]; to be printed [No. 397].

Transport.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 17th March 1978 on loans proposed to be raised by the Scottish Transport Group [by Act]; to be printed [No. 398].

Water.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 16th March 1978 on loans raised by the Anglian Water Authority,
(2) on 16th March 1978 on loans raised by the Northumbrian Water Authority,
(3) on 16th March 1978 on loans raised by the North-West Water Authority,
(4) on 16th March 1978 on loans raised by the Severn-Trent Water Authority,
(5) on 16th March 1978 on loans raised by the Southern Water Authority,
(6) on 16th March 1978 on loans raised by the South West Water Authority,
(7) on 16th March 1978 on loans raised by the Thames Water Authority,
(8) on 16th March 1978 on loans raised by the Wessex Water Authority,
(9) on 16th March 1978 on loans raised by the Yorkshire Water Authority, and
(10) on 28th March 1978 on loans raised by the Northumbrian Water Authority
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 399 to 408].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Identification Procedures.—Copy of a Report, entitled Identification Procedures under Scottish Criminal Law [by Command].

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 1977 [by Act].

Seeds.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th April 1978, entitled the Seed Potatoes (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 559) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Industrial Training.—Copies of Orders, dated 10th April 1978, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Training Levy (Footwear, Leather and Fur Skin) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 546), and
(2) the Industrial Training Levy (Hotel and Catering) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 547)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Price Commission.—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission on prices, costs and margins in the distribution of compound feeding stuff for cattle, pigs and poultry [by Act]; to be printed [No. 338].

Mr. Michael Foot:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, on 26th January 1978, amending the Statutes of the College [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 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 411].
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 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 412].

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 House of Commons (Administration) Bill, viz.: Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Arthur Bottomley, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Michael English, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Charles Irving, Sydney Irving, Mr. Robert Mellish, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. William Price, Mr. Cyril Smith, and Mr. William Whitlock.

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Judiciary (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, the Reverend Robert Bradford, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. J. D. Connah, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Peter Hattersley, Mr. Bruce Latham, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Carol Mathur, Mr. Airey Neave, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Stan Thorne, and Mr. van Straubenzee.

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 Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Eamonn Hooson, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Edward Lyons, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. John Straddling Thomas, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, and Mr. John Watkinson.

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 Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Ian Evans, Mr. John Fraser, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Ian Grist, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. McCusker, Dr. Maurice Miller, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Giles Shaw, and Mr. Leslie Spriggs.

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 Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Ivor Clemenston, Mr. John Cooper, Mr. Bruce Greengrass, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. George Rodgers, and Mr. Mike Thomas.

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 Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Mark Carlisle, Mr. William Craig, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Edward Gardner, Sir Michael Havers, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchinson, Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Carol Mathur, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. Robert Parry, Mrs. Renée Short, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. David Summerskill, and Mr. John Watkinson.

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 State Immunity Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Antony Buck, Mr. F. P. Crowther, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Sir Michael Havers, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Norman Macmillan, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. John Rynan, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. John Sever, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Frank R. White, and Mr. William 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 the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Richard Body, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Tom Normanton, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Roger Sins, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Dudley Smith, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, and Mr. David Walder.
Thursday, 20th April, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 19th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-iv].

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

Co-operative Development Agency Bill,—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee D, that they had gone through the Co-operative Development Agency 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. 414].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Aviation Security Fund Regulations 1978, referred to a Committee on 7th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 413].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to remove restrictions attaching to Mile End Gardens, Portsmouth and authorise the use of the said lands for harbour development; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth) Bill [Lords].

Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth) Bill [Lords],—The Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 28th April, the Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 12th May.

Co-ownership of Flats Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 28th April, the Co-ownership of Flats Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 5th May.

Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Millan, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Frank McElhone, and Mr. Robert Sheldon, presented a Bill to make provision as respects the performance of unpaid work by persons convicted in Scotland; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 108].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Agricultural Holdings Act 1948 (Variation of Fourth Schedule) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1949 (Variation of First Schedule) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 267) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Supply [13th 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—(Mrs. Ann Taylor);

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 Medical Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Medical Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Medical Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Replacement of provisions of Part III of Medical Act 1956)—(Mr. Roland Moyle)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Retention Fees)—(Mr. A. J. Beith)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 46) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 1, to leave out Clause 3.—(Mr. Robin Hodgson.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 7, 9 to 19, 49, 50 and 20 to 24) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 36, line 20, at the end, to insert the words “provided that after a person is accused of an offence no matter likely to lead members of the public to identify the accused in relation to that accusation shall either be published in England, Wales, Northern Ireland or Scotland in a written publication available to the public or be broadcast in England, Wales, Northern Ireland or Scotland until the Committee has announced its decision in any proceedings relating to the alleged offence”.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 26 to 42, 52, 43 and 44) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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

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

Friday, 21st April, 1978:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.2 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 20th April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:


Income Tax,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Norway) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Switzerland (No. 1, 1978),—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on 8th December 1977, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Swiss Confederation for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to taxes on income (Instruments of Ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 27, 1978),—Copy of Amendments to the Nomenclature for the classification of goods in customs tariffs annexed to the Protocol signed at Brussels on 1st July 1955 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Mr. Secretary Mason:


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. Donald Coleman (nominated in respect of the House of Commons (Administration) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Thomas Cox

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords] Mr. John Watkinson; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Caerwyn Roderick.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 20th April 1978

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 House of Commons (Administration) Bill; Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates’ Courts Bill [Lords]; Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill; Mr. Arthur Bleinkropf Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords]; Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1978; and Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Insurance Companies (Authorisation and Accounts: General Business) Regulations 1978.

[No. 101.]

Friday, 21st April, 1978.

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).

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 360) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Central Health Services Council (Variation of Constitution) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 489) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, after the word “ any ”, to insert the words “ formal, written ”.—(Mr. James Prior.)

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

Mr. Stan Thorne 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.

Miss Jo Richardson rose in her 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. Stan Thorne, Miss Jo Richardson: 117.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Gow, Sir Anthony Meyer: 23.

So the Question was agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. John Gorst: 26.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stan Thorne, Miss Jo Richardson: 118.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, at the end, to insert the words "provided that under any procedures set up under the agreement for settling recognition issues between trade unions particular attention will be paid to the number of employees to whom the issue relates who are registered members of each of those trade unions".—(Mr. Ian Gow.)

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

Mr. Stan Thorne 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. Stan Thorne 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 House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Peter Bottomley: 35.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stan Thorne, Miss Jo Richardson: 108.

And it being after Four o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered upon Friday next

Town and Country Planning Act 1971 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 (Amendment) Bill;

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

Motorway Noise (Insulation) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motorway Noise (Insulation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 12th May.

Urban Parishes Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Urban Parishes Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 5th May.

Road Accident (Compensation) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Accident (Compensation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 5th May.

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

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

Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 5th May.

Endangered Species (Import and Export) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 12th May.

Value Added Tax Regulations (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Value Added Tax Regulations (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 12th May.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Abortion (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abortion (Amendment) Bill;

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

Social Security (Kidney Patients) (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Social Security (Kidney Patients) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 12th May.

Picketing Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Picketing Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 12th May.

Housing.—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 Housing (Homeless Persons) (Appropriate Arrangements) (No. 2) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 8th March, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Income Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that on the ratification by the Government of the Republic of Austria of the Protocol set out in the Schedule to the draft Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Austria) Order 1978, which draft was laid before this House on 9th March, an Order may be made in the form of that draft—(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.

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 Swiss Federal Council of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the draft Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1978, which draft was laid before this House on 9th March, an Order may be made in the form of that draft—(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.

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 draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and Inheritances and on Gifts) (Republic of Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 2nd March, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

European Communities.—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 European Communities (Definition of Treaties) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 20th March, be approved—(Mr Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

European Communities.—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 European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 2) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 20th March, be approved—(Mr Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

European Communities.—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 European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 3) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 20th March, be approved—(Mr Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

European Communities.—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 European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 3) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 20th March, be approved—(Mr Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Animal Feedingstuffs.—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/1927/77 on Animal Feedingstuffs—(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 nineteen minutes to Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.41 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Friday 21st April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Accounts of the Hosiery and Allied Trades Research Association for the year ended 30th September 1977 [by Act].

Industry,—Copy of a Statement by the Secretary of State for Industry concerning his direction to the National Enterprise Board in the matter of providing financial assistance to British Leyland [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords],—Report of the Attorney General on the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

County of Merseyside Bill [Lords],—Report of the Attorney General on the County of Merseyside Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

West Yorkshire Bill [Lords],—Report of the Attorney General on the West Yorkshire Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

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. Peter Hardy (nominated in respect of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Sydney Bidwell.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords] Mr. Brynmor John and Mr. David Watkins; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Tom Bradley and Dr. Shirley Summerskill.

Monday, 24th April, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (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 24th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 361-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 24th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 282-iv].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 24th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-v].

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

Nuclear Safeguards and Electricity (Finance) Bill,—The Nuclear Safeguards and Electricity (Finance) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Nuclear Safeguards and Electricity (Finance) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Nuclear Safeguards and Electricity (Finance) [Money]:
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise contributions by the Secretary of State to expenditure by the Central Electricity Generating Board in connection with the construction of the second stage of the Board’s generating station at Drax, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums not exceeding £50 million to be applied as contributions towards expenses incurred by the Board in that connection. (Mr. James Tinn.)

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. Walter Harrison):—Debate arising;
And the Question having been proposed at Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 24th April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Defence,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1978 [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 62nd (Maritime) Session of the International Labour Conference 1976 [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Local Employment,—Accounts of the financial results, for the year ended 31st March 1977, of certain activities of the Department of Industry and the activities of the English Industrial Estates Corporation in the execution of the Local Employment Act; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 416].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport,—Statement of determination of the salary payable on appointment to a part-time member of the British Railways Board [by Act].

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Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Nicholas Budgen (nominated in respect of the Rating Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Alison.

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Alf Bates (nominated in respect of the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Joseph Harper.
Tuesday, 25th April, 1978.

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.:

Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth) Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

British Transport Docks Bill,—The British Transport Docks Bill was read the third time, and passed.

King's College London Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the King's College London Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

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

Civil Aviation,—The Order made on 23rd March, That the draft Aviation Security Fund Regulations 1978 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 25th April and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twentieth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xxxii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xxxiii].

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 (Third Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 298].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 298].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 25th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-vi].

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 17-xviii].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 113].

Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 114].

New Member sworn,—John Vincent Tilley, Esquire, Member for Lambeth Central, was sworn.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Hungary) Order 1978 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) (Ghana) Order 1978 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) (Singapore) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Medicines (Radioactive Substances) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Liquor Prizes,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the clarification of the law relating to the use of intoxicating liquor as a prize: And that Mr. John Hannam, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Alan Clark, and Mr. Jerry Wiggin, do prepare and bring it in.

Liquor Prizes Bill,—Mr. John Hannam accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the clarification of the law relating to the use of intoxicating liquor as a prize: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th May and to be printed [Bill 110].

Wales Bill [9th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wales Bill.

(In the Committee)

A Clause (Period between general election and referendum)—(Mr. John Smith)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Speaker's Conference)—(Mr. Nicholas Edwards)—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. Carol Mather, Mr. Jim Lester: 137.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Frank R. White: 160.

Another Clause (Publication of Proceedings)—(Mr. Leon Brittan)—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 (Assembly's further exercise of functions)—(Mr. Dafydd Wigley)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Debate arising:

And it being Eleven o'clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution [1st March], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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

The Chairman then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions on the Amendments standing on the Order Paper moved by a member of the Government.
Schedule No. 11 (Amendments of enactments).
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill, as amended, to the House pursuant to the Order [16th November].

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donald Coleman reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be considered to-morrow; and be printed [Bill 109].

Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—[Mr. Donald Coleman]—Debate arising;
And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-six minutes to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.34 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Tuesday 25th April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th March 1978 on loans proposed to be raised by a development corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 420].

New Towns,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—
(1) 29th March 1978,
(2) 29th March 1978,
(3) 29th March 1978,
(4) 29th March 1978, and
(5) 29th March 1978,
on loans raised by certain development corporations [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 421 to 425].

New Towns (Scotland),—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—
(1) 29th March 1978,
(2) 29th March 1978,
on loans proposed to be raised by certain development corporations [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 426 and 427].

New Towns (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th March 1978 on loans raised by a development corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 428].

Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 7th April 1978 on loans raised by the National Water Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 429].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Race Relations and Immigration,—Copy of Government Observations on the First Report from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, Session 1976-77, relating to the West Indian community [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
Ghana (No. 1, 1978),—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on 29th November 1977, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Ghana for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains (the Convention is not in force) [by Command].

Hungary (No. 1, 1978),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Budapest on 28th November 1977, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Hungarian People's Republic for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to taxes on income (Instruments of Ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:


Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Hire-Purchase.—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd April 1978, entitled the Hire-Purchase (Increase of Limit of Value) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 97) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Freight Corporation for 1977 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Supreme Court of Judicature.—Copy of Rules, dated 14th April 1978, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment No. 3) 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 579) [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. William Whitlock (nominated in respect of the House of Commons (Administration) Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

MEMORANDUM
Tuesday 25th April 1978
In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Nuclear Safeguards and Electricity (Finance) Bill to Standing Committee B ; the Agricultural Holdings Act 1948 (Variation of Fourth Schedule) Order 1978 and the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1949 (Variation of First Schedule) Order 1978 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. ; the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1978 and the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1978 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. ; the Central Health Services Council (Variation of Constitution) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1978 and the draft Medicines (Radioactive Substances) Order 1978 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. ; and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Hungary) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Ghana) Order 1978 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Singapore) Order 1978 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 104.]

Wednesday, 26th April, 1978.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

European 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).

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

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 19th and 26th April to be printed [No. 29-xxiv].

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 and 26th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 69-vi and vii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 26th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-xxiv].

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 April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 351-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 26th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-v].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 26th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-vii].

Race Relations and Immigration.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 26th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 410-ii].

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

Estate Agents Bill.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Estate Agents Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 5th May; and to be printed [Bill 115].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 434].

Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords].—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Suppression of Terrorism 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 Suppression of Terrorism 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. 433].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Insurance Companies (Authorisation and Accounts: General Business) Regulations 1978, referred to a Committee on 7th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 430].

Prevention of Violence Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Prevention of Violence Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Varley, supported by Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Secretary Booth, Mr. Secretary Dell, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, and Mr. Les Huckfield, 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 on the aggregate of sums borrowed by, or paid by the Secretary of State to, the British Steel Corporation and sums borrowed by the publicly-owned companies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 111].

Deer Bill.—Mr. John Farr, supported by Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. W. Benson, and Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, presented a Bill to repeal and re-enact with amendments the Deer Act 1963 with respect to 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; to control the sales and purchases of venison in England and Wales and Northern Ireland; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 5th May and to be printed [Bill 112].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 524) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

British Rail Catering.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to denationalise catering facilities provided by British Transport Hotels Limited for British Rail; and to make consequential provisions in relation thereto—(Mr. Giles Shaw):

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. Giles Shaw, Mr. Michael Neubert: 135.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. Nigel Spearing: 164.

So the Question was negatived.

Inner Urban Areas Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Inner Urban Areas Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Declaration of, and changes in, industrial improvement areas)—(Mr. Guy Barnett)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Grants for converting or improving buildings)—(Mr. Guy Barnett)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Orders specifying special areas)—(Mr. Guy Barnett)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Grants towards loan interest)—(Mr. Guy Barnett)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Assistance in establishment of co-operative and common ownership enterprises)—(Mr. Ivor Clemitson)—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 (Voluntary organisations, community groups and neighbourhood bodies)—(Mr. Anthony Steen)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Debate arising:

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Inner Urban Areas Bill and the Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Inner Urban Areas Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Inner Urban Areas Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Voluntary organisations, community groups and neighbourhood bodies) be read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Andrew MacKay: 20.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates: 92.
Another Clause (Industrial development certificates)—(Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg)—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. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Tony Durant: 8.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Ted Graham: 61.

Another Clause (Acquisition of land)—(Mr. Anthony Steen)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Thursday, 27th April, 1978:

Another Clause (Urban aid finance)—(Mr. Michael Alison)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

An Amendment (No. 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 4, after the word "district" to insert the words "(subject to consultation with the district council of such other district within which the said land in the same county might be situated)".—(Mr. Michael Alison.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 6, 8 to 12, 19, 21 to 25, 27 and 28, 31, 33, 44, 35, 37, and 39 to 42) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be considered this day.

Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill,—Ordered, That the Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with as if it had been certified by Mr. Speaker as relating exclusively to Scotland.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill:

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.4 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 26th April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 15th, 17th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th and 30th March 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 432].

Colonial Loans,—Statement of the total sums issued out of, and repayments made into, the Consolidated Fund up to 31st March 1978 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. 357].
Crown's Nominee Account.—Abstract Account of receipts and payments by the Treasury Solicitor in 1977 in the administration of estates on behalf of the Crown [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th April 1978, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varrley:
Nationalised Industries.—Copy of Government Observations on the First, Second and Fifth Reports from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, Session 1977-78, relating to the British Steel Corporation [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Price Commission.—Report of the Price Commission relating to Allied Breweries (UK) Ltd.—brewing and wholesaling of beer and sales in managed houses [by Act]; to be printed [No. 415].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Transport Docks Board for 1977 [by Act].

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

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [17th March] from Aldermaston and elsewhere against the bringing back to full operational use of RAF Greenham Common [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

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 Nuclear Safeguards and Electricity (Finance) Bill, viz.:

Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Harry Cowans, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Alexander Edie, Sir William Elliott, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr. Arthur Palmer, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. Mike Thomas, and Mr. George Thompson.

Northern Ireland Committee.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Fourteen Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the Proposal for a draft Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order, viz.:

Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Kevin McNaenara, Mr. Simon Mahon, Mr. Michaelmates, Mr. Carol Mathur, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Airey Neave, Mr. Paul B. Rose, and Mr. Stan 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 Agricultural Holdings Act 1948 (Variation of Fourth Schedule) Order 1978 and the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1949 (Variation of First Schedule) Order 1978, viz.:

Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. John Loveridge, Mr. Timothy Saltsubury, Dr. Gavin Strung, Mr. Tom Swain, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Andrew Welsh, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, and Mr. George Younger.

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 Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1978 and the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1978, viz.:

Mr. John Farr, Mr. Ben Ford, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. Wm Ross, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. James White, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, 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 Central Health Services Council (Variations of Constitution) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1978 and the draft Medicines (Radioactive Substances) Order 1978, viz.:

Mr. Robert Boscawen, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Jim Marshall, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Walter Padley, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Stephen Ross, and Dr. Gerard Vaughan.
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 Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Hungary) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Ghana) Order 1978, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Singapore) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Mr. Harry Lamborn, Mr. Anthony Newton, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. Richard Wainwright, and Mr. John Watkinson.

Thursday, 27th April, 1978.

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).

Weights and Measures.—The Order made on 4th April, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Potatoes) Order 1978 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Wales Bill (Business Committee).—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Business Committee, That they had come to a Resolution in respect of the Wales Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House:

That proceedings on Consideration of the Wales Bill, as amended, shall be brought to a conclusion at 11 p.m. on the first of the two days which, under the Order [16th November] and the Resolution of the Business Committee agreed to by the House on 1st March, are given to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 27th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-xxvi].

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

Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill.—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill, and made Amendments thereto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to extend until 31st December 1981 the period during which television and local sound broadcasting services are to be provided by the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 117].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 435].

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].

Cigarette Sales (Distribution of Unsolicited Publicity Material) Bill.—Mr. Laurie Pavitt, supported by Sir George Young, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. McCusker, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Roger Sims, and Mr. Ron Lewis, presented a Bill to prohibit the distribution of unsolicited publicity material produced for the purpose of promoting cigarette sales in the United Kingdom and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 116].

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, proceedings on the Motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the Committal of the Finance Bill shall not be subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills) and may be proceeded with, though
opposed, for a period of three-quarters of an hour after Ten o'clock or after they have been entered upon, whichever is the later, and at the end of that period Mr. Speaker shall proceed to put any Question necessary to dispose of those proceedings. — (Mr. Frank R. White.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That Commission Document No. R/1985/77 relating to Home Study Courses be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. — (Mr. Frank R. White.)

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,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Trustee Savings Banks Bill and the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour. — (Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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) Clause 11, and
(b) any new Clause first appearing on the Order Paper not later than Thursday 4th May and relating to stamp duty on house purchase, indexation for capital gains tax, deferred payment of duty on whisky or interest on repayments of overpaid tax,
be committed to a Committee of the whole House:
That the remainder of the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee:
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. Robert Sheldon)
Committee to-morrow.

Trustee Savings Banks Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Trustee Savings Banks 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.

Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill.
Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 3 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 4 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 5 was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 6 to 8 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 9 was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 10 to 12 were disagreed to.
Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments.— (Mr. Gerald Kaufman.)
Ordered, That Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Leslie Huckfield, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Norman Lamont, and Mr. Bernard Weatherill, 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.)

Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill,—Mr. Gerald Kaufman reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House:
And the same were read, as follows:
The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 1, line 22, page 2, line 11, page 4, line 9, page 3, line 16, page 3, line 18 and page 3, line 20 for the following Reason:

Because the inclusion of private sector companies in schemes under the Bill is dependent for effect upon the Amendments made by the Lords in page 3, line 36, page 3, line 40, and page 4, line 2, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 3, line 36, page 3, line 40 and page 4, line 2 for the following Reason:

Because they would involve charges on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

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

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

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.8 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 27th April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 12, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 28th October 1977 between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia fixing the additional amount to be deducted from the levy on imports into the Community of untreated olive oil originating in Tunisia for the period 1st November 1977 to 31st October 1978 [by Command].

Republic of Ireland (No. 1, 1978).—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on 7th December 1977 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 estates of deceased persons and inheritances and on gifts (the Convention is not in force) [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Millan:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1978 [by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of the Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee preceded by a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services, concerning the draft Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 363].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Weights and Measures,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Potatoes) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Animals,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 17th April 1978, entitled the Brucellosis Incentive Payments (Amendment) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 594) [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 discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Tom Torney (nominated in respect of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1948 (Variation of Fourth Schedule) Order 1978 and the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1949 (Variation of First Schedule) Order 1978); and had appointed in substitution Mr. James Larnoud.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 27th April 1978

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 Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords]; Mr. A. P. Coatsain Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Rating Bill; Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the State Immunity Bill [Lords]; Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1948 (Variation of Fourth Schedule) Order 1978 and the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1949 (Variation of First Schedule) Order 1978; Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1978 and the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1978; Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Central Health Services Council (Variation of Constitution) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1978 and the draft Medicines (Radioactive Substances) Order 1978; and Mr. David Watkins Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Hungary) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Ghana) Order 1978 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Singapore) Order 1978.

[No. 106.]

Friday, 28th April, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Consumer Safety Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Consumer Safety Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Offences against the safety regulations)—(Mr. John Fraser)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Annual reports to Secretary of State by enforcing authorities)—(Mrs. Joyce Butler)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—
Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 2, 7, 8 and 11) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 7, to leave out the word “may” and insert the word “shall” , instead thereof.—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 18 to 22, 24, 27, 30 to 34 and 36 to 42) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 37, to leave out the words “person who was purporting to act in any such capacity” and insert the words “other person”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 44) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 47, to leave out from the first word “instrument” to the end of the subsection and insert the words “but no regulations shall be made in the exercise of such a power unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.”

(7) A prohibition order shall be laid before Parliament after being made and shall expire at the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which it was made unless during that period it is approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

The expiration of a prohibition order in pursuance of this subsection shall not affect the operation of the order as respects things previously done or omitted to be done or the power to make a new prohibition order; and in calculating the period aforesaid no account shall be taken of any time during which Parliament is dissolved or prorogued or during which both Houses are adjourned for more than four days”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Neville Trotter.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 46 to 51) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 35, to leave out the word “and” and insert the word “or”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Robin Hodgson.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 53, 57 to 59, 62, 64 to 67 and 69 to 71) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 72) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 25, at the end, to insert the words—

“18A. All such representations made under this Schedule shall be in confidence.”—(Mr. Timothy Smith.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 73 to 76, 81 to 85, 87 and 89 to 94) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

And it being Four o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Bill to be further considered upon Friday next.

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

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

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

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

Insurance.—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 Insurance Companies (Authorisation and Accounts: General Business) Regulations 1978, which were laid before this House on 3rd April, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):

—It was agreed to.

Northern Ireland Committee.—Ordered, That the Order of the House of 19th April, That the matter of the Proposal for a draft Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee, be discharged.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

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 Tuesday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 20th March.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]

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Friday 28th April 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise,—Copies of Orders, dated 27th April 1978, entitled—
(1) the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping Revocation (No. 1) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 640), and
(2) the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (No. 15) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 641) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Civil Aviation,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Aviation Security Fund Regulations 1978 [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th April 1978, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 600) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:


Mr. Secretary Shore:


Mr. Michael Foot:


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


[No. 107.]

Tuesday, 2nd May, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

King's College London Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the King's College London Bill:

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

Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth) Bill [Lords],—The Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth) Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).
Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-first Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-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 (Seventeenth Report).

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

Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords].—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill, intituled, An Act to make fresh provision for matrimonial proceedings in magistrates' courts; to amend enactments relating to other proceedings so as to eliminate certain differences between the law relating to those proceedings and the law relating to matrimonial proceedings in magistrates' courts; to extend section 15 of the Justices of the Peace Act 1949; to amend Part II of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1952; to further amend section 9 of the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971; to amend the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972; to amend certain enactments relating to adoption; and for purposes connected with those matters.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 120].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 437].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the development and disposal of lands comprising the site of Christ Church Woburn Square and of the churchyard appurtenant thereto and of the churchyard of the former church of Saint Matthew Oakley Square; to authorise the erection of buildings thereon; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Christ Church Woburn Square and Saint Matthew Oakley Square Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for the regulation and management of Kendal Market; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Kendal Market Bill [Lords]].

Christ Church Woburn Square and Saint Matthew Oakley Square Bill [Lords].—The Christ Church Woburn Square and Saint Matthew Oakley Square Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Kendal Market Bill [Lords].—The Kendal Market Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

New Members sworn,—

Raymond William Whitney, Esquire, Member for Wycombe, was sworn.

Archibald Gavin Hamilton, Esquire, Member for Epsom and Ewell, was sworn.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2(c) of Standing Order No. 18 (Business of Supply), the Motion relating to Commercial Agents may be proceeded with after Ten o'clock. (Mr. Ted Graham.)

Bank Holidays (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the statutory dates for bank holidays: And that Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Alan Lee Williams, and Mr. Daiydd Wigley, do prepare and bring it in.

Bank Holidays (Amendment) Bill.—Sir Anthony Meyer accordingly presented a Bill to alter the statutory dates for bank holidays. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 119].

Supply [14th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

Privileges,—Ordered, That the matter of publication of the proceedings of the House other than by order of the House, insofar as the Privileges of this House are concerned,
and the matter of the application of the sub judice rule during Business Questions on Thursday 20th April be referred to the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

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

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

Commercial Agents.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/3/77 on Commercial Agents.—(Mr. Michael Meacher.)

Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Suppression of Terrorism 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. 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 two minutes to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 2nd May 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 13, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 28th October 1977 between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria fixing the additional amount to be deducted from the levy on imports into the Community of untreated olive oil originating in Algeria for the period 1st November 1977 to 31st October 1978 [by Command].

European Communities (No. 14, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 28th October 1977, between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco fixing the additional amount to be deducted from the levy on imports into the Community of untreated olive oil originating in Morocco for the period 1st November 1977 to 31st October 1978 [by Command].

Miscellaneous (No. 6, 1978).—Copy of a Resolution, approved by the International Sugar Council on 31st August 1977, further to extend the International Sugar Agreement 1973 [by Command].

Miscellaneous (No 7, 1978).—Copy of the International Sugar Agreement 1977, signed at New York between 28th October and 31st December 1977 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Law Commissions.—Report of the Scottish Law Commission on the Adoption (Scotland) Bill [by Command].

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th April 1978, entitled the Legal Aid (Scotland) (General) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 622) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Health Service Commissioner.—Copy of the Second Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1977-78 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 343].
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 April 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 Swiss Federal Council of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the draft Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Switzerland) Order 1978, and on the ratification by the Government of the Republic of Austria of the Protocol set out in the Schedule to the draft Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Austria) Order 1978, which drafts were laid before your House, Orders may be made in the form of those drafts.

I will comply with your request.

Orkney Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Millan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Orkney Islands Council: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 118].

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, some 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 made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill.—Mr. Ernest Perry reported from the Committee on the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill, that Mr. David Mudd, one of the members of the said Committee, was not present at the afternoon sitting of the Committee this day.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 3rd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-xxvii].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 3rd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 351-iv].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 3rd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-vii].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Mr. Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 3rd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 444-i].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 3rd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-viii].

Race Relations and Immigration.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 3rd May.

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).
Rating Bill (changed to Rating (Disabled Persons) Bill)—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Rating Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 12th May; and to be printed [Bill 123].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 439].

State Immunity Bill [Lords].—Mr. John Spence reported from the Second Reading Committee on the State Immunity 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 State Immunity 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. 442].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Agricultural Holdings Act 1948 (Variation of Fourth Schedule) Order 1978 and the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1949 (Variation of First Schedule) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 20th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 438].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 267) and the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 360), referred to a Committee on 20th and 21st April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 440].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Potatoes) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Trades Unions (Freedom of Political Association).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent a registered trade union from expelling a member from membership of the union for political reasons—(Mr. Robert Adley); 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. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Ivan Lawrence: 175.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Doug Hoyle: 181.

So the Question was negatived.

Wales Bill (Allocation of Time).—Ordered, That the Report of 27th April of the Business Committee be now considered.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

The House accordingly considered the Report.

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 43 (Business Committee), That this House doth agree with the Committee in their Resolution:—It was agreed to.

Wales Bill [allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Wales Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Commencement)—(Mr. John Smith) brought up, and read the first time. Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates: 235.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. Gordon Wilson: 17.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Employment opportunities of Welsh speakers)—(Mr. Wyn Roberts) brought up, and read the first time. Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 221.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. James Tinn: 243.
Another Clause (Welsh Development Agency and Development Board for Rural Wales)—(Mr. Nicholas Edwards)—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, Sir George Young, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton : 225.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton : 243.

Another Clause (Audit of Welsh Comptroller and Auditor General)—(Mr. Leon Brittan)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Debate arising;

And it being Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November] and the Resolution this day, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Mr. Peter Morrison : 228.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham : 252.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eleven o'clock.

Amendments (Nos. 7, 13 to 16, 18, 40, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53 to 58, 62, 67, 70, 74 to 81 and 99 to 107) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow ; and be printed [Bill 122].

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.34 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 3rd May 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr. Robert Sheldon :

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 31st March, 3rd, 4th and 5th April 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 443].

Mr. Secretary Rees :

Police,—Report of the Police Complaints Board for the period 1st June to 31st December 1977 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 359].

Mr. Secretary Ennals :


Mr. Secretary Dell :


Mr. Secretary Mason :

Gas,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th April 1978, entitled the Compensation for Limitation of Prices (Gas) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 104) [by Act].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Thirty-four Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clause 11 and any new Clauses first appearing on the Order Paper not later than Thursday 4th May and relating to stamp duty on house purchase, indexation for capital gains tax, deferred payment of duty on whisky or interest on repayments of overpaid tax), viz.: Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Peter Brooke, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Denis Davies, Mr. Donald Dewar, Mr. Jack Dunnett, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Harry Lamborn, Mr. Nigel Lawson, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. John Parke, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Malcolm Rikkind, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. John Sever, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. John Wakeham, Mr. Jerry Wiggan, Mr. Alec Woodall, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

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 Civil Liability (Contribution) Bill, viz.: Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Mark Carlisle, Mr. F. P. Crowder, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Kenneth Lomas, Mr. Kevin Mcnamara, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Walter Padley, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. J. W. Rooke, and Mrs. Audrey Wise.

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 Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Mark Carlisle, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. William Craig, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Brynnor John, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mrs. Renée Short, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mrs. Ann Taylor, and Mr. John Watkinson.

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 Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Sir Frederic Bennett, Mr. John Biffen, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, and Sir John Rodgers.

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 Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) Amendment Regulations 1978, viz.: Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Eric Dents, Mr. John Dunlop, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Stan Newens, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. Dennis Skinner, and Mr. Frank R. White.

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 and Commission Document No. R/1985/77 relating to Home Study Courses, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Timothy Smith, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Raphael Tuck, Mr. William Whitlock, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, and Mr. David Young.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 3rd May 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Finance Bill (except Clause 11 and new Clauses relating to stamp duty on house purchase, indexation for capital gains tax, deferred payment of duty on whisky or interest on repayments of overpaid tax) to Standing Committee A; the Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D; the Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) Amendment Regulations 1978 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and Commission Document No. R/1985/77 relating to Home Study Courses to the Sixth 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 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 and 3rd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 56-xvii and xviii].

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

House of Commons (Administration) Bill,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the House of Commons (Administration) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 124].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 445].

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

The Lords have agreed to the European Assembly Elections Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

Theft Bill [Lords].—The Theft Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 125].

Co-ownership of Flats Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Co-ownership of Flats Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday next.

Homes Insulation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Shore, supported by Mr. Secretary Benn, Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Joel Barnett, and Mr. Reginald Freeson, 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 local authority grants towards the thermal insulation of dwellings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 121].

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.

Food and Drugs,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Milk (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 469), dated 21st March 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd March, be annulled—(Mr. Michael Jopling):—It was negatived.

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

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**

Thursday 4th May 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 13th, 14th, 17th and 19th April 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 446].

Duchy of Cornwall,—Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall in 1977 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Owen:

Miscellaneous (No. 9, 1978).—Copy of the European Convention on the Social Protection of Farmers, made at Strasbourg on 6th May 1974 (with explanatory report) (the United Kingdom has not ratified the Convention) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 29, 1978).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Vienna on 2nd December 1977, suspending the application of safeguards in Japan under the Agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Government of Japan and Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom for the application of Agency safeguards in respect of the Agreement between those Governments for co-operation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy [by Command].


Mr Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industry.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Enterprise Board for 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Planning (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Monopolies and Mergers.—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed mergers of Rockware Group Limited and United Glass Limited and Redfearn National Glass Limited [by Act]; to be printed [No. 431].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Transport.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Railways Board for 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:


Paper 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 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 447].

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. John Fraser (nominated in respect of the Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill), and had appointed in substitution Mr. Alfred Morris.
MEMORANDUM

Thursday 4th May 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mrs. Joyce Butler and Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Finance Bill (except Clause 11 and new Clauses relating to stamp duty on house purchase, indexation for capital gains tax, deferred payment of duty on whisky or interest on repayments of overpaid tax); Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill; Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) Amendment Regulations 1978; Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of Commission Document No. R/1985/77 relating to Home Study Courses; and Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Central Health Services Council (Variation of Constitution) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1978 and the draft Medicines (Radioactive Substances Order 1978, in the place of Mr. Peter Doig.

[No. 110.]

Friday, 5th May, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 4th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 448-i].

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 Medical Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (Mr. Michael Foot.)

Estate Agents Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Estate Agents Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 12, to leave out from the word "property" to the end of line 19.—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley.)

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

An Amendment (No. 5) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 2, to leave out the words "or to a substantial extent".—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 39, to leave out the words "the Director is satisfied that".—(Mr. Roger Moate.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, to leave out lines 8 and 9.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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

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

Estate Agents Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Estate Agents Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, to leave out lines 13 to 15.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 38, to leave out the word “shows” and insert the words “can show that the act was done without his connivance or consent, and”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Andrew MacKay.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 12, after the word “Director”, to insert the words “the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors”.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 33, to leave out Clause No. 4.—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 26) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, to leave out lines 29 to 38.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 38, to leave out the words “in point of law”.—(Mr. Vivien Bendall.)

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

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

Debate to be resumed upon Friday next.

Employment Protection Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Employment Protection Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Friday next.

Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Employment Protection Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Friday next.

Nuclear Waste Disposal Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nuclear Waste Disposal Bill;

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

Hairdressers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hairdressers (Registration) (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.

Companies (Qualification of Company Secretaries).—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies (Qualification of Company Secretaries) Bill;

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

Finance (Reduction of Taxation) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance (Reduction of Taxation) Bill;

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

Representation of the People (Deposits and Nominations) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People (Deposits and Nominations) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.

Deer Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Deer Bill;

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

Theatres Trust (Scotland) Bill.—The Theatres Trust (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee upon Friday next.
Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill:

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

Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill.—Ordered, That Standing Committee C be discharged from considering the Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill and that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Iver Cleminson.)

Committee upon Friday next.

Landlord and Tenant.—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 Holdings Act 1948 (Variation of Fourth Schedule) Order 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th April, be approved.—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Landlord and Tenant.—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 Holdings (Scotland) Act 1949 (Variation of First Schedule) Order 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th April, 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-seven minutes to Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.33 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 5th May 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th May 1978, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (Amendment No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 674) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Port of London,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Port of London Authority for 1977 [by Act].

[No. 111.]

Monday, 8th May, 1978.

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 Boydlen reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub Committee on 8th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 282-v and 374-ii].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cauv reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 8th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-ix].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
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 and to be printed [Bill 126].

Finance Bill (Clause 11, and new Clauses relating to stamp duty on house purchase, indexation for capital gains tax, deferred payment of duty on whisky or interest on repayments of overpaid tax).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clause 11, and new Clauses relating to stamp duty on house purchase, indexation for capital gains tax, deferred payment of duty on whisky or interest on repayment of overpaid tax).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 11 (Charge of income tax for 1978-79).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 10, line 13, to leave out “34” and insert “33”.—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 312.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 304.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 10, line 15, to leave out “£750” and insert “£1,000”.—(Mr. Dafydd Wigley.)

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

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.

State Immunity Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the State Immunity 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. Alf Bates):—Debate arising;

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

[Adjourned at 11.42 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Paper delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on 5th May 1978 pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Offshore Installations.—Copy of an Order, dated 5th May 1978, entitled the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 673) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 8th May 1978:

Mr Secretary Booth:


Mr Secretary Ennals:

National Health Service.—Copy of second proposals made by the Health Services Board concerning withdrawal of authorisations for the use of NHS hospital accommodation and services by private patients [by Act]; to be printed [No. 358].
Mr. Secretary Shore:

Town and Country Planning.—Copy of an Order, dated 9th December 1977, entitled the Wickham St. Paul Parish Council (Village Green) Appropriation 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:

Northern Ireland.—Proposal for a draft Order in Council under Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974, entitled the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission.—Report of the Price Commission on Southalls (Birmingham) Limited—sanitary protection and other hygiene products [by Act]; to be printed [No. 436].

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. Mark Carlisle (nominated in respect of the Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords]) and had appointed in substitution Mr. Norman Miscampbell.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 8th May 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Nuclear Safeguards and Electricity (Finance) Bill; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill; and Sir Stephen McAlinden Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords].

Tuesday, 9th May, 1978.

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.:

Christ Church Woburn Square and Saint Matthew Oakley Square Bill [Lords].

Kendal Market Bill [Lords].

Bills to be read a second time.

Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill.—A Motion being made, That the Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill be now read the third time;

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
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King's College London Bill.—The King's College London Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

Orkney Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Orkney Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 9th May 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. 16-xxxv].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xxxvi].

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. 17-xx].

Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Michael English reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 128].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 457].

Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords].—Sir Stephen McAden reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 129].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 460].

Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Community Service by Offenders (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. 455].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Medicines (Radioactive Substances) Order 1978 and the Central Health Services Council (Variations of Constitution) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 489), referred to a Committee on 21st and 25th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 453].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. David Watkins reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Hungary) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Ghana) Order 1978 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Singapore) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 25th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 452].

Northern Ireland Committee.—Ordered, That the matter of the Proposal for a draft Rent (Northern Ireland) Order, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)
Trade Unions (Allocation of Political Funds).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Trade Union Act 1913 in relation to the application of funds for certain political purposes to enable any member of the union to nominate a political party of his own choice to receive the political proportion of his individual trade union levy—(Mr. Richard Page);

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 the commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Timothy Smith, Mr. Robin Hodgson: 194.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Neil Kinnock: 200.

So the Question was negatived.

Wales Bill [allotted day].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Wales Bill;

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

And it being Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Peter Snape: 292.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 264.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Northern Ireland Committee.—Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Northern Ireland Committee that they do postpone further consideration of the matter of the reorganisation of the Housing Executive until they have reported that they have considered the matter of the Proposal for a draft Rent (Northern Ireland) Order.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

Tuesday 9th May 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 6th, 7th, 10th and 12th April 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 456].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Nationality (Miscellaneous No. 10, 1978).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Strasbourg on 24th November 1977, amending the Convention on the Reduction of Cases of Multiple Nationality and Military Obligations in Cases of Multiple Nationality (the Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].


Treaty Series (No. 32, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Bonn on 29th April 1977, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, concerning the waiving of the reimbursement of the costs of benefits in kind provided for sickness, maternity, accidents at work and occupational diseases, of unemployment benefits and of the costs of administrative and medical controls [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration,—Copy of the Eighth Report of the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration [by Command].

Pensions,—Copy of the Report of the Occupational Pensions Board for 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 362].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Rating and Valuation,—Copies of Orders, dated 8th May 1978, entitled—
(1) the Valuation Lists (Postponement) Order 1978, and
(2) the Valuation Lists (Postponement) (No. 2) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

General Medical Council,—Copy of the Accounts of the General Medical Council for 1977 [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th April 1978, entitled the Labelling of Food (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 646) [by Act].

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

Biological Standards,—Accounts of the National Biological Standards Board for the period 1st July 1976 to 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 458].

Foreign Compensation,—Accounts of the Egyptian, Egyptian Nationalised Property and Romanian Funds for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 459].

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the State Immunity Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D; the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Potatoes) Order 1978 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1978 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 113.]

Wednesday, 10th May, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Hamilton Writ,—Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County Constituency of Hamilton, in the room of Alexander Wilson, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

Orkney Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill,—The Orkney Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (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.
Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland 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 Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland 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.

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-fifth Report).

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

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. 29-xxvii].

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 April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 462-i].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 11th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 448-ii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 10th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 383-ii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 3rd April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 282-vii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 10th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-xxvii].

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 May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-i].

Overseas Development,—Mr. Kevin McNamara reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 10th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 153-ix].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Mr. Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 10th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 444-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 10th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 410-iv].
Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 17th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 464].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 524), referred to a Committee on 26th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 465].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Commission Document No. R/1985/77 relating to Home Study Courses, referred to a Committee on 27th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 463].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for, and in connection with, the attainment by Solomon Islands of independence within the Commonwealth; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Solomon Islands Bill [Lords]].

Solomon Islands Bill [Lords].—The Solomon Islands Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 131].

Inner City (Disposal of Vacant Public Land) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Inner City (Disposal of Vacant Public Land) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.

Employment (Continental Shelf) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Booth, supported by Mr. Secretary Owen, Mr. Secretary Benn, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Milian, Mr. Secretary Dell, and Mr. Harold Walker, presented a Bill to make provision for the application of certain enactments to employment connected with the exploration or exploitation of areas of the continental shelf adjacent to areas designated under the Continental Shelf Act 1964; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 127].

Designation of Regional Boundaries,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the designation by the Secretary of State of regional boundaries for economic planning and associated purposes: And that Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. David Knox, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. David Madel, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, and Mr. Ray Mawby, do prepare and bring it in.

Designation of Regional Boundaries Bill,—Mr. Robert Hicks accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the designation by the Secretary of State of regional boundaries for economic planning and associated purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 130].

Finance Bill (Clause 11, and new Clauses relating to stamp duty on house purchase, indexation for capital gains tax, deferred payment of duty on whisky or interest on repayments of overpaid tax),—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clause 11, and new Clauses relating to stamp duty on house purchase, indexation for capital gains tax, deferred payment of duty on whisky or interest on repayment of overpaid tax).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 11 (Charge of income tax for 1978-79).

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 10, line 17, to leave out "£7,000" 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, Mr. Michael Roberts: 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 286.
Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 10, line 20, to leave out from the word "exceeds" to the word "of" in line 22, and insert the words "£2,000 at the additional rates of 10 per cent. for the first £500".—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 275.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 289.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed, in page 10, line 23, after the word "who", to insert the word "either".—(Mr. John Pardoe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Cyril Smith: 101.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Thomas Cox: 277.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed, in page 10, line 25, to leave out the word "sixty-five", and insert the word "sixty".—(Mr. Paul Dean.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed, in page 10, to leave out lines 29 to 38, and insert the words—

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—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 278.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 284.

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Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Frank R. White).

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. James Hamilton: 273.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 280.

Another Amendment made, in page 10, line 29, by leaving out "£7,000" and inserting "£8,000".—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Clause, as amended, 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, this day, again resolve itself into the Committee.

Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Community Service by Offenders (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. Frank R. White):—It was agreed to.

Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision as respects the performance of unpaid work by persons convicted in Scotland, it is
expedient to authorise any increase attributable to any provision of the said Act in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament—

(a) under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 in making grants to local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by them in providing services for persons subject to community service orders or probation orders which include a requirement that the offender shall perform unpaid work;

(b) by way of rate support grant.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.47 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 10th May 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd May 1978, entitled the City of Exeter (Local Act Repeals) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 651) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Scottish Transport Group for 1977 [by Act].

Mr Secretary Hattersley:

Monopolies and Mergers,—Copy of a Consultative Document, entitled a Review of Monopolies and Mergers Policy [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd May 1978, entitled the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 669) [by Act].

Mr Attorney General:

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Ninth Report of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission on Statute Law Revision [by Command].

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 Post Office Workers (Industrial Action) Bill, viz.: Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Leslie Huckfield, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. Norman Tebbit, and Mr. Tom Urwin.

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 State Immunity Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Antony Buck, Mr. F. P. Crowder, Mr. Geoff Edge, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Sir Michael Havers, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. John Ryman, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Frank R. White, and Mr. William Wilson.

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Thirteen Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Proposal for a draft Rent (Northern Ireland) Order, viz.: Mr. John Bigger-Davison, Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr. Simon Malon, Mr. Michael Mates, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Paul B. Rose, Mr. Stan Thorne, and Mr. van Straubenzee.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Wiley 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 Weights and
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In pursuance of paragraph (i) of Standing Order No. 67 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Import of Live Fish (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 114.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 11th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 92-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 11th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-xxviii].

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 (Fifth Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 467].

Nuclear Safeguards and Electricity (Finance) Bill,—Mr. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Nuclear Safeguards and Electricity (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. 468].

Abortion (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That the Abortion (Amendment) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Statute of Westminster Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Statute of Westminster Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 19th May.

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the draft Aviation Security Fund Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question and add the words "this House, while welcoming the steps being taken to improve the financial position of the British Steel Corporation, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which, at a time of continuing high losses, in effect provides finance for three years without adequate opportunity for Parliament to make an annual assessment of the progress of the Corporation", instead thereof. — (Mr. Norman Lamont.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. John MacGregor: 203.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Donald Coleman: 252.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Co-operative Development Agency Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Iron and Steel (Amendment) [Money], — Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Iron and Steel (Amendment) [Money];

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise all such increased payments—

(a) out of the National Loans Fund, the Consolidated Fund and moneys provided by Parliament, and

(b) into the National Loans Fund and the Consolidated Fund,

as may result from any Act of the present Session increasing to £4,750 million, or such greater sum not exceeding £5,500 million as the Secretary of State may by order specify, the sum specified in section 19 of the Iron and Steel Act 1975 as the aggregate of the amount which the British Steel Corporation and the publicly-owned companies may borrow and the amount which the Secretary of State may under section 18 of the Act of 1975 pay to the Corporation. — (Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Co-operative Development Agency Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Co-operative Development Agency Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Interpretation)— (Mr. Richard Wainwright)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time: —

Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 7, at the end, to insert the words "for a period of five years from the formation of the Agency."—(Mr. Richard Wainwright.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, to leave out subsections (2) and (3) and insert the words—

"(2) The agency shall consist of a chairman and not more than seventeen other members.

(3) The Chairman and not more than eight other members of the Agency shall be appointed by the Secretary of State, after consultation with persons appearing to him to represent the interests of the Co-operative movement and one each of the remaining other members of the Agency shall be appointed by each of the bodies listed in Part II of the Schedule to this Act subject to the confirmation of each such appointment by the Secretary of State:

Provided that the Secretary of State shall at no time appoint a member of the Agency if by so doing the number of members appointed by him exceeds the number appointed by the bodies listed in Part II of the Schedule to this Act", instead thereof.— (Mr. Ivor Clemitson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, to leave out lines 23 and 24 and insert the words "(a) to promote co-operative principles", instead thereof.— (Mr. George Rodgers.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 5 to 12) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 31, after " (3) " to insert the words " subject to subsection (6) below ".—(Mr. Richard Wainwright).

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Friday, 12th May, 1978:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 15, 17, 18, 20 and 21) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Accounts and Audit: Alternative Provisions)—(Mr. Bob Cryer)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to the Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the Local Government Act 1974 with respect to investigations by Local Commissioners it is expedient to authorise any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament under any other Act.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Medicines,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Medicines (Radioactive Substances) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 11th April, be approved.—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Income Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that on the ratification by the Hungarian People's Republic of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the draft Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Hungary) (Order 1978, which draft was laid before this House on 18th April, an Order may be made in the form of that draft.—(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.

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) (Ghana) Order 1978 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 18th April.—(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.

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) (Singapore) Order 1978 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 18th April.—(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.

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

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

[Adjourned till 12.40 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 11th May 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th May 1978, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (No. 16) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 698) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 15, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 31st December 1977, relating to Article 19 of the Co-operation Agreement and Article 12 of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and concerning the import into the Community of tomato concentrates originating in Algeria [by Command].

European Communities (No. 16, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 23rd December 1977, extending the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Protection of Wrecks,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th May 1978, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 3) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 664) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Statement of determination of the financial duties of British Aerospace in 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 1978,
(2) the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, and
(3) the Payments of Debt (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th May 1978, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 697) [by Act].

MEMORANDA

Thursday 11th May 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Community Service by Offenders (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 Donald Kaberry Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the State Immunity Bill [Lords]; Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Proposal for a draft Rent (Northern Ireland) Order; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Potatoes) Order 1978; and Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1978.

[No. 115.]

Friday, 12th May, 1978.

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).

Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—Ordered, That the Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) (No 2) Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.
Rating (Disabled Persons) Bill (changed from Rating Bill).—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Rating (Disabled Persons) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Rateable value per head)—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—
Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, after the word “ any ”, to insert the word “ domestic ”.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 16, to leave out the words “ there has been provided ” and insert the words “ there is ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. John Hannam.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 4, 7 and 8) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 8, after the word “ garage ”, to insert the words “ or carport ”.—(Mr. Michael Morris.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 10, to leave out the word “ and ” and insert the word “ or ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—
“ (c) the occupier of the hereditament if he makes all or any of it available to the disabled person without requiring any payment of rent ”.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 39, to leave out Clause 2.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, to leave out lines 36 and 37.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 26) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 7, at the end, to insert the words “ provided that such period shall be not less than three calendar months ”.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 19, to leave out subsection (5).—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 29 to 31, 36, 37 and 39 to 42) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 47) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, to leave out lines 34 and 35.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 51) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 5, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 12 on page 11 and insert the words—

“ General

1. The amount of any rebate under section 1 of this Act shall be so much of the rates chargeable for the hereditament for the rebate period as are attributable to so much of the hereditament as is, in terms of subsection (2) of the said section 1, referable to the needs of the disabled person; provided that the rating authority may, if they think fit, increase the rebate by an additional amount equal to one-fifth of the amount so attributable ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 52, 53, 59 and 64) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Estate Agents Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment proposed upon 5th May, on consideration of the Estate Agents Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Which Amendment was, in page 8, line 38, to leave out the words “in point of law”;

And the Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put and negatived.

It being Four o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Friday next.

Employment Protection Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Employment Protection Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Friday 14th July.

Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Friday 14th July.

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

(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. Ted Graham reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Theatres Trust (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Theatres Trust (Scotland) Bill.

(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.

Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill.

(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.

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

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

Disabled Persons (Mobility after Retirement) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Disabled Persons (Mobility after Retirement) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.

Motorway Noise (Insulation) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motorway Noise (Insulation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.

Endangered Species (Import and Export) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.

Social Security (Kidney Patients) (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Social Security (Kidney Patients) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.

Co-ownership of Flats Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Co-ownership of Flats Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.

Nuclear Waste Disposal Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nuclear Waste Disposal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.

Companies (Qualification of Company Secretaries) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies (Qualification of Company Secretaries) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.

Import of Live Fish (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Import of Live Fish (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee upon Friday 14th July.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.

Home Study Courses,—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/1985/77 on Home Study Courses—(Mr. Ted Graham):—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 draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 ( Continuance) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 5th April, be approved—(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 nineteen minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.41 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 12th May 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Museums and Galleries.—Copy of an Order, dated 25th April 1978, entitled the National Galleries of Scotland Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 660) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:


Mr. John Silkin:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Robert Banks (appointed in respect of the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Potatoes) Order 1978); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robert Hicks

[No. 116.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Town and Country Planning.—The Order made on 8th May, That the Wickham St. Paul Parish Council (Village Green) Appropriation Order 1977 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill.—Mr. Ernest Perry reported from the Committee on the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; 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 Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 15th May.

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

Council Tenants' Charter Bill,—Ordered, That the Council Tenants' Charter Bill be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.

Thief Bill [Lords].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Thief Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee—(Mr. Frank R. White);

And at least Twenty Members having risen in their places and signified their objection thereto, Mr. Speaker declared that the Noes had it, pursuant to Standing Order No. 66 (Second Reading Committee).

Parliamentary Control of the Executive,—Resolved, That this House notes with concern that the degree of Parliamentary control over the Executive has diminished and is diminishing; believes the opportunities for regular supervision of the actions of the Executive by Parliament are inadequate in the modern context; is concerned with the implications for the Constitution and ultimately for the efficient operation of the democratic process in the United Kingdom; and is of the opinion that Parliament's powers of supervision and control now need to be strengthened and improved.—(Mr. Edward du Cann.)

Windscale Special Development Order,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Town and Country Planning (Windscale and Calder Works) Special Development Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 525), dated 3rd April 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd April, be withdrawn—(Mr. David Steel);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. David Penhaligon: 80.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 224.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 10 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 11 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 12 to 14 were agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.27 p.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 15th May 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of a Paper, entitled Action on Safety and Pollution at Sea: New Merchant Shipping Bill [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Transport.—Statement of determination of the salary payable to a full-time member of the British Railways Board [by Act].
Mr. John Silkin:

Bee Diseases,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th May 1978, entitled the Importation of Bees Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 683) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

General Dental Council,—Account of income and expenditure of the General Dental Council for 1977 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 15th May 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee B; and the draft Aviation Security Fund Regulations 1978 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 117.]

Tuesday, 16th May, 1978.

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 Frank Hatton, Esquire, Member for Manchester, Moss Side, 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.

London Transport Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the London Transport Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday.

Kendal Market Bill [Lords],—The Kendal Market Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Christ Church Woburn Square and Saint Matthew Oakley Square Bill [Lords],—The Christ Church Woburn Square and Saint Matthew Oakley Square Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

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

Social Security,—The Order made on 27th April, That the draft Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1978 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-third Report):

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xxxvii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 16th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 473-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 the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 472].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 16th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 470-i].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 15th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-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 (Nineteenth Report).

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

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged from considering the draft Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1978.

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 16th May to be printed [No. 68-vii].

Government Contracts,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate Government contracts; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. John Cope do prepare and bring it in.

Government Contracts Bill.—Mr. John Cope accordingly presented a Bill to regulate Government contracts; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 132].

Finance Bill (Clause 11, and new Clauses relating to stamp duty on house purchase, indexation for capital gains tax, deferred payment of duty on whisky or interest on repayments of overpaid tax),—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clause 11, and new Clauses relating to stamp duty on house purchase, indexation for capital gains tax, deferred payment of duty on whisky or interest on repayment of overpaid tax).

(In the Committee)

Mr. Nicholas Ridley moved, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again, but the Chairman, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28 (Dilatory motion in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the Committee.

A Clause (Indexation of capital gains tax)—(Mr. Nigel Lawson)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 223.

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

Another Clause (Reduction of stamp duty on house purchase)—(Mr. Peter Rees)—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 (Reduced rates of stamp duty on house purchase)—(Mr. Peter Rees)—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 Noes, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Joseph Harper: 266.
Another Clause (Interest on tax overpaid)—(Mr. Peter Rees)—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. Anthony Berry, Sir George Young: 253.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Peter Snape: 274.

Another Clause (Whisky out of bond)—(Mr. George Younger)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Wednesday, 17th May, 1978:

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 236.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 264.

Bill (Clause 11), as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Tinn reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clause 11), and directed him to report the same, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill (Clause 11), as amended, do lie upon the Table.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.48 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 16th May 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 20th, 21st, 24th and 25th April 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 471].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 17, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 14th December 1976, extending the Trade Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Argentine Republic [by Command].

European Communities (No. 18, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 8th December 1977, extending the Trade Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Argentine Republic [by Command].

Singapore (No. 1, 1978),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Singapore on 23rd May and 23rd July 1977 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Singapore, further amending the Protocol of 21st July 1975 to the Agreement for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income signed at Singapore on 1st December 1966 (the Exchange of Notes is not in force) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 33, 1978),—Copy of International Labour Convention No. 144, adopted by the General Conference of the International Labour Organisation at its Sixty-First Session at Geneva on 21st June 1976, concerning tripartite consultations to promote the implementation of international labour standards [by Command].


Consular Relations,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Consular Relations (Privileges and Immunities) (Polish People's Republic) Order 1978 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Health Service Commissioner,—Copy of the Third Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1977-78 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 417].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Pollution Control and Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission for the year ended 30th September 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 441].

[No. 118.]


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).

Weights and Measures,—The Order made on 3rd March, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Hardware, Textiles and Floor Coverings) (Restriction on Imperial Units) Order 1978 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Weights and Measures,—The Order made on 9th March, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Weighed out Foodstuffs) (Restriction on Imperial Units) Order 1978 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Weights and Measures,—The Order made on 4th April, That the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1978 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Abingdon Market Place 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 Abingdon Market Place 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.

Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth) 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 Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth) Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. Daniel Awdry reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Adoption (Scotland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill, and had made an Amendment thereunto, and had 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. 477].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 477].
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).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-xxvii].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-xxviii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 17th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-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 17th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 351-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 17th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-vii].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Mr. Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 17th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 444-iii].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 17th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-xi].

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

Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 14th July; and to be printed [Bill 134].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 475].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Wells reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Potatoes) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 3rd May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 474].

Liquor Prizes Bill.—Ordered, That the Liquor Prizes Bill be read a second time upon Friday 9th June.

Tertiary Education Inquiry (Scotland) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Tertiary Education Inquiry (Scotland) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.

British Leyland (Dismissal of Directors).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give the employees of British Leyland powers to dismiss the executive directors of that company.—(Mr. Tom Litterick);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Stan Thorne: 62.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Nicholas Ridley: 153.

So the Question was negatived.
Transport Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Transport Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Bicycles)—(Mr. John Horam)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Control of off-street parking (right of appeal))—(Mr. Norman Fowler)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 203.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Peter Snape: 238.

Another Clause (Public accountability of British Rail)—(Mr. Norman Fowler)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Sir George Young: 163.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Thomas Cox: 217.

Another Clause (General duties of the Traffic Commissioners)—(Mr. Peter Fry)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Debate arising;

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

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business), That the Transport Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour—(Mrs. Ann Taylor);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Ted Graham 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 Transport Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.

Transport Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Transport Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (General duties of the Traffic Commissioners) be read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Mr. Jim Lester: 173.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 203.

Another Clause (Concessionary travel—Report by local authorities)—(Mr. John Farr)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Central and Area Passenger Councils)—(Mr. Roger Moate)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Concessionary fare schemes)—(Mr. John Ellis)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 10, to leave out "6" and insert "3", instead thereof.—(Mr. Ian Gow.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Roger Moate: 6.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Hamilton: 103.
Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 17, to leave out "1979" and insert the words "1980 or such later date as the Secretary of State shall appoint ", instead thereof.—(Mr. Ian Gow.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 15 to 17) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 29, to leave out the word "shall" and insert the word "may", instead thereof.—(Mr. Ian Gow.)

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. 29) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 42, to leave out "16" and insert "20", instead thereof.—(Mr. Ian Gow.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 24, to leave out the words "must be a volunteer and ".—(Mr. Ian Gow.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 32 to 35, 38, 41, 47, 48, 51, 52, 54, 55, and 57 to 61) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 62) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 6, to leave out the words "six months" and insert the words "one year", instead thereof.—(Mr. George Younger.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 64) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 31, to leave out paragraph 1 and insert the words—

"1. In section 56 (Power to inspect goods vehicles to secure proper maintenance), for subsection (4) there shall be substituted the following subsection:—

'(4) A goods vehicle examiner or a constable in uniform may at any time require any person in charge of a stationary vehicle on a road to proceed with the vehicle for the purpose of having it inspected to any place where an inspection can be carried out not being more than 1 mile from the place where the requirement is made or not being more than 5 miles from that place if the goods vehicle examiner certifies that in his opinion by reason of the nature of the examination which he considers should be carried out or conditions of weather or visibility it is not practicable to carry out or complete the inspection there or at any nearer place suitable for that purpose ", instead thereof.—(Mr. Peter Fry.)

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

Title amended, as follows: A Bill to provide for the planning and development of public passenger transport services in the counties of England and Wales; to make further provision about public service vehicle licensing, the regulation of goods vehicles and parking; to make amendments about British Rail and railways, and about Freightliners Limited and the finances of the National Freight Corporation and other transport bodies in the public sector; and for purposes connected with those matters.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

House of Commons Members' Fund.—Resolved, That one-tenth of the sums deducted or set aside in the current year from the salaries of Members of Parliament under section 1 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1939, and one-tenth of the contribution determined by the Treasury for the current year under section 1 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1957, be appropriated for the purposes of section 4 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1948.—(Mr. Albert Roberts.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 5.38 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 17th May 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Health Services (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Health Service Planning Council for 1977 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Genetic Manipulation,—Copy of the First Report of the Genetic Manipulation Advisory Group [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Report and Accounts of British Aerospace for 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission on prices, costs and margins in the production and distribution of proprietary non-ethical medicines [by Act]; to be printed [No. 469].

Paper 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 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 476].

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 Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Stan Crowther, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Leslie Huckfield, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr. Michael Marshall, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Richard Page, Mr. George Park, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, and Mr. Edwin Wainwright.

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 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, the Reverend Robert Bradfield, Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Ernest Fernyhough, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Gerard Fitt, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Robert Mellish, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Nigel Spearing, and Mr. van Straubenzee.

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 Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Donald Dewar, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. David Lamble, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Teddy Taylor, and Mr. George Thompson.

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 Aviation Security Fund Regulations 1978, viz.: Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Grindrod, Mr. Michael Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Dar Jones, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Neil Marten, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Michael O’Halloran, Mr. Geoffrey Patte, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Neville Trotter, and Mr. Alec Woodall.
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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 11th May relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Singapore) Order 1978 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Ghana) Order 1978 be made in the form of the drafts laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

**Income Tax.**—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 11th May relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that on the ratification by the Hungarian People's Republic of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the draft Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Hungary) Order 1978, which draft was laid before your House, an Order may be made in the form of that draft.

I will comply with your request.

**Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.**—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Wednesday next at Seven o'clock.

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

**British Railways (Selby) Bill.**—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the British Railways (Selby) Bill and found the same to be true; had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

**Expenditure.**—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had 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. 4794].

**Race Relations and Immigration.**—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 18th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 410-v].

**State Immunity Bill [Lords].**—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the State Immunity Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 133].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 480].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Orkney Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

**Statute of Westminster Bill.**—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Statute of Westminster Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 9th June.
Supply [15th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being 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.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Prices may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Prices.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Bread Prices (No. 2) Order 1976 (Amendment) (No. 5) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 516), dated 31st March 1978, a copy which was laid before this House on 31st March.—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)

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 18th May 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 19, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 28th October 1977 between the European Economic Community and Turkey, fixing the additional amount to be deducted from the levy on imports into the Community of untreated olive oil originating in Turkey, for the period 1st November 1977 to 31st October 1978 [by Command].

Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organisation (Miscellaneous No. 11, 1978).—Copy of a Resolution, adopted by the Tenth Assembly of the Organisation on 17th November 1977, to amend the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organisation, signed at Geneva on 6th March 1948 (the United Kingdom has not accepted the amendments) [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Civil Aviation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th May 1978, entitled the Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 693) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:


Mr. Secretary Benn:

Offshore Installations.—Copy of an Order, dated 18th May 1978, entitled the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (No. 5) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 733) [by Act].

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British National Oil Corporation for 1977 [by Act].
MEMORANDUM

Thursday 18th May 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill; Mr. David Watkins Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Civil Liability (Contributions) Bill; Mr. Peter Dog Chairmain of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill; Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Aviation Security Fund Regulations 1978; and Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Proposal for a draft Rent (Northern Ireland) Order, in the place of Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop.

[No. 120.]

Friday, 19th May, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Thomas Cox);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Walter Harrison: 28.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Toby Jessel: 6.

And it appearing from the report of the Division that Forty Members were not present, Mr. Speaker declared that the Question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Valuation Lists (Postponement) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Walter Harrison, Mr. Thomas Cox: 33.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Toby Jessel: 1.

And it appearing from the report of the Division that Forty Members were not present, Mr. Speaker declared that the Question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Valuation Lists (Postponement) (No. 2) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Walter Harrison, Mr. Thomas Cox: 36.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Toby Jessel: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Valuation Lists (Postponement) (No. 2) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Homes Insulation Bill.—The Homes Insulation 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).

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

Resolved, That provision may be made by an Act of the present Session for local authority grants towards the thermal insulation of dwellings, in accordance with schemes prepared by the Secretary of State; and for—

(a) the grants to be financed by the Secretary of State out of money provided by Parliament (an authority not being required, or having power, to make grants in any year beyond those for which the Secretary of State has notified them that finance is committed for that year in respect of the authority's area);
(b) the first scheme under the Act to be for the improved insulation of roof spaces and water supply, the grant available under that scheme to be, for any dwelling 66 per cent. of the cost of the works qualifying for grant or £50, whichever is the lesser amount, with power for the Secretary of State by order to alter that percentage or money sum, or both; and

(c) the Secretary of State to pay, out of money so provided, such sums as he thinks reasonable in respect of administration expenses incurred by local authorities in operating the Act.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

Solomon Islands Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solomon Islands Bill [Lords];

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

Mr. Solicitor General acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the Queen to acquaint the House that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, has consented to place her prerogative and interest, so far as they are affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

Committee upon Monday next.

Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

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

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

Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Access to children by grandparents)—(Mr. Brynmor John)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Access to minors by grandparents under Guardianship of Minors Act 1971)—(Mr. Brynmor John)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of Administration of Justice Act 1964)—(Mr. Brynmor John)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Powers of arrest for breach of section 14 Order)—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Constitution of courts)—(Dr. Shirley Summerskill)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of Affiliation Proceedings Act 1957)—(Mrs. Helene Hayman)—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 (Powers of court where parties are living apart by agreement)—(Mrs. Helene Hayman)—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 Four o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords],—The House again proceeded to consider the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Powers of court where parties are living apart by agreement) be read a second time.

Question put and agreed to.
Clause added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 7) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

" (10) The court in making an order under subsection (2)(a) or (b) above may, if it thinks fit, define the matrimonial home to which the order applies."—(Mr. Roger Sims.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 9 to 60, 62, 63, and 65 to 76) made to the Bill.

Title amended, as follows: A Bill, intituled, An Act to make fresh provision for matrimonial proceedings in magistrates' courts; to amend enactments relating to other proceedings so as to eliminate certain differences between the law relating to those proceedings and the law relating to matrimonial proceedings in magistrates' courts; to extend section 15 of the Justices of the Peace Act 1949; to amend Part II of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1952; to amend section 2 of the Administration of Justice Act 1964; to amend the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972; to amend certain enactments relating to adoption; and for purposes connected with those matters.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Weights and Measures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Potatoes) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 27th April, 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 until nine minutes past Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 5.9 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 19th May 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Employment Protection,—Copy of the Report of the Certification Officer for Trade Unions and Employers' Associations for 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th May 1978, entitled the Montrose Harbour (Constitution) Revision Order 1978, with a Statement by the Secretary of State for Transport under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 (as substituted in relation to Orders extending to Scotland only by section 10 of that Act) [by Act].

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 John Jakob Medelson, Esquire, Member for Penistone, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 22nd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 361-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 22nd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 479-ii].

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 (Fourth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 299].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 299].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before 22nd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 341-xii].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Japan Sub-Committee on 22nd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 482].

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 Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot) ;

And not less than Twenty Members having risen in their places and signified their objection thereto, Mr. Speaker declared that the Noes had it, pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Valuation Lists (Postponement) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot)

Supply [16th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

Armed Forces Pay.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the salary of the Secretary of State for Defence should be reduced by half—(Sir Ian Gilmour) ; Debate arising ;

Mr. Humphrey Atkins rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

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

And the Question being accordingly put ;

The House divided.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 267.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Harper: 281.

So the Question was negatived.

Industrial Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 28th April, be approved—(Mr. Alan Williams):—Debate arising;
And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. James Hamilton: 234.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 211.
So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That the draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 28th April, be approved.

Tuesday, 23rd May, 1978.

Expenditure.—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Expenditure Committee be amended by leaving out Mr. Max Madden and inserting Dr. Jeremy Bray.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned this day.

[Adjourned at 12.29 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 22nd May 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

National Debt,—Copy of Papers relative to the position, as at 31st March 1977, of certain Funds left in trust for the reduction of the National Debt [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1978, and
(2) the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) Order [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission,—Report of the Price Commission on IPC Magazines Limited—increases in cover prices [by Act]; to be printed [No. 481].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Freerick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Norman Lamont (nominated in respect of the Post Office Workers (Industrial Action) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Grylls.
Tuesday, 23rd May, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

British Railways Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the British Railways 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 I).

Rating and Valuation,—The Order made on 9th May, That the Valuation Lists (Postponement) (No. 2) Order 1978 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-fourth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xxxviii].

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. 485].

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. 486].

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 25th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 484-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 the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 483].

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 23rd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 470-ii].

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Export Guarantees Act 1975 (as amended by section 4 of the International Finance, Trade and Aid Act 1977 and Schedule 1 to that Act), and sections 1 and 2 of the Overseas Investment and Export Guarantees Act 1972; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House (Export Guarantees and Overseas Investment Bill [Lords].)
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Oaths Act 1838 and the Oaths Acts 1888 to 1977, and to repeal, as obsolete, section 13 of the Court (Scotland) Act 1828; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Oaths Bill [Lords]].

Export Guarantees and Overseas Investment Bill [Lords].—The Export Guarantees and Overseas Investment Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 137].

Oaths Bill [Lords].—The Oaths Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 138].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Order of the House of 19th May, That the Evaluation Lists (Postponement) (No. 2) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged.

Statutory Instruments.—Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments to have power to send for persons, papers and records at their meeting on 23rd May, and to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before them at the said meeting.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 23rd May to be printed [No. 68-viii].

Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution) Bill.—Mr. Neville Trotter presented a Bill to enable effect to be given by Order in Council to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973 and to any modifications of the Convention and any Convention superseding the Convention; and to the Protocol relating to Intervention on the High Seas in the cases of Marine Pollution by Substances other than Oil: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 136].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Consular Relations (Privileges and Immunities) (Polish People’s Republic) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Services Widows (Pensions).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for service pensions and in particular to provide pensions for widows of non-commissioned servicemen who retired before 1st September 1950: 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 Hooson, Mr. Iain MacCormick, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, and Mr. John Ovenden, do prepare and bring it in.

Services Widows (Pensions) Bill.—Mr. Peter Viggers accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision for service pensions and in particular to provide pensions for widows of non-commissioned servicemen who retired before 1st September 1950: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 135].

Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Duration of assistance)—(Mr. Hugh Rossi)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. David Atkinson: 68.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Frank R. White: 167.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 7, after the word “ savings ”, to insert the words “ income and capital ”.—(Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 10, after the word “ date “, to insert the words “ of the approval ”.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 15, to leave out “ £600 ” and insert the words “ a sum at least equal to the amount of assistance for which he is making application under subsection (4)(a) below ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment (No. 8) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 34, at the end, to insert the words—

"(6) Those who have been saving with a recognised savings institution for at least two years preceding the appointed day of this Bill will qualify to receive assistance under subsection (4)(a) and (b) immediately from the appointed day by satisfying the second condition of subsection (3) provided that the loan is applied to the purchase of a recently built house not previously occupied as a home by any other persons."—(Mr. Hugh Rossi.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 9 to 13) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 11, at the end, to insert the words—

"2(a) The Secretary of State shall at any time prior to the Secretary of State making an order under section 6(2) of this Act make an order specifying the considerations by reference to which a person is or is not to be treated as a first time buyer of house property."—(Mr. Michael Morris.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 21) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 37, to leave out subsection (1)—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

European Communities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 4) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 11th May, be approved—(Mr. Frank Judd)—Debate arising:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Douglas Jay);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Max Madden: 61.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Jim Marshall: 119.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question being again proposed, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 4) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 11th May, be approved:—The House resumed the Debate.

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Solomon Islands Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

European Communities.—The Question being again proposed, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 4) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 11th May, be approved:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Harper: 111.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Nigel Spearing: 52.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 4) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 11th May, be approved.

Solomon Islands Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Solomon Islands Bill [Lords].
Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Effect of independence on British nationality).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 2, to leave out lines 19 to 22 and insert the words "shall remain a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies until he becomes a citizen of the Solomon Islands or takes out other nationality whereupon he shall cease to be a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies".—(Mr. Christopher Price.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 10 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Jim Marshall):—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-six minutes to Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.34 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 23rd May 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Ultimus Haeres (Scotland) (Account and List of Estates),—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 1977; with list of estates which fell to the Crown as Ultimus Haeres in Scotland in the same year [by Command].

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 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:


Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 36, 1978),—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 [by Command].


New South Wales,—Copy of the New South Wales Constitution (Amendment) Bill [pursuant to an Act of the Parliament of New South Wales].
Mr. Secretary Millan:
Law Commissions.—Report of the Scottish Law Commission on the Electricity (Scotland) Bill [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Education.—Report of the Committee of Enquiry into the Education of Handicapped Children and Young People, entitled Special Educational Needs [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Industrial Democracy.—Copy of a Paper, entitled Industrial Democracy [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Prices.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th May 1978, entitled the Price Marking (Food) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 738) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th May 1978, entitled the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority (Constitution) Revision Order 1978, 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 1977 [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Report of the Northern Ireland Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration for 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 418].

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. John Ellis (nominated in respect of the Post Office Workers (Industrial Action) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ivor Clemitson.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 23rd May 1978

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

[No. 123.]


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

PRAyERS.

Accounts and Papers.—A Paper was laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Greater London Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. David Watkins reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Greater London Council (General Powers) (No. 2) 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.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—Mr. David Watkins reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Greater London Council (Money) Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read the third time.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

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).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-xxviii].

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 24th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 489-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 24th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-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 24th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 351-vi].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 24th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-xiii].

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 Rent (Northern Ireland) Order, referred to them on 9th May, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 488].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Aviation Security Fund Regulations 1978, referred to a Committee on 11th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 487].

Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 14th July, the Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Compensation for Local Maladministration Bill,—Mr. Fred Silvester, supported by Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Tom Arnold, and Mr. Ivan Lawrence, presented a Bill to require in certain circumstances the enforcement of compensation recommended by the Commission for Local Administration and to enable legal aid to be given in respect of any referral to a court to determine an appropriate level of compensation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 139].

Adjournment (Spring).—Resolved, That this House at its rising on Friday do adjourn till Tuesday 6th June.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)
Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 35, to leave out Clause 8.—(Mr. A. J. Beith).

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Eddie Loyden: 87.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. William Shelton: 58.

Other Amendments (Nos. 2 to 4) made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 24th May 1978

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 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 454].

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. Tom Urwin (nominated in respect of the Post Office Workers (Industrial Action) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

[No. 124.]


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

PRAYERS.

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


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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 21st April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 493-i].

Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to make provision as respects the performance of unpaid work by persons convicted or placed on probation; and for connected purposes.
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 140].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 492].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to make further provision for the protection and conservation of wild creatures and of plants growing wild; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants (Amendment) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to make provision for and in connection with, the attainment by Tuvalu of independence within the Commonwealth; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Tuvalu Bill [Lords].

Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 141].

Tuvalu Bill [Lords].—The Tuvalu Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 142].

Statute of Westminster Bill. The Statute of Westminster Bill, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th June.

Supply [17th 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. Alf Bates);

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

Defence. Resolved, That the draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 24th April, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Mulley.)

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 Aviation Security Fund Regulations 1978, which were laid before this House on 28th April, 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 Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 25th May 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Social Security.—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd May 1978, entitled the Mobility Allowance (Vehicle Scheme Beneficiaries) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 743) [by Act].

Social Security.—Drafts of—

(1) an Order, entitled the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1978,
(2) Regulations, entitled the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment Regulations 1978, and
(3) Regulations, entitled the Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1978
[by Act].
Mr. Secretary Dell:

South Africa,—Copy of a Code of Conduct for companies with interests in South Africa [by Command].

Insurance,—Copies of Regulations, dated 17th May 1978, entitled—

(1) the Insurance Companies (Accounts and Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 721), and

(2) the Insurance Companies (Changes of Director, Controller or Manager) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 722)
[by Act].

Protection of Wrecks,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th May 1978, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 4) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 764) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Rodgers:


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


MEMORANDUM

Thursday 25th May 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Civil Liability (Contribution) Bill.

[No. 125]

Friday, 26th May, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

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

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the draft Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the draft Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. —(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Four o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday 6th June, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 24th May.

[Adjourned at 4.29 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Friday 26th May 1978

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:


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. F. P. Crowder (nominated in respect of the Civil Liability (Contribution) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Norman Miscampbell.

[No. 126.1

Tuesday, 6th June, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Bill [Lords].—The Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth) Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Abingdon Market Place Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Abingdon Market Place Bill [Lords], 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).

New Member makes Affirmation.—George Robertson, Esquire, Member for Hamilton, made the Affirmation required by law.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Offshore Installations (Fire-fighting Equipment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 611) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. (Mr. Michael Foot.)

Justices of the Peace Act 1361 (Amendment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Justices of the Peace Act 1361—(Mr. Philip Whitehead);

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. Max Madden, Mr. Stan Thorne : 94.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. Nick Budgen : 117.

So the Question was negatived.

Nuclear Safeguards and Electricity (Finance) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Nuclear Safeguards and Electricity (Finance) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 21, at the beginning, to insert the words “Subject to subsection (4) below”.—(Mr. Hamish Gray.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 31, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that no payments shall be made by the Secretary of State under this section unless he is satisfied that the Central Electricity Generating Board intends to make adequate provision for the utilisation of reject heat from the generating station either as industrial process steam or for district heating". (Mr. Peter Rost.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Employment (Continental Shelf) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment (Continental Shelf) 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. James Tinn: 107.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn: 13.

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).

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

Ways and Means.—Payments for loss of employment, &c.—Resolved, That provision may be made for amending paragraph 4 of Schedule 8 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970. (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.

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.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.25 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command 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. 20, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 31st December 1977, relating to Article 19 of the Co-operation Agreement and Article 12 of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia, concerning the import into the Community of preserved fruit salads originating in Tunisia.

European Communities (No. 21, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 31st December 1977 between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic, regarding prepared or preserved tomatoes falling within subheading 20.02 C of the Common Customs Tariff.

European Communities (No. 22, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 31st December 1977, relating to Article 19 of the Co-operation Agreement and Article 12 of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, concerning the import into the Community of preserved fruit salads originating in Algeria.

European Communities (No. 23, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 31st December 1977, relating to Article 9 of Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel concerning the import into the Community of preserved fruit salads originating in Israel.
European Communities (No. 24, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 31st December 1977, relating to Article 20 of the Co-operation Agreement and Article 13 of the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco, concerning the import into the Community of preserved fruit salads originating in Morocco.

European Communities (No. 25, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 31st December 1977, extending the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco.


Monopolies and Mergers,—Copy of a Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the wholesale supply of national newspapers and periodicals in England and Wales, and in Scotland, in relation to refusal to supply and participating in retailing, entitled Wholesaling of Newspapers and Periodicals.

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 1978

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th May 1978, entitled the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 767) [by Act].

31st May 1978

Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th May 1978, entitled the Opencast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 755) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th May 1978, entitled the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 772) [by Act].

1st June 1978

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st May 1978, entitled the City of Manchester (Local Acts Repeals) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 739) [by Act].

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd May 1978, entitled the Health and Safety (Genetic Manipulation) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 752) [by Act].

Building and Buildings,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th May 1978, entitled the Building (First Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 723) [by Act].

County Courts,—Copy of Rules, dated 18th May 1978, entitled the County Court Funds (Amendment) Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 750) [by Act].


Supreme Court of Judicature,—Copy of Rules, dated 18th May 1978, entitled the Supreme Court Funds (Amendment) Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 751) [by Act].

2nd June 1978


Magistrates' Courts,—Copies of Rules, dated 22nd May 1978, entitled—

(1) the Magistrates' Courts (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 758), and

(2) the Magistrates' Courts (Forms) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 757) [by Act].
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Tuesday 6th June 1978:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 27th and 28th April and 2nd May 1978, and
(2) 4th, 5th, 8th and 10th May 1978
relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 500 and 501].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
Aviation (Miscellaneous No. 12, 1978),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Montreal on 30th September 1977, on the authentic quadrilingual text of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago) 1944 (with Final Act) (the Protocol has not been accepted by the United Kingdom) [by Command].
Aviation (Miscellaneous No. 13, 1978),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Montreal on 30th September 1977, relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago) 1944 (the Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Ancient Monuments,—Copy of the Twentieth Report of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland, relating to the prehistoric and Roman monuments of Lanarkshire [by Command].
Census,—Copy of the Report of the Census 1971 for Scotland, relating to Qualified Manpower Tables [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Museums and Galleries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the National Gallery (Lending outside the United Kingdom) (No. 3) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Copy of a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services concerning the separation of younger from older patients in hospital [by Act]; to be printed [No. 478].
National Health Service,—Draft of an Order, entitled the General Practice Finance Corporation (Increase of Borrowing Powers) Order 1978 [by Act].
Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Social Security (Maximum Additional Component) Regulations 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Airports Authority,—Statement of determination of the salaries payable to the Chairman and certain members of the British Airports Authority [by Act].
Cinematograph Films,—Copy of a Statement by the Secretary of State for Trade concerning an advance to the National Film Finance Corporation in 1973 which has not been repaid within the statutory period of five years [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, and
(2) the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Benn:

Science and Technology,—Copy of Government Observations on the Third and Fourth Reports of the Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 1976-77, relating to the development of alternative sources of energy [by Command].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Dentists,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Ancillary Dental Workers (Amendment) Regulations 1978 [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Agriculture,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 25th May 1978, entitled the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 768) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords],—Supplemental Report of the Attorney General on the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

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

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Copy of Rules, dated 4th May 1978, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Convention Adoptions etc.) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 128) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 6th June 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Valuation Lists (Postponement) Order 1978 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Consular Relations (Privileges and Immunities) (Polish People’s Republic) Order 1978 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Offshore Installations (Fire-fighting Equipment) Regulations 1978 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 and the draft Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

PRAYERS.

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

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 Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 7th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 466-iv].

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Union Theological College of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Trade Union Officials (Registration),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission, boards and disciplinary committees for trade union officials; to provide for their registration; for regulating their professional education and professional conduct, and for cancelling registration in cases of misconduct; to provide for a code of conduct for such officials; to make consequential changes in other legislation; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid—(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 the commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Ian Gow : 95.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Frank Hooley : 159.

So the Question was negatived.

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.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.25 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 7th June 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Highlands and Islands Development Board,—Copy of the Report of the Highlands and Islands Development Board for 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Local Government,—Copy of local government financial statistics for England and Wales for 1975-76 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission on the Thames Water Authority—water, sewerage and environmental services [by Act]; to be printed [No. 496].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th May 1978, entitled the Dover Harbour Revision Order 1978; with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Transport under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

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

Trustee Savings Banks,—Accounts and Statement of the Fund for the Banks for Savings for the year ended 20th November 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 504].
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 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 503].

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 Theft Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. William Craig, Mr. Grevis Jenner, Mr. Brynner John, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. John Straddling Thomas, Mr. David Walder, Mr. John Watkinson, and Mr. David Weitzman.

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 Employment (Continental Shelf) Bill, viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. James Boyden, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. David Ginzburg, Mr. John Grant, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, and Mr. Robert Woof.

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 Homes Insulation Bill, viz.: Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. Timothy Sainsbury, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Mike Thomas, and Mr. Peter Viggers.

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 Valuation Lists (Postponement) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. H. Boardman, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. George Robertson, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Roger Sims, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mrs. Ann Taylor, and Mr. Raphael Tuck.

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 Consular Relations (Privileges and Immunities) (Polish People's Republic) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Douglas Hurd, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Evan Luard, Sir John Rodgers, Mr. Paul B. Rose, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, Mr. John Tilley, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Dennis Walters, 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 Offshore Installations (Fire-fighting Equipment) Regulations 1978, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. Tom Bradley, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Joseph Harper, Dr. J. Dickson Mabon, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. Walter Padley, Mr. Arthur Palmer, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. Peter Viggers, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

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 Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 and the draft Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. James A. Dunn, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. McCusker, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Michael Mates, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Airey Neave, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Stan Thorne, and Mr. van Straubenzee.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 7th June 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Theft Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A and the Employment (Continental Shelf) Bill to Standing Committee B.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—The Greater London Council (Money) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

British Railways (Selby) Bill.—Ordered, That the British Railways (Selby) Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

Greater London Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Greater London Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill.—Ordered, That the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

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

Christ Church Woburn Square and Saint Matthew Oakley Square 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 Christ Church Woburn Square and Saint Matthew Oakley Square 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.

Orkney Islands Council Bill.—Mr. Roger Moate reported from the Committee on the Orkney Islands Council Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill, but the same not having been proved to their satisfaction, they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment.

Bill to lie upon the Table.

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 20th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 488-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 7th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 351-vii].

Race Relations and Immigration.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 8th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 410-vii].

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Trustee Savings Banks Bill, without Amendment.

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. Frank R. White);

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-four minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.24 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 8th June 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Broadcasting.—Statement of determination of the salary payable to the Chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
European Communities (No. 26, 1978);—Copy of an Interim Agreement, signed at Brussels on 3rd May 1977, between the European Economic Community and the Lebanese Republic (with Final Act) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Industrial Training.—Copy of an Order, dated 30th May 1978, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Chemical and Allied Products) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 773) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Mr. Secretary Morris:
Community Land,—Copy of the Report of the Land Authority for Wales for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Price Commission,—Report of the Price Commission on prices, costs and margins in the distribution of footwear in the United Kingdom [by Act]; to be printed [No. 4981].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Fugitive Criminal,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 31st May 1978, entitled the Extradition (Genocide) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 782) [by Act].


Mrs. Judith Hart:
Overseas Aid,—Draft of an Order, entitled the International Finance Corporation (Further Payment to Capital Stock) Order 1978 [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 Montrose Harbour (Constitution) Revision Order 1978 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Community Land,—Accounts of the Land Authority for Wales for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 507].
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 from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Donald Coleman (nominated in respect of the draft Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 and the draft Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978); and had appointed in substitution Mr. J. D. Concannon.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 8th June 1978

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 Homes Insulation Bill; Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Valuation Lists (Postponement) Order 1978; and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Consular Relations (Privileges and Immunities) (Polish People’s Republic) Order 1978.

[No. 129.]

Friday, 9th June, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom for the proclamation of an annual national day of celebration to be known as United Kingdom Day on the Tuesday following Spring Bank Holiday Monday was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 8th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 374-iii and 479-iii].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Commons Registration (Cardiganshire) 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 Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates’ Courts Bill [Lords], with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 2 and 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 61, to leave out line 25.—(Mr. Ian Percival.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 5 to 14 and 16) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 135, to leave out lines 33 to 35.—(Mr. Kevin McNamara.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 19 to 24) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Liner Shipping.—Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC Document No. R/829/78 on the activities of certain state trading countries in cargo liner shipping.—(Mr. S. Clinton Davis.)

Liner Shipping.—Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC Document No. R/3245/77 on accession to the United Nations Convention on the Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences.—(Mr. S. Clinton Davis.)

Church of England (General Synod) Measures,—Resolved, That the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.—(Mr. Terry Walker.)

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

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

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

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

Adjourned at 4.12 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 9th June 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Dell:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th June 1978, entitled the Butter Prices (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 835) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd May 1978, entitled the Crown Roads (Queens Avenue and Alison’s Road, Aldershot) (Application of Road Traffic Enactments) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 802) [by Act].
Mr. John Silkin:


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[No. 130.]

Monday, 12th June, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 12th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 341-xiv.]

Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords],—Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments to the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 144].

Parliamentary Pensions Bill,—Mr. Michael Foot, supported by Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. John Smith, and Mr. Charles R. Morris, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the contributory pension schemes for Members of the House of Commons and for the holders of certain Ministerial and other offices: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 143].

Supply [19th allotted day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

Expenditure,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the First Report from the Expenditure Committee in the last Session of Parliament (House of Commons Paper No. 169) on Preventive Medicine and of the relevant Government observations (Command Paper No. 7057).—(Mr. James Boyden.)

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 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.

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APPENDIX

Paper delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on 9th June 1978 pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th June 1978, entitled the Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 837) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 12th June 1978:

Mr. Robert Sheldon :

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th March 1978 on—

(1) loans proposed to be raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, and

(2) loans raised by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act] ; to be printed [Nos. 509 and 510].

National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th March 1978 on loans raised by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 511].

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Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th March 1978 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Waterways Board [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 512].

Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th March 1978 on loans raised by the National Water Council [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 513].

Welsh Development Agency,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th March 1978 on loans raised by the Welsh Development Agency [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 514].

Mr. Secretary Dell:


Mr. Secretary Mason:

County Courts,—Copy of Rules, dated 26th May 1978, entitled the County Court (Criminal Damage Compensation) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 135) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:


Mr. John Silkin:

Rivers,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Diseases of Fish Order 1978 [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 Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority (Constitution) Revision Order 1978 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 12th June 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 and the draft Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978.

[No. 131.]

Tuesday, 13th June, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Abingdon Market Place Bill [Lords],—The Abingdon Market Place Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth) Bill [Lords],—The Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth) Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Greater London Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill,,—The Greater London Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

London Transport Bill, —The London Transport Bill was read the third time, and passed.

British Railways (Selby) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the British Railways (Selby) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.
Sheffield General Cemetery Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 13th June and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-fifth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xxxix].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xl].

Overseas Development.—Mr. Kevin McNamara 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 June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 153-x].

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 (Twentieth Report).

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

Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill.—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill, and directed her to report the same, without Amendment.

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 517].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Internationally Protected Persons Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend section 6 of the Films Act 1960; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Films Bill [Lords]].

Films Bill [Lords].—The Films Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 147].

Welsh Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of youth unemployment in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Water Services Charges (Rebates).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for rebates on water services charges in respect of pensioners and low income families; And that Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Terry Walker, and Mr. James Lamond, do prepare and bring it in.

Water Services Charges (Rebates) Bill.—Mr. Andrew Bennett accordingly presented a Bill to provide for rebates on water services charges in respect of pensioners and low income families; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 145].
State Immunity Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the State Immunity Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 5) made to the Bill.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Nature of community service)—(Mr. Teddy Taylor)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 4) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Tuvalu Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tuvalu Bill [Lords]:

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read a second time:

Mr. Michael Cocks acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the Queen to acquaint the House that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, has consented to place her prerogative and interest, so far as they are affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jim Marshall 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.

Export Guarantees and Overseas Investment Bill [Lords].—The Export Guarantees and Overseas Investment Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Jim Marshall).

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 16 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jim Marshall 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.

Oaths Bill [Lords],—The Oaths Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

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 8 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jim Marshall 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.

Non-Life Assurance,—Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC Documents Nos. R/95/76 and R/467/78 on Non-Life Assurance.—(Mr. S. Clinton Davis.)

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. 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 I

Tuesday 13th June 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Police (Metropolis),—Copy of the Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for 1977 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Owen:


Treaty Series (No. 43, 1978),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at The Hague on 16th and 25th November 1977 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, extending to Hong Kong the Convention of 17th November 1967 providing for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil matters [by Command].

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Space Agency (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Shore:

Town and Country Planning.—Copy of an Order, dated 9th December 1977, entitled the Wickham St. Paul Parish Council (Village Green) Appropriation 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 Benn:

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th June 1978, entitled the Coal Mines (Respirable Dust) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 807) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of The Queen’s College, Oxford, on 9th March 1978, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

University of London.—Copy of a Statute made by the Senate of the University of London on 6th March 1978, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:

Commonwealth Development Corporation.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Commonwealth Development Corporation for 1977 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Law Commission.—Copy of the Third Report of the Law Commission on family property, relating to the matrimonial home (co-ownership and occupation rights) and household goods [by Act]; to be printed [No. 450].

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. Nicholas Winterton (nominated in respect of the Employment (Continental Shelf) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Neil MacFarlane.
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).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-xxix].

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 and 16th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 522-i and ii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 14th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-xxix].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 14th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-v].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee B on 14th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 351-viii].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Mr. Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 14th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 444-iv].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 14th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-xv].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Civil Liability (Contribution) Bill.—Mr. David Watkins reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Civil Liability (Contribution) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 14th July; and to be printed [Bill 148].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 523].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Valuation Lists (Postponement) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 22nd May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 521].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Wells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Consular Relations (Privileges and Immunities) (Polish People's Republic) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 23rd May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 518].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 and the draft Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 26th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 520].

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 Abingdon Market Place Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Mile End Gardens (Portsmouth) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Social Security (Maximum Additional Component) Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Direct Labour (Restriction of Works).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to impose conditions on the employment of direct labour by local authorities and other statutory authorities—(Mr. Michael Morris);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 198.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. John Ovenden: 212.

So the Question was negatived.

Supply [20th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Business of Supply.

The Economy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the salary of Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer should be reduced by half—(Sir Geoffrey Howe);

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: 287.

So the Question was negatived.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.49 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 14th June 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Parole Board,—Report of the Parole Board for 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 497].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Prisons (Scotland),—Copy of the Report on Prisons in Scotland for 1976 [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Dell:

Mr. Secretary Shore:

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. John Grant nominated in respect of the Employment (Continental Shelf) Bill; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Harold Walker.

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Mr. John Golding to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of youth unemployment in Wales.
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 Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1978, the draft Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1978, and the draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment Regulations 1978, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. James Lamond, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Stanley Orme, Mr. George Robertson, Mr. John Tilley, and Mr. Frank R. White.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 14th June 1978

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 1978, the draft Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1978 and the draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment Regulations 1978 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 133.]

Thursday, 15th June, 1978.

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 made further 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. 530].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 15th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-xxx].

Race Relations and Immigration.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 15th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 410-vii].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Homes Insulation Bill.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Homes Insulation Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 121].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 525].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Co-operative Development Agency Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Co-operative Development Agency Bill.—Lords Amendment to the Co-operative Development Agency Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 146].

Statute of Westminster Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Statute of Westminster Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July.
Expenditure,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Harris of Greenwich to attend to be examined as a witness before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee.—(Mr. James Boyden.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft International Finance Corporation (Further Payment to Capital Stock) Order 1978 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 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 768) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Supply [21st allotted day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Ted Graham);

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-eight minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Thursday 15th June 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 11th, 12th, 16th and 17th May 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 526].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th June 1978, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 822) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
European Communities (No. 27, 1978),—Copy of an Interim Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th January 1977, between the European Economic Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (with Final Act) [by Command].

Mr. Michael Foot:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes made—
1. by the Governing Body of St. Anne’s College, Oxford, on 10th March 1978, amending the Statutes of the College,
2. by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, on 22nd March 1978, amending the Statutes of the House,
3. by the Governing Body of St. John Baptist College, Oxford, on 31st March 1978, amending the Statutes of the College, and
4. by the Governing Body of St. John Baptist College, Oxford, on 12th June 1978, amending the Statutes of the College
[by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints for 1977 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 419].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Theft Bill [Lords] to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee A).
MEMORANDA

Thursday 15th June 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Theft 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 Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Employment (Continental Shelf) Bill; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Post Office Workers (Industrial Action) Bill; Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Theft Bill [Lords]; Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of youth unemployment in Wales; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1978, the draft Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1978 and the draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment Regulations 1978; and Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Offshore Installations (Fire-fighting Equipment) Regulations 1978.

[No. 1341]

Friday, 16th June, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Technological Innovation Sub-Committee on 4th May and 15th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 316-iv and v].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 772) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 767) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Violence in Marriage and Violence in the Family.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Report from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage, Session 1974-75 (House of Commons Paper No. 553) and of the relevant Government Observations (Command Paper No. 6690), of the First Report from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family in Session 1975-76 (House of Commons Paper No. 473), of the First and Second Reports of that Committee in the last Session of Parliament (House of Commons Papers Nos. 329 and 431) and of the relevant Government Observations (Command Paper No. 7123).—(Mrs. Joyce Butler.)

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 Lists (Postponement) Order 1978, dated 8th May 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th May, be approved—(Mr. A. W. Stallard):—It was agreed to.

Consular Relations.—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 Consular Relations (Privileges and Immunities) (Polish People's Republic) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 16th May, be approved—(Mr. A. W. Stallard):—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 draft Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 11th May, be approved—(Mr. A. W. Stallard):—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 draft Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 11th May, be approved—(Mr. A. W. Stallard) ;—It was agreed to.

Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That during the proceedings on the matter of youth unemployment 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. A. W. Stallard.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. A. W. Stallard) ;—Debate arising ;

And the Question having been proposed at Four o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 16th June 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland), — Copy of the Report and Accounts of the South of Scotland Electricity Board for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Royal Air Force), — Copy of an Order, dated 7th June 1978, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Consumer Protection, — Copy of Regulations, dated 8th June 1978, entitled the Babies' Dummies (Safety) Regulations (S.I., 1978, No. 836) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:


[No. 135.]


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 19th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 56-xx].

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:

Expenditure,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Harris of Greenwich to attend to be examined as a witness before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee, if his Lordship think fit.

Select Committee on Foreign Boycotts Bill [Lords],—The Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to give leave to Tom Normanton, Esquire, a Member of this House, to attend to be examined as a witness before the Select Committee appointed by the Lords on the Foreign Boycotts Bill [Lords].
Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft European Space Agency (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Petroleum (Regulation) Acts 1928 and 1936 (Variation of Fees) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 635) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

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. Frank R. White);

The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the consideration of Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments to the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords] and the consideration of a Lords Amendment to the Co-operative Development Agency Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to several of the Amendments made by this House to the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Bill [Lords]; and the same were agreed to.

Co-operative Development Agency Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the Co-operative Development Agency Bill; and the same was agreed to.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joseph Harper.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.34 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 19th June 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 18th, 19th, 22nd and 23rd May 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 532].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Charities,—Copy of the Report for 1977 of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales [by Act]; to be printed [No. 494].
Licences and Licensing,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th June 1978, entitled the City of Manchester (Variation of Licensing and Registration Fees) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 844) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Roads and Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, and
(2) the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Ports Council for 1977 [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. Donald Coleman (nominated in respect of the Theft Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Joseph Harper.
[No. 136.]

Tuesday, 20th June, 1978.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Christ Church Woburn Square and Saint Matthew Oakley Square Bill [Lords]—The Christ Church Woburn Square and Saint Matthew Oakley Square Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

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. 16-xli].

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 20th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105-xxi].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 20th June and Memoranda laid before them; And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-first Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 17-xxiii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 17-xxiv].

Employment (Continental Shelf) Bill,—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Employment (Continental Shelf) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 534].

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 Christ Church Woburn Square and Saint Matthew Oakley Square Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

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 15, Trade, Industry and Employment (Scottish Economic Planning Department).
Class VII, Vote 2, Housing (Scottish Development Department).
Class XIII, Vote 18, Department of the Registrars of Scotland.
Class XIII, Vote 22, Other Services: Scottish Office.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Companies (Regulation of Political Funds),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the application of funds for political purposes and any other related purposes by companies incorporated under the Companies Act 1948—(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, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Tom Litterick: 190.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Ray Mawby: 127.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Doug Hoyle, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Jack Dunnett, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. George Rodgers, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Frank Allaun, Mrs. Audrey Wise, and Mr. Bruce Grocott, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Companies (Regulation of Political Funds) Bill.—Mr. Doug Hoyle accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the application of funds for political purposes and any other related purposes by companies incorporated under the Companies Act 1948: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 150].

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 6th June, be approved. (Mr. J. D. Concannon.)

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Payments for Debt (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 11th May, be approved—(Mr. J. D. Concannon);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. James Hamilton: 166.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tom Litterick, Mr. Ron Thomas: 23.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Payments for Debt (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 11th May, be approved.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 8th June, be approved—(Mr. James A. Dunn);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Ted Graham: 110.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Carson, Mr. Richard Body: 16.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 8th June, be approved.

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 17th May, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Planning (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 4th May, be approved—(Mr. Ray Carter);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning:

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And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Planning (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 4th May, be approved.

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Pollution Control and Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 16th May, be approved.—(Mr. Ray Carter.)

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 6th June, be approved—(Mr. Ray Carter);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Ted Graham: 24.
Tellers for the Noes, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr. James Kilfedder: 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.—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 six minutes to Three o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.54 a.m.]

APPENDIX
Tuesday 20th June 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 46, 1978),—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 Luxembourg on 28th June 1977, opening tariff preferences for products covered by that Community and originating in Syria [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 47, 1978),—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 Luxembourg on 28th June 1977, opening tariff preferences for products covered by that Community and originating in Jordan [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 48, 1978),—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 Luxembourg on 28th June 1977, opening tariff preferences for products covered by that Community and originating in Lebanon [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Parole Board,—Copy of the Report of the Parole Board for Scotland for 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 491].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th June 1978, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Furniture and Timber) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 841) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th June 1978, entitled the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 878) [by Act].

Tourism,—Statements of determination of the salaries payable to—
(1) the Chairman of the British Tourist Authority, and
(2) the Chairman of the English Tourist Board
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Judges,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Maximum Number of Judges Order 1978 [by Act].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Fifth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1977-78 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 524].

MEMORANDA
Tuesday 20th June 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Social Security (Maximum Additional Component) Regulations 1978 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft International Finance Corporation (Further Payment to Capital Stock) Order 1978 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Farm Capital Grant
(Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1978 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978 and the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1978 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Petroleum (Regulation) Acts 1928 and 1936 (Variation of Fees) Regulations 1978 and the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1978 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft European Space Agency (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 to the Sixth 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 the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1978, the draft Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1978 and the draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment Regulations 1978, in the place of Mr. Michael English.

[No. 137.]

Wednesday, 21st June, 1978.

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).

Kendal Market Bill [Lords].—Mr. Fred Evans reported from the Committee on the Kendal Market Bill [Lords], That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made no further Amendment thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House; And the Report was brought up and read.

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 Interpretation Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill, and had made an Amendment thereunto, and had 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. 543].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 543].

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 (Thirtieth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-xxx].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-xxx].

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 21st June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 46-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 21st June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 351-ix].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Mr Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 21st June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 444-v].

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Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 21st June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-xvii].

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 draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1978, the draft Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1978 and the draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment Regulations 1978, referred to a Committee on 13th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 540].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Offshore Installations (Fire-fighting Equipment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 611), referred to a Committee on 6th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 541].

Foreign Boycotts Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of Monday as requests the attendance of Tom Normanton, Esquire, a Member of this House, before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Foreign Boycotts Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, be now considered.

So much of the Lords Message considered accordingly.

And Mr. Tom Normanton having signified that he was willing, with leave of the House, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships;

Resolved, That Tom Normanton, Esquire, a Member of this House, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Prescribed Drugs (Regulation of Promotion),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the promotion and advertisement of prescribed drugs; to remove prescription charges in respect of certain classes of prescribed drugs; and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Jack Ashley, Miss Betty Boothroyd, and Mr. John Cartwright, do prepare and bring it in.

Prescribed Drugs (Regulation of Promotion) Bill.—Mr. Mike Thomas accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the promotion and advertisement of prescribed drugs; to remove prescription charges in respect of certain classes of prescribed drugs; 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 151].

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 James Tinn):—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. Anthony Berry, Mr. Michael Roberts: 250.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 270.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Parliamentary Pensions Bill and the Motion relating to Ways and Means may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

Parliamentary Pensions Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Pensions Bill:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning;
Thursday, 22nd June, 1978:

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. Donald Coleman.)

Committee this day.

Parliamentary Pensions [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Parliamentary Pensions [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to the contributory pensions schemes for Members of the House of Commons and for the holders of certain Ministerial and other offices, it is expedient to authorise any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable under the Parliamentary and Other Pensions Act 1972 out of money provided by Parliament or out of or into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

Ways and Means.—Parliamentary Pensions.—Resolved, That any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to the contributory pensions schemes for Members of the House of Commons and for the holders of certain Ministerial and other offices may make provision for reducing the sum payable under subsection (3) of section 30 of the Parliamentary and Other Pensions Act 1972 to or to the personal representatives of a former holder of an office mentioned in that subsection.—(Mr. Donald Coleman.)

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 I

Wednesday 21st June 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Charities.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Charities (The New College of Cobham) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copy of Regulations of the Defence Council, dated 16th June 1978, relating to the trade structure of the Royal Air Force [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Overseas Investment and Export Guarantees.—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade for the year ended 31st March 1978 on the discharge of his functions under the Overseas Investment and Export Guarantees Act 1972 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 508].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Transport.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Waterways Board for 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Offshore Installations.—Copy of an Order, dated 21st June 1978, entitled the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installation) (No. 4) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 890) [by Ad].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission.—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st February to 30th April 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 516].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Law Commissions.—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on the mental element in crime [by Act]; to be printed [No. 499].
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 Scottish Estimates, viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Sir Frederic Bennett, Mr. John Biffen, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Michael Hamilton, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, 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 Social Security (Maximum Additional Component) Regulations 1978, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Robert Boscaven, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Tom Bradley, Sir Alfred Broughton, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Eric Deakin, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. William Molley, and Mr. Tony Newton.

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 International Finance Corporation (Further Payment to Capital Stock) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Peter Blaker, Dr. Jeremy Boy, Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Richard Lucas, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Walter Padley, Mr. Timothy Raison, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. John Tomlinson, and Mr. Dafydd Wigley.

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 Farm Capital Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1978, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Neil Kinnoch, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Stanley Newens, Mr. John Parkes, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. James Scott-Hopkins, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. David Steel, Mr. Sydney Tierney, and Mr. Jerry Wiggins.

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 Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978 and the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) (Variation) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Walter Clegg, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Joseph Harper, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Simon Mahon, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Patrick Wall, and Mr. Hamish Watt.

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 Petroleum (Regulation) Acts 1928 and 1936 (Variation of Fees) Regulations 1978, viz.: Mr. Stan Crowther, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. George Grant, Mr. John Grant, Mr. Richard Kelley, Mr. James Kilfedder, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Tom Swain, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, and Mr. Robert Woof.

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 Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Sir Edward Brown, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. John Golding, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Ray Mawby, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, and Mr. Dafydd Wigley.
Thursday, 22nd June, 1978.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday next at Seven o'clock.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 22nd June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 410-viii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill,—Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg presented a Bill to amend the Local Government Act 1974 so as to enable Members of Parliament to refer complaints relating to local administration to Local Commissioners: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 152].

Supply [24th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

The Mismanagement of Scotland's Oil,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House condemns Her Majesty's Government for its mismanagement of Scotland's oil resources and its refusal to establish an Oil Development Fund for Scotland to be used for restructuring the Scottish economy, encouraging industrial growth and reducing unemployment—(Mr. Gordon Wilson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Andrew Welsh, Mrs. Margaret Bain: 14.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. James Tinn: 131.

So the Question was negatived.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Peter Snape);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

National Health Service,—Resolved, That the draft General Practice Finance Corporation (Increase of Borrowing Powers) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 6th June, be approved.—(Mr. Roland Moyle.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.28 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 22nd June 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Savings Banks,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th June 1978, entitled the National Savings Bank (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 888) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 28, 1978),—Copy of an Interim Agreement, signed at Brussels on 18th January 1977, between the European Economic Community and the Syrian Arab Republic (with Final Act) [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Millan:

Land Drainage.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Land Drainage (Scotland) Amendment Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr Secretary Varley:

Local Employment.—Statement of determination of the salary payable to the Chairman of the English Industrial Estates Corporation [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:


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 from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mrs. Ann Taylor (nominated in respect of the Petroleum (Regulation) Acts 1928 and 1936 (Variation of Fees) Regulations 1978); and had appointed in substitution Mr. A. W. Stallard.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 22nd June 1978

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; Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Social Security (Maximum Additional Component) Regulations 1978; Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Finance Corporation (Further Payment to Capital Stock) Order 1978; Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1978; Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978 and the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) (Variation) Order 1978; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Petroleum (Regulation) Acts 1928 and 1936 (Variation of Fees) Regulations 1978; and Mr. David Watkins Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft European Space Agency (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978.

[No. 139.]

Friday, 23rd June, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Papua New Guinea (Gift of a Clock).—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea, to whom a Clock for the Clerk's Table had been presented, on behalf of the House, by the Members given leave on 20th February, had come to the following Resolution:

That we, the Members of the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea, convey to the Commons House of Parliament at Westminster our nation's sincere thanks for the gift of the Table Clock to mark the continuing relationship which exists between the Mother of Parliaments and this Parliament.

Manchester, Moss Side, 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 Manchester, Moss Side, in the room of Frank Hatton, Esquire, deceased.-(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

Penistone Writ.—Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County Constituency of Penistone, in the room of John Jakob Mendelson, Esquire, deceased.-(Mr. Michael Cocks.)
Accounts and Papers.—A Paper was presented (see Appendix).

Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill.—Ordered, That the Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Homes Insulation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Homes Insulation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words “either without any insulation or whose existing insulation does not reach the specified building regulations in force.”—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 23, at the end, to insert the words—

“(3A) The second scheme shall be for the improved insulation of living room windows in the case of dwellings without roof spaces or with inaccessible roof space.”—(Mr. Michael Morris.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 3 and 5) made to the Bill.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Reduction of borrowing and investment limits)—(Mr. Norman Lamont)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Analysis of reports and accounts)—(Mr. Michael Marshall)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.
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.

European Foundation and the Cultural Sector.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House takes note of EEC Documents Nos. COM(77)600, R/325/78, R/734/78, R/774/78 and R/2982/77 on the European Foundation and the Cultural Sector—(Mr. John Tomlinson);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Peter Snape: 28.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Nigel Spearing: 10.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC Documents Nos. COM(77)600, R/325/78, R/734/78, R/774/78 and R/2982/77 on the European Foundation and the Cultural Sector.

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 1978, which was laid before this House on 25th May, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1978, which were laid before this House on 25th May, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.

Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment Regulations 1978, which were laid before this House on 25th May, be approved—(Mr. Walter Harrison):—It was agreed to.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Walter Harrison.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes to Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.51 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 23rd June 1978

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Mason:


MEMORANDUM

Friday 23rd June 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Thomas Williams an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Post Office Workers (Industrial Action) Bill; and Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Theft Bill [Lords], in the place of Miss Janet Fookes.

[No. 140.]

Monday, 26th June, 1978.

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 Joseph Harper, Esquire, Member for Pontefract and Castleford, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 26th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-xviii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

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. Jim Marshall);

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 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

Monday 26th June 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
National Health Service,—Copy of a Proposal by the Health Services Board concerning relocation of pay bed authorisations at hospitals of the Newcastle Area Health Authority (Teaching) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 505].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Nationalised Industries,—Copy of Government Observations on the Fourth Report of the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, on the British Waterways Board [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Gas,—Copies of the Reports of—
(1) the East Midlands Gas Consumers' Council,
(2) the Eastern Gas Consumers' Council,
(3) the National Gas Consumers' Council,
(4) the North Eastern Gas Consumers' Council,
(5) the North Thames Gas Consumers' Council,
(6) the North Western Gas Consumers' Council,
(7) the Northern Gas Consumers' Council,
(8) the Scottish Gas Consumers' Council,
(9) the South Eastern Gas Consumers' Council,
(10) the South Western Gas Consumers' Council,
(11) the Southern Gas Consumers' Council,
(12) the Wales Gas Consumers' Council, and
(13) the West Midlands Gas Consumers' Council
for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission on prices, costs and margins in the publishing, printing and binding, and distribution of books [by Act]; to be printed [No. 527].

Mr. John Silkin:

Mrs. Judith Hart:
Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 20th June 1978, entitled the Indian Civil Service Family Pension Fund (Transferred) Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1978 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Mr. Frank R. White to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Theft Bill [Lords].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Mr. Ted Graham to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978 and the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1978.
Tuesday, 27th June, 1978.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill,—Ordered, That the British Railways Bill be read the third time upon Thursday.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (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 27th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 470-iii].

Theft Bill [Lords],—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Theft Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 157].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 549].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Petroleum (Regulation) Acts 1928 and 1936 (Variation of Fees) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 635), referred to a Committee on 19th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 103].

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. Antony Buck.)

Representation of the People Bill,—Mr. Secretary Rees, supported by Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Millan, and Mr. Brynmor John, presented a Bill to increase the limits on candidates' election expenses at parliamentary elections and to enable the Secretary of State by order to vary the limits on candidates' election expenses at parliamentary and other elections: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 154].

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Jack Ashley, supported by Mr. John Hannam, and Mr. Bruce Grocott, presented a Bill to amend the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 155].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Roads and Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot)

Mental Health (Tribunals),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make new provision with respect to appeals by patients to mental health review tribunals: And that Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, and Dr. Gerard Vaughan, do prepare and bring it in.

Mental Health (Tribunals) Bill,—Mr. Geoffrey Pattie accordingly presented a Bill to make new provision with respect to appeals by patients to mental health review tribunals: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 156].

Employment (Continental Shelf) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Employment (Continental Shelf) 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.
House of Commons (Administration) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the House of Commons (Administration) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, to leave out the word "three" and insert the word "four", instead thereof.—(Mr. Michael English.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

An Amendment (No. 5) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 37, to leave out the words "the service" and insert the words "or in connection with the administration", instead thereof.—(Mr. Michael English.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 16, 17 and 19 to 22) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 7, at the end, to insert the words—

"(5) Notwithstanding any delegation under this paragraph, the Commission shall retain the ultimate responsibility for considering representations made in relation to matters affecting the interests, in connection with their employment, of staff in the House Departments by trade unions who are recognised by the Commission in respect of such staff, and for the conduct of consultations and negotiations about such matters with those trade unions.

(6) In sub-paragraph (5) above, "trade union" has the same meaning as in the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 and "recognised", in relation to a trade union, has the same meaning as in Part IV of the Employment Protection Act 1975".—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. James Tinn: 237.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Sir George Young: 211.

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 13, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2A) The Commission shall appoint as its Secretary a member of the staff whose appointment lies within its power under section 2(1) and (4) of this Act".—(Mr. Hal Miller.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Parliamentary Pensions Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parliamentary Pensions Bill.

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Ill-health pensions based on service as a Member).

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 4, line 26, to leave out the words "on the day of the poll" and insert the words "during the week in which the poll takes place".—(Mr. Francis Pym.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 3 to 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Short-term pensions for widows, dependent widowers and children).

Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 8, line 40, to leave out from the word "widower" to the word "subsection" in line 43.—(Mrs. Barbara Castle.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment (No. 10) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 8 to 19 agreed to.
A Clause (Children's pensions)—(Mr. John Smith)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Pensions of Members)—(Mr. Paul Dean)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Future changes in basis of contributions to and payments out of the fund)—(Mr. John Smith)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Pensions of Members (No. 2)—(Mr. Ronald Bell)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Schedule No. 1 agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 (Repeals).

Amendment (No. 11) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thomas Cox reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Thomas Cox);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.4 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 27th June 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 44, 1978),—Copy of an Amendment to the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund, adopted at Washington on 16th April 1968 [by Command].


Mrs. Secretary Williams:


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].
Mr. John Silkin:  
Agriculture,—Copy of the Report of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on Wages in Agriculture for 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 Dover Harbour Revision Order 1978 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM  
Tuesday 27th June 1978  

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1978 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Roads and Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 142.]  
Wednesday, 28th June, 1978.  

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).

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 National Health Service (Scotland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereunto, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 556].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 556].

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-first Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-xxxii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-xxxii].

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).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-xxxii].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 69-vi].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boydén reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 28th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-vii].
Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 28th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 275-viii].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Mr. Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 28th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 444-vl].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 28th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 341-xix].

Selection.—Mr. Adam Hunter reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Finance Bill.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Finance Bill (except Clause 11, and any new Clause first appearing on the Order paper not later than Thursday 4th May and relating to stamp duty on house purchase, indexation for capital gains tax, deferred payment of duty on whisky or interest on repayments of overpaid tax), and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee and 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. 550].

Post Office Workers (Industrial Action) Bill.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Post Office Workers (Industrial Action) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 14th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 559].

Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That they had considered the matter of youth unemployment in Wales, referred to them on 13th June, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 558].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Stephen McAdden reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Social Security (Maximum Additional Component) Regulations 1978, referred to a Committee on 14th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 551].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft International Finance Corporation (Further Payment to Capital Stock) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 15th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 555].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Farm Capital Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 768), referred to a Committee on 15th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 553].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 772), and the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 2) (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 767), referred to a Committee on 16th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 554].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. David Watkins reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft European Space Agency (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 19th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 552].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Nuclear Safeguards and Electricity (Finance) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Theatres Trust (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Suppression of Terrorism Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Protection of Children 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 State Immunity Bill [Lords], with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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.

State Immunity Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments to the State Immunity Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 160].

Parliamentary Commissioner for the Nationalised Industries.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to appoint a Parliamentary Commissioner for the Nationalised Industries; and for purposes connected therewith; and that Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Charles Fletcher-Cooke, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. David Hunt, Sir George Young, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Michael Morris, and Mr. Timothy Smith, do prepare and bring it in.

Parliamentary Commissioner for the Nationalised Industries Bill.—Mr. Tony Durant accordingly presented a Bill to appoint a Parliamentary Commissioner for the Nationalised Industries; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 158].

Contracts negotiated away from Business Premises.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of EEC Documents Nos. R/113/77 and R/134/78 on Contracts negotiated away from Business Premises—[Mr. John Fraser];

The Question was amended, by adding, at the end, the words “ but does not consider that they are an acceptable basis for legislation in the United Kingdom, and urges the Government to secure their withdrawal ”—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC Documents Nos. R/113/77 and R/134/78 on Contracts negotiated away from Business Premises, but does not consider that they are an acceptable basis for legislation in the United Kingdom, and urges the Government to secure their withdrawal.

Aeronautical Sector.—Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC Documents Nos. R/2461/75, R/1860/76, R/222/77, and R/1964/77 on the Aeronautical Sector.—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman.)

Criminal Law.—Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC Document No. R/2043/76 on Criminal Law.—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

Dentists.—Resolved, That the draft Ancillary Dental Workers (Amendment) Regulations 1978, which were laid before this House on 6th June, be approved.—(Mr. Eric Deakins.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom for the submitting to arbitration of the question of the net profit margin of chemists for dispensing National Health Service prescriptions 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. Jim Marshall);

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. Jim Marshall.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.25 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 28th June 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

- Housing (Scotland),—Draft of an Order, entitled the Housing (Percentage of Approved Expense for Improvement Grants) (Scotland) Order 1978 [by Act].
- Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

- Dock Work Regulation,—Draft of a Scheme, entitled the Dock Labour Scheme 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

- Weights and Measures,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
  1. the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Coffee Extracts and Chicory Extracts) Order 1978, and

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

- Transport,—Statements of determination of the salaries payable to—
  1. the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the British Waterways Board,
  2. the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and a member of the National Ports Council,
  3. the Chairman of the National Freight Corporation, and
  4. the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the British Transport Docks Board [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

- Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th June 1978, entitled the Home-Grown Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 883) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:


Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Records,—Reports for 1977 on the work of the Public Record Office and of the Advisory Council on Public Records [by Act]; to be printed [No. 515].

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 Industrial and Provident Societies Bill, viz.: Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Frank Maguire, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. Peter Tapsell, Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. John Tilley, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

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 draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Ivor Clemetson, Mr. Brian Gould, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Gerard Morgan, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. John Sever, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, 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 Roads and Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Roy Carter, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Airey Neave, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Wm. Ross, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. van Straubenzee, and Mr. Alan Lee Williams.

[No. 143.]

Thursday, 29th June, 1978.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the British Railways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had made further 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. 600].

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 (Ninth Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 562].

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. 563].

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. 564].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee on 29th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 565-i].

Houseboats (Rent Allowances and Rate Rebates) Bill,—Mr. Michael Shersby, supported by Mr. Tony Durant, presented a Bill to impose on local authorities the duty to establish and bring into operation schemes for rent allowances and rate rebates for houseboat dwellers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 159].

Regional Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of the 1976 Review of the Strategic Plan for the South East be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)
Supply [26th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Tinn).

The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 27, at the end, to insert the words—

"Provided that the cemetery shall be held as open space within the meaning of the Open Spaces Act 1906 and shall be maintained in accordance with section 10 of that Act, and that notwithstanding any powers contained in the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 and the Local Government Act 1972, the proprietors shall not appropriate the cemetery for any other purposes."—(Mr. John Osborn.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Osborn, Dr. Alan Glyn: 13.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Martin Flannery: 38.

Bill to be read the third time.

House of Commons (Services).—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Fourth Report from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in the present Session of Parliament (House of Commons Paper No. 472), on Members' Secretaries and Research Assistants (Severance Payments &c.).—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Members' Secretarial Winding-up Allowance.—Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, provision should be made under arrangements approved by Mr. Speaker for an allowance not exceeding £500 to be paid to, or to the personal representatives of, a person who has ceased to be a Member of this House towards defraying the expenses of secretarial or research assistance which is required in connection with that person's Parliamentary duties but is so required after he has ceased to be a Member of this House.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes past Nine o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 9.20 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 29th June 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Acquisition of Land.—Copies of Regulations, dated 19th June 1978, entitled—

(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 886), and

(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 887)

[by Act].

Bank Notes.—Treasury Minutes, dated 26th, 30th and 31st May 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 561].

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 28th June 1978, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (Amendment No. 3) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 909) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 29, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 31st December 1977, extending the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria [by Command].
European Communities (No. 30, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 31st December 1977, extending the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia [by Command].

European Communities (No. 32, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 2nd May 1978, between the European Economic Community and Belgium, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Member States of that Community, on the one hand, and the International Development Association on the other hand (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Food (Miscellaneous No. 16, 1978),—Copy of Protocols, signed at Washington between 26th April and 17th May 1978, for the Fourth Extension of the Wheat Trade Convention and Food Aid Convention constituting the International Wheat Agreement 1971 (the Protocols have not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Education (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Education Department on Education in Scotland in 1977 [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Dell:


Mrs. Judith Hart:

Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 28th June 1978, entitled—
(1) the Guyana Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1978, and
(2) the Guyana Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Fund (United Kingdom) Scheme 1978

[by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 29th June 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Michael English Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Bill; Mr. J. D. Spence Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1978; and Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1978.

[No. 144.]

Friday, 30th June, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Home Purchase Assistance and Housing Corporation Guarantee Bill, without Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Scotland Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Scotland Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Scotland Bill to be considered upon Monday next; and to be printed [Bill 161].

Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday next.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Land Drainage (Scotland) Amendment Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. —(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Mason);

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:


Northern Ireland,—The Question being again proposed, That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Ted Graham : 35.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Kilfedder, the Reverend Ian Paisley : 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved.

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Representation of the People Bill,—Ordered, That in respect of the Representation of the People 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.)
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 (Maximum Additional Component) Regulations 1978, which were laid before this House on 6th June, 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 Farm Capital Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 768), a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th June, be approved.—(Mr. Ted Graham):—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 Finance Corporation (Further Payment to Capital Stock) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 8th June, be approved.—(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 fourteen minutes past Six o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 6.14 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Friday 30th June 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Top Salaries,—Copy of the Tenth Report of the Review Body on Top Salaries [by Command].

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 March 1978, namely, the Breasclete Harbour Order, the British Railways Order, the Cunninghame District Council Order, the Dundee Port Authority Order, the East Kilbride District Council Order, the Gairloch Piers Order, the Inverclyde District Council Order, the Lerwick Harbour Order and the Shetland Islands Council Order; and except in the case of the East Kilbride District Council Order, about which they have sent a separate notice to the parties, are of opinion that the Orders should be allowed to proceed, subject to such Recommendations as they may hereafter make thereanent [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Transport, Statements of determination of the salary payable to—
(1) the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and members of the British Railways Board,
(2) the Chairman of the National Bus Company, and
(3) the Deputy Chairman of the National Bus Company
[by Act].

[No. 145]

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 Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 13th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 566-i].
Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 3rd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 56-xxi].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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);

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. 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 Government Business may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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. Alf Bates.)

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.

A Clause (Additional expenses for unregistered persons)—(Mr. Peter Viggers)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. 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.

Theft Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Theft Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Alf Bates):—Debate arising:

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then seven minutes to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 3rd July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 5) (Joint European Torus) Order 1978, and

(2) the European Communities (Privileges of the Joint European Torus) Order 1978

[by Act].
Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic,—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—

(1) the Community Road Transport Rules (Exemptions) Regulations 1978, and

(2) the Drivers' Hours (Harmonisation with Community Rules) Regulations 1978

[by Act].

_Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Law Commissions,—Statement of determination of the pension payable to a Commissioner of the Law Commission [by Act].

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 Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords] to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee C).

MEMORANDUM

Monday 3rd July 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords] (transferred from Standing Committee C) to Standing Committee B; and the draft Land Drainage (Scotland) Amendment Order 1978 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 146.]

Tuesday, 4th July, 1978.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill,—The Sheffield General Cemetery Bill was read the third time, and passed.

British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the British Railways Bill;

_Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Kendal Market Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Kendal Market Bill, as amended in the Committee.

_Bill to be read the third time.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 4th July and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-seventh Report).

_Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xlii].

_Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xliii].

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 4th July.

_Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 470-iv].
Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 17-xxvi].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to adoption in Scotland with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Scottish Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Adoption (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

Adoption (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Adoption (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 162].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Coffee Extracts and Chicory Extracts) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

House of Commons (Televising of Proceedings).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with respect to televising the proceedings of the House of Commons—(Mr. John Farr);

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, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. David Hunt: 161.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Stokes, Mr. Michael Brotherton: 181.

So the Question was negatived.

Supply [28th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, believing that the maintenance of a high level of employment and the creation of new jobs depend upon a thriving private sector, calls on the Government to give greater encouragement to enterprise instead of relying on measures which take no account of the root cause of the problem—(Sir Keith Joseph);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "...effects of a major world-wide recession, supports the Government's special employment and training measures and its other measures to help small firms, and believes that these supplement the Industrial Strategy which is a necessary base for the regeneration of British industry and the achievement of full and stable employment in the long term," instead thereof.—(Mr. Secretary Booth.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 267.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House, recognising that this country's economy cannot be divorced from the effects of a major world-wide recession, supports the Government's special employment and training measures and its other measures to help small firms, and believes that these supplement the Industrial Strategy which is a necessary base for the regeneration of British industry and the achievement of full and stable employment in the long term.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Scotland Bill (Allocation of Time) may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)
Scotland Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order of 16th November 1977 be supplemented as follows:—

**Lords Amendments**

1. The proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed in three allotted days and, subject to the provisions of the Order of 16th November, each part of those proceedings shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the third column of the Table set out below.

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2. Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings for two hours after Ten o’clock.

3. For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1 above—

   (a) Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith any Question which has been already proposed from the Chair and not yet decided and, if that Question is for the Amendment of a Lords Amendment, shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth agree or disagree with the Lords in the said Lords Amendment or, as the case may be, in the said Lords Amendment as amended;

   (b) Mr. Speaker shall then—

   (i) put forthwith the Question on any Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment and then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth agree or disagree with the Lords in their Amendment, or as the case may be, in their Amendment as amended;

   (ii) put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in a Lords Amendment; and

   (iii) put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments;

   (c) as soon as the House has agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Amendments Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith a separate Question on any other Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to that Lords Amendment.

4. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of the proceedings.

5. For the purpose of bringing those proceedings to a conclusion Mr. Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has already been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided, and shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown which is related to the Question already proposed from the Chair.

   (a) put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on any item in the Lords Message; and

   (b) put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in all the remaining Lords proposals.
(3) As soon as the House has agreed or disagreed with the Lords on any of their proposals, Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith a separate Question on any other Motion made by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the proposal.

Supplemental

6.—(1) In this paragraph “the proceedings” means proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill, on the appointment and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the Report of such a Committee.

(2) Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown for the consideration forthwith of the Message or, as the case may be, for the appointment and quorum of the Committee.

(3) A Committee appointed to draw up Reasons shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which they are appointed.

(4) Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

(5) No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(6) If the proceedings were interrupted by a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on the Motion shall be added to the period at the end of which the proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion—(Mr. John Smith);

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November], to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of them.

The Question being accordingly put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. James Hamilton: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 274.

So the Question was agreed to.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Alf Bates):—Debate arising:

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning:

Wednesday, 5th July, 1978:

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 seven minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

Adjourned at 12.7 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 4th July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:


Mr. Secretary Owen:


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Copy of a Statement of determination of the financial duties of British Shipbuilders in the year ending 31st March 1979 [by Act].

Iron and Steel,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Steel Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Post Office.—Copy of the Report of the Post Office Users’ National Council for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 531].

Mr. John Silkin:
Agriculture.—Copy of the Report of the Central Council for Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation for the year ended 31st March 1978 [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 Wickham St. Paul Parish Council (Village Green) Appropriation Order 1977 [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 from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Ted Graham (nominated in respect of the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1978); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Donald Coleman.

MEMORANDA
Tuesday 4th July 1978
In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Coffee Extracts and Chicory Extracts) Order 1978 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. David Watkins Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Bill in the place of Mr. Michael English.

[No. 147.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the British Railways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Consolidated, &c., Bills,—Mr. William Wilson reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Statute Law (Repeals) Bill [Lords], 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. 572].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 572].

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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. 29-xxxiii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-xxxiii].

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 5th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-ix].

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 the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 544].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 544].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Mr. Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 5th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 444-vii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Bill,—Mr. David Watkins reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 14th July; and to be printed [Bill 164].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 570].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 26th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 568].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 20th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 569].

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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to the national health service in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [National Health Service (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

National Health Service (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The National Health Service (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 166].

Protection of Children Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Protection of Children Bill to be considered upon Friday 14th July; and to be printed [Bill 165].

British Vineyards,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide relief from duty and rating in respect of British vineyards and associated wine-producing establishments: And that Dr. Reginald Bennett, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Edward du Cann, Mr. John Wakeham, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. David Ginsburg, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. Neville Sandelson, and Mr. Michael Grylls, do prepare and bring it in.

British Vineyards Bill,—Dr. Reginald Bennett accordingly presented a Bill to provide relief from duty and rating in respect of British vineyards and associated wine-producing establishments: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 163].
Ways and Means.—National Insurance Surcharge.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That for the percentage specified in section 1(1) of the National Insurance Surcharge Act 1976 there shall be substituted a higher percentage applying to all persons by or in respect of whom the surcharge imposed by that Act is payable.—(Mr. Boswell Barnett);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 284.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 270.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That for the percentage specified in section 1(1) of the National Insurance Surcharge Act 1976 there shall be substituted a higher percentage applying to all persons by or in respect of whom the surcharge imposed by that Act is payable.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the second Motion relating to Ways and Means and the consideration of Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments to the State Immunity Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, at any hour.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Ways and Means.—Capital Gains Tax: Deeds of Family Arrangement.—Resolved, That new provision may be made in place of section 24(1) of the Finance Act 1963.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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:

(b) Amendments relating to Clauses 1 to 6, Schedule 1, Clauses 7 to 12, Schedule 2, Clauses 13 to 22, Schedule 3, Clause 23, Schedule 4, Clauses 24 to 31, Schedule 5, Clauses 32 and 33, Schedule 6, Clauses 34 to 38, Schedule 7, Clauses 39 to 42, Schedule 8, Clauses 43 to 50, Schedule 9, Clauses 51 to 55, Schedule 10, Clauses 56 to 65, Schedule 11, Clause 66:

(c) new Schedules; and

(d) Amendments relating to Schedule 12.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

A Clause (National insurance surcharge)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Relief for private residences)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Part disposals of land)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Alteration of dispositions taking effect on death)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Retirement annuities)—(Mr. Robert Sheldon)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Deduction of tax from payments of interest in 1978-79)—(Mr. Robert Sheldon)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Capital allowances: sports grounds)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee, to be further considered to-morrow.

State Immunity Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to one of the Amendments made by this House to the State Immunity Bill [Lords].

Lords Amendment No. 1 was amended in line 2, by leaving out from “ 2(2) ” to the end and adding the words “ and 13(3) do not apply to any prior agreement, and sections 3, 4 and 9 do not apply to any ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Solicitor General)—and, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2 was agreed to.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.28 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 5th July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 1st, 2nd and 5th June 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 571].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Licences and Licensing,—Copy of the Report of the Carlisle State Management District for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 528].
Race Relations,—Copy of the Report of the Commission for Racial Equality for the period 13th June to 31st December 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 529].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
Dominica (Miscellaneous No. 20, 1978),—Copy of a Report to the Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the termination of association between Dominica and the United Kingdom [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th July 1978, entitled the West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 930) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Industry,—Statement that the National Coal Board has made a planning agreement within the meaning of section 21(2) of the Industry Act 1975 [by Act].
Offshore Installations,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th July 1978, entitled the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (No. 5) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 935) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission on the South of Scotland Electricity Board—price increases in the supply of electricity [by Act]; to be printed [No. 535].

Mr. Attorney General:
Civil Judicial Statistics,—Copy of Statistics relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the House of Lords, the Court of Appeal, the High Court, the Crown Court, County Courts and other Civil Courts for 1977 [by Command].

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 draft Land Drainage (Scotland) Amendment Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. George Reid, Mr. James 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 draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Coffee Extracts and Chicory Extracts) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. E. Fernyhough, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Ian Grift, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Timothy Smith, Mr. Mike Thomas, and Mr. John Tilley.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill,—The British Railways Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Tamar Bridge Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Tamar Bridge Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twelfth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 576].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 6th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 466-viii].

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 (Fifth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 573].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 573].

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 (Sixth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 574].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 574].

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 ; And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 575].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 575].

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 6th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 410-ix].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Interpretation Act 1889 and certain other enactments relating to the construction and operation of Acts of Parliament with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Interpretation Bill [Lords]].

Interpretation Bill [Lords].—The Interpretation Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 167].
Scotland Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Scotland Bill.

Suspension of sitting.—Strangers in the Gallery having thrown missiles into the House and grave disorder having arisen, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 26 (Power of Mr. Speaker to adjourn House or suspend sitting), suspended the sitting of the House for twenty minutes.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Scotland Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Scotland Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 1, line 8, at end insert “ the members of which shall be elected by that system of proportional voting specified under this Act “.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith) ;

Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I have to inform the House that a man and a woman were taken into custody by the Serjeant at Arms in connection with the recent disturbance in the Gallery this afternoon. I have directed that they be given into the custody of the civil police.

The Question being again proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in their Amendment No. 1 ;—Debate arising ;

And it being Seven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joan Evans, Mr. Andrew Bennett : 363.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Charles Morrison : 155.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Seven o'clock.

Lords Amendment No. 2 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3, in page 1, line 13, leave out “ three ” and insert “ two ”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith) ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Ted Graham : 275.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 243.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 to 10 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 11, in page 2, line 12, at end insert—

“(6) Notwithstanding any provision of this Act the Assembly may at any time after the first ordinary election of members of the Assembly review the system of voting prescribed by this Act and may by Bill amend that system.

(7) Notwithstanding section 17(3) below a Bill under subsection (6) above shall not be submitted to Her Majesty in Council until it has been laid before Parliament by the Secretary of State and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.”

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith) ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Cox : 467.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Andrew Welsh : 39.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 15 to 17 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 12 to 14 and 18 to 23 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 24, in page 7, line 18, leave out from “ statement ” to “ in ”.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith):—Debate arising;

And it being Nine o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. John MacGregor: 237.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Nine o'clock.

Lords Amendment No. 40, in page 8, line 33, at end insert “and if the Judicial Committee decides that a provision is within the legislative competence of the Assembly or is so compatible the decision shall be binding on all legal proceedings.”

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 3, to leave out the words “or is so compatible.”—(Mr. John Smith.)

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment, so amended.—(Mr. John Smith.)

And the Question being put forthwith:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 29, in page 8, line 14, after “Assembly” insert “or is not compatible with any enforceable Community right, power, liability, obligation or restriction (as defined in section 2(1) of the European Communities Act 1972).”

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Dean: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Michael Roberts: 234.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 31, 33, 36 and 38 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 25 to 28, 30, 32, 34, 35, 37 and 39 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 41, divide Clause 20 into two Clauses, the first consisting of subsections (1) and (2) and (4) to (10) and the second consisting of subsection (11).

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 2, to leave out “subsection (11)” and insert “subsections (3) and (11)”.—(Mr. John Smith.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising;

And it being half-past Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Ted Graham: 272.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Anthony Berry: 258.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at half-past Ten o'clock.

A Motion was made, That this House doth agree with the Lords in their Amendment No. 41, so amended.—(Mr. John Smith.)

And the Question being put forthwith:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 42 was disagreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 42, in page 8, line 41, by leaving out the words “prerogative and other.”—(Mr. John Smith.)

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 45, in page 9, line 34, at end insert—

"Provided that he has obtained the consent of the First Secretary and the Minister for the Civil Service for those appointments."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stollard, Mr. Thomas Cox: 265.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 256.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 46 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 43, 44 and 47 to 54 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 55, in page 12, line 22, leave out "may" and insert "shall".

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Millan):—Debate arising;

Friday, 7th July, 1978:

And it being Midnight, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment:—It was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Midnight.

Lords Amendment No. 58, in page 12, line 25, at end insert—

"Provided that in appointing members to such committees referred to in paragraph (a) above the Assembly shall secure that the balance of parties in the Assembly is as closely as practicable reflected in the membership of each such committee."

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 1, by leaving out the word "Provided that".—(Mr. Secretary Millan.)

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 1, by leaving out the words "referred to in paragraph (a) above.".—(Mr. Secretary Millan.)

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment, so amended.—(Mr. Secretary Millan.)

And the Question being put forthwith:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 56 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 57, in page 12, line 25, at end insert—

"(b) for ensuring that no committee shall be appointed with functions not relating to devolved matters."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Millan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 248.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr. Michael Roberts: 229.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 59 to 62 were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Lords Amendments be further considered this day.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. James Timm):—Debate arising;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Thursday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then fourteen minutes to One o'clock on Friday morning, till this day.

Adjourned at 12.46 a.m.
APPENDIX
Thursday 6th July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:


Mr. Secretary Dell:
Prevention of Fraud,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Protection of Depositors (Accounts) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Great Britain) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Water,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th June 1978, entitled the Yorkshire Water Authority (Arkengarthdale: Langthwaite Intake) Order 1978, 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:
Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1978, entitled the Motorways Traffic (Newcastle upon Tyne Central Motorway East) (A6127 (M)) (Speed Limit) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 910) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford on 2nd May 1978, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

MEMORANDUM
Thursday 6th July 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairman of Standing Committee), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords]; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Regional Affairs Committee in respect of the matter of the 1976 Review of the Strategic Plan for the South East; and Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Coffee Extracts and Chicory Extracts) Order 1978.

[No. 1491

Friday, 7th July 1978.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Nelson and Colne and elsewhere for legislation to protect laboratory animals from pain and distress was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Burmah Oil Company Limited v. The Governor and Company of the Bank of England,—A Public Petition of David St. John Sutton, of 9 Cheapside, London, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court, on behalf of the Burmah Oil Company Limited, the Plaintiff in an
action in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice 1976 B. No. 6765 against the defendants The Governor and Company of the Bank of England, was presented and read; setting forth that pursuant to the said action a summons has been issued by the Plaintiff requiring production of certain documents, which said summons is listed for hearing in London on or about 17th July 1978; and shewing, first, that the said Plaintiff's claim in the summons is for the production of certain documents which the defendants have objected to produce; and second, that reference is desired to be made at the hearing of the summons to the Official Report of Debates of this Honourable House for 15th January 1975 (H.C. Deb. 884; cols. 448-454); and praying that the House will be graciously pleased to give leave to the proper Officers of the House to attend the hearing of the said summons and to produce the said Reports and formally to prove the same according to their competence, and to give leave for reference to be made to the said Report of Debates.

Ordered, That leave be given to the proper Officers to attend the said hearing and to produce the said Reports and formally to prove the same according to their competence; and that leave be given for reference to be made to the said Report.—(Mr. Reginald Maudling.)

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges,—The Order made on 13th June, That the draft European Space Agency (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Housing (Percentage of Approved Expense for Improvement Grants) (Scotland) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 19th May, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 23rd June, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

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 draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 6th June, 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 draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 20th June, 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 seven minutes to Six o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 5.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 7th July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Supply Estimates (Revised Estimates), 1978-79,—Revised Estimates of the sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1979, relating to Classes II-XVII: Civil [by Command]; to be printed [No. 536].

Supply Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1978-79,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1979, relating to Class I: Defence [by Command]; to be printed [No. 537].

Supply Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1978-79,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1979, relating to Classes II-XVII: Civil [by Command]; to be printed [No. 538].
Mr. Secretary Owen:


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Iron and Steel,—Statement of determination of the salary payable to the Chairman, Deputy Chairmen and a member of the British Steel Corporation [by Act].
Post Office,—Statements of determination of the salary payable to—
(1) the Chairman and five members, and
(2) a member
of the Post Office [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


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[No. 150.]

Monday, 10th July, 1978.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix).

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 10th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-xx].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Representation of the People Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill (changed to Local Government Bill), with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Rating (Disabled Persons) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Inner Urban Areas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Consumer Safety Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the King's College London Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Inner Urban Areas Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Inner Urban Areas Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 168].

Rating (Disabled Persons) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Rating (Disabled Persons) Bill to be considered upon Friday; and to be printed [Bill 169].

Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill (changed to Local Government Bill),—Lords Amendments to the Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill (changed to Local Government Bill) to be considered upon Friday; and to be printed [Bill 170].

Aerospace Production Policy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, mindful of the high technology of the British aircraft and aeroengine industries, calls upon the Government to come to an early decision on the future aerospace production policy of the United Kingdom; and to ensure that choices on the best collaborative projects are made on commercial grounds in order to protect Great
Britain's capabilities in design and development as one of the world's leading aircraft manufacturing nations, as well as protecting the jobs and livelihoods of many thousands of workers employed in these important industries in this country.—(Mr. Terry Walker);

And it being Seven o'clock, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 6 (Precedence of Government business).

Community Budget.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Volume 7 of Commission Document No. R/1577/78 relating to the EEC 1979 Preliminary Draft General Budget, together with Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and Commission Documents Nos. R/1104/78 and R/519/78.—(Mr. Denzil Davies);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words "and further notes with deep concern that the policy implied in this preliminary draft budget once again fails to make any reduction in the huge burden of agricultural expenditure under the guarantee section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, in particular, in the cost of disposing of agricultural surpluses outside the EEC."—(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, at this day's sitting, the Adoption (Scotland) Bill [Lords], the National Health Service (Scotland) Bill [Lords] and the Interpretation Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Community Budget.—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Motion (Community Budget):—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary for the disposal of the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business).

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Amendment be made:—It was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of Volume 7 of Commission Document No. R/1577/78 relating to the EEC 1979 Preliminary Draft General Budget, together with Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and Commission Documents Nos. R/1104/78 and R/519/78, and further notes with deep concern that the policy implied in this preliminary draft budget once again fails to make any reduction in the huge burden of agricultural expenditure under the guarantee section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, in particular, in the cost of disposing of agricultural surpluses outside the EEC.

Adoption (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Adoption (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

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 67 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jim Marshall 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.

National Health Service (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The National Health Service (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. 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 110 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 17 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, without Amendment.

Interpretation Bill [Lords].—The Interpretation 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 27 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 Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Peter Snape);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning;

Tuesday, 11th July, 1978:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes past Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.20 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 10th July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Malta,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 10th July 1978, relative to the gift of assets to the Government of Malta [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Owen:

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Space Agency (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 [by Act].

Dominica,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Dominica Termination of Association Order 1978 [by Act].

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 are of the opinion that the provisions of the East Kilbride District Council draft Provisional 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 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Insurance,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th June 1978, entitled the Insurance Companies (Deposits) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 917) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Participation Agreements,—Statement by the Secretary of State for Energy following the certification of a number of participation agreements [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th July 1978, entitled the Fishing Nets (North-East Atlantic) (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 946) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


MEMORANDUM

Monday 10th July 1978

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 Adoption (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 151.]

Tuesday, 11th July, 1978.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Kendal Market Bill [Lords],—The Kendal Market Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Tamar Bridge Bill,—The Tamar Bridge Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 11th July and a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xlvi].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xlvi].
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 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 [579].

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. 17-xxvi].

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 Kendal Market Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Consumer Safety Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Consumer Safety Bill to be considered upon Friday; and to be printed [Bill 172].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Building (First Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 723) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 5) (Joint European Torus) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft European Communities (Privileges of the Joint European Torus) Order 1978 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 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Coroners (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Coroners (Amendment) Act 1926, with reference to the power of removal of a body for post-mortem examination: And that Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, and Mr. Dafydd Thomas, do prepare and bring it in.

Coroners (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Dafydd Wigley accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Coroners (Amendment) Act 1926, with reference to the power of removal of a body for post-mortem examination: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 171].

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 Ways and Means Resolutions.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Ways and Means,—Advance corporation tax (rate for financial year 1978) (No. 2),—Resolved, That in the Resolution of the House of 17th April (Advance corporation tax (rate for financial year 1978)) for the words “thirty-four sixty-sixths” there shall be substituted the words “thirty-three sixty-sevenths”.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

Finance Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Tax repayments to wives)—(Mr. Joel Barnett)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 39, to leave out subsection (7).—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Clause.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 248.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 259.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Schedule D deduction of payments to trustees)—(Mr. Robert Sheldon)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Repayment of tax paid under Police Regulations)—(Mr. Robert Sheldon)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Deduction rate for sub-contractors in the construction industry)—(Mr. Robert Sheldon)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Vehicles excise duty: Great Britain)—(Mr. Robert Sheldon)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (b) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 32, to leave out the words "1st December" and insert the words "1st September", instead thereof.—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Clause.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. J. Stradling Thomas, Mr. Anthony Berry: 256.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Frank R. White: 274.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Vehicles excise duty: Northern Ireland)—(Mr. Alf Bates)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Relief for premiums securing permanent health insurance)—(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 (Tax treatment of income from permanent health insurance)—(Mr. Tony Newton)—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, Sir George Young: 239.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Hamilton: 264.

Another Clause (Extension of the application of maintenance funds for historic buildings)—(Mr. Robert Cooke)—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, Sir George Young, Mr. Anthony Berry: 222.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mrs. Ann Taylor: 256.

Another Clause (Development Land Tax—Extension of interim period)—(Mr. Ian Stewart)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Consortium relief)—(Mr. John Cope)—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, Sir George Young, Mr. Anthony Berry: 222.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ted Graham: 268.

Another Clause (Insurance companies: disposals)—(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 (Tax and short term social security benefits)—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Death in public service)—(Mr. Peter Rees)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Earnings from work done abroad)—(Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth)—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 section 20 of the Finance Act 1974)—(Mr. John MacGregor)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.
Another Clause (Non-taxability of lotteries for charitable purposes)—(Mr. Tony Newton)—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 section 375 of the Taxes Act)—(Mr. John Wakeham)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, 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.—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 four minutes to Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.56 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 11th July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Gambling,—Copy of the Final Report of the Royal Commission on Gambling [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 55, 1978),—Copy of an Amendment to Article 26 of the Statute of the Council of Europe, made at Strasbourg on 9th January 1978 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 56, 1978),—Copy of an Amendment to Article 26 of the Statute of the Council of Europe, made at Strasbourg on 20th January 1978 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Fisheries,—Copy of the Report on fisheries of Scotland for 1977 [by Command].

Health Services (Scotland),—Copy of the Report on health services in Scotland for 1977 [by Command].

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th June 1978, entitled the Labelling of Food (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 927) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1978, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Social Security,—Copy of a Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council on the operation of the provisions for occupational deafness and on certain processes with severe noise levels [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Wednesday, 12th July, 1978.

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).

Tyne and Wear Passenger 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 Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill and had made 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; 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 Employment Protection (Consolidation) 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. 585).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed (No. 585).

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. 29-xxxiv).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed (No. 29-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 Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 12th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed (No. 466-ix).

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 them on 12th July: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed (No. 587).

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 (Sixth Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed (No. 582).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed (No. 582).

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 (Seventh Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed (No. 583).

Overseas Development,—Mr. Kevin McNamara reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, that they had made further progress in the matter to them referred; and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).
Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 586].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 586].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee on 12th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 565-ii].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords],—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 580].

Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, That they had considered the matter of the 1976 Review of the Strategic Plan for the South East, referred to them on 29th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 584].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Coffee Extracts and Chicory Extracts) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 4th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 581].

House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 12th July to be printed [No. 68-ix].

Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill,—Ordered, That the Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill be read a second time upon Friday.

Companies Bill,—Ordered, That the Companies Bill be read a second time upon Friday.

Student Unions (Voluntary Membership),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the voluntary membership of student unions, student associations and student representative councils; to make consequential provisions with respect to the membership fees and charges of those bodies; and for connected purposes.—(Mr. Nicholas Winterton);

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 Winterton, Mr. Michael Brotherton: 79.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Bryan Davies: 227.

So the Question was negatived.

Finance Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 44) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 10, to leave out "£8,500" and insert "£9,500", instead thereof.—(Mr. John Cope.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Sir George Young: 248.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn: 255.

An Amendment (No. 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 112) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 31, after the word "and", to insert the word "either".—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 171) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 33, to leave out the words "become insolvent" and insert the words "defaulted in payment thereof", instead thereof.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Peter Morrison: 247.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Ted Graham: 284.

Another Amendment (No. 48) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 12, to leave out "42" and insert "40", instead thereof.—(Mr. David Mitchell.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 95) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 77) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 8, at the end, to insert the words—

"(3) In section 11(3) of that Act, the words after 'agreement' shall be left out and the words 'allowed to the person who has custody of the child' substituted."—(Mr. Tony Newton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 96) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 10, to leave out "£10,000" and insert "£17,000", instead thereof.—(Mr. Tim Renton.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Peter Morrison: 225.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Thomas Cox: 264.

Another Amendment (No. 118) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, to leave out lines 11 to 20.—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Anthony Berry: 229.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Donald Coleman: 274.

Other Amendments (Nos. 11, 55 and 56) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 178) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 30, after the word "section" to insert the words "does not apply for the years 1978-79 or 1979-80 if the person performing the duties so elects but otherwise it".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 4) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 123) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 38, after the word "from", to insert the words "the disposal of".—(Mr. Neville Trotter.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 1, to leave out the words "wholly before 6th April 1976" and insert the words "before 25th November 1977"; instead thereof.—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Sir George Young: 248.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Jim Marshall: 275.

Another Amendment (No. 79) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 1, to leave out the words "wholly before 6th April 1976", and insert the words "before 11th April 1978", instead thereof.—(Mr. John Pardoe.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Richard Wainwright : 254.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Thomas Cox : 275.

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.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes to One o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.43 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 12th July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:
  Police,—Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary for 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 545].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
  Ancient and Historical Monuments,—Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland for 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 539].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
  Population Censuses and Surveys,—Copy of a Government proposal, entitled 1981 Census of Population [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
  General Lighthouse Fund,—Statement of Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 542].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
  Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th July 1978, entitled the Control of Road-side Sales Orders (Procedure) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 932) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

  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 [14th April] from Selly Oak for the inclusion of Selly Oak in the Birmingham Inner City Partnership Area [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

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 draft Housing (Percentage of Approved Expense for Improvement Grants) (Scotland) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Alieck Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. George Reid, Mr. James White, and Mr. George Younger.
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 Building (First Amendment) Regulations 1978, viz.: Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Andrew McKay, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. George Robertson, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Hugh Rossi, Mr. James Spicer, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, and Mr. James Tinn.

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 Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 5) (Joint European Torus) Order 1978 and the draft European Communities (Privileges of the Joint European Torus) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Douglas Hard, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Frank Judd, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Neil Marten, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. William Molley, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Nigel Spearing, and Mr. David Young.

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 Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. John Sever, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Tim Smith, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. David Stoddart, and Mr. John Tilley.

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Housing (Percentage of Approved Expense for Improvement Grants) (Scotland) Order 1978 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Building (First Amendment) Regulations 1978 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 5) (Joint European Torus) Order 1978 and the draft European Communities (Privileges of the Joint European Torus) Order 1978, the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1978 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., and the draft European Communities (Privileges of the Joint European Torus) Order 1978 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 153.1


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—Ordered, That the Lords Amendments to the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill be considered upon Tuesday next.

King's College London Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the King's College London Bill ; and the same were agreed to.

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 11th and 12th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [Nos. 56-xxii and xxiii].

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 13th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 410-xl].

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 Wales 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 Theft Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Lords Amendment to the State Immunity Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Wales Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Wales Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 173].

Mortgages Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Mortgages Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 28th July.

British Vineyards Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the British Vineyards Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Monday next.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Great Britain) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Health and Safety (Genetic Manipulation) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 752) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Finance Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 12, 136, 190 and 137 to 153) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 181) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 43, to leave out from the word " within " to the word " and " in line 44, and insert the words " three years after the date upon which the original lessee was first entitled to possession under the lease ", instead thereof.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant : 231.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Dean : 259.

Other Amendments (Nos. 19 to 21, 57 to 60, 23 to 25 and 28) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 182) proposed to the Bill, in page 32, line 29, after the word " trade ", to insert the words " (other than that of a solicitor) ".—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made : Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 14 to 18, 86 and 87) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 41) proposed to the Bill, in page 74, line 39, to leave out the words " a full-time " and insert the word " an ", instead thereof.—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton : 238.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Frank R. White : 255.

Other Amendments (Nos. 88, 66, 93, 160, 161, 192, 89, 82, 83, 126, 127 and 90) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 68) proposed to the Bill, in page 37, line 24, to leave out the word " fifth " and insert the word " third ", instead thereof.—(Mr. John MacGregor.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Peter Morrison : 230.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn : 253.
Other Amendments (Nos. 84, 62, 158, 37 to 39, 91, 92, 159 and 162) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 168) proposed to the Bill, in page 46, line 32, to leave out subsections (1) and (2) and insert the words—

"(1) The Tables set out in Schedule 9 to this Act shall, in the case of any chargeable transfer made after 26th October 1977, be substituted for the Tables in section 37(3) of the Finance Act 1975 (Rate of tax)", instead thereof.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 13, 99 to 103, 125, 104, 105, 131 and 130) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed to the Bill, in page 56, line 27, to leave out Clause 63.—(Mr. David Stoddart.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Max Madden : 81.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. James Hamilton : 209.

Other Amendments (Nos. 98, 9, 185 and 132) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Relief for gains less than £9,500)—(Mr. Alf Bates)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (c) proposed to the proposed Schedule, in line 61, to leave out the words "Where the settlement was made before 7th June 1978 " and insert the words "Whenever the settlement was made ", instead thereof.—(Mr. Nigel Lawson.)

Question, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Schedule.

The House divided.


Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Dean : 257.

Schedule added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 133 to 135, 97, 26 and 27) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Alf Bates):—Debate arising;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then two minutes to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 13th July 1978

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 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen :

Jordan (No. 1, 1978).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Amman on 6th March 1978 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, for the avoidance of double taxation on profits derived from shipping and air transport (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 57, 1978).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Kuwait on 25th January 1977 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the State of Kuwait, further amending the Schedule to the Air Services Agreement signed at Kuwait on 24th May 1960 [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 60, 1978).—Copy of the First Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 1978 [by Command].
European Communities.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 6) (International Development Association) Order 1978, and

(2) the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 7) (International Wheat Agreement) Order 1978

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 30th June 1978, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Shorthand Writers’ Fees) 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 928) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Education.—Copy of a Report on school examinations [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. John Silkin:

Sea Fish Industry.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the White Fish Authority for the year ended 31st March 1978 [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 from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Thomas Cox (nominated in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1978); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jim Marshall.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Land Drainage (Scotland) Amendment Order 1978 and the draft Housing (Percentage of Approved Expenses for Improvement Grants) (Scotland) Order 1978; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Building (First Amendment) Regulations 1978; Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 5) (Joint European Torus) Order 1978, and the draft European Communities (Privileges of the Joint European Torus) Order 1978; Mr. David Watkins Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1978; and Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Roads and Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1978.
Friday, 14th July, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Kingston upon Hull against proposals to close or alter the use of the Hull Hospital for Women and the Townend Maternity Home was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the construction of a by-pass for the town of Ashbourne 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).

Protection of Children Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Protection of Children Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 1, line 5, leave out Clause 1 and insert new Clause A—

"A.—(1) It is an offence for a person—
(a) to take, or permit to be taken, any indecent photograph of a child (meaning in this Act a person under the age of 16); or
(b) to distribute or show such indecent photographs; or
(c) to have in his possession such indecent photographs with a view to their being distributed or shown by himself or others; or
(d) to publish or cause to be published any advertisement likely to be understood as conveying that the advertiser distributes or shows such indecent photographs, or intends to do so.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, a person is to be regarded as distributing an indecent photograph if he parts with possession of it to, or exposes or offers it for acquisition by, another person.

(3) Proceedings for an offence under this Act shall not be instituted except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

(4) Where a person is charged with an offence under subsection (1)(b) or (c), it shall be a defence for him to prove—
(a) that he had a legitimate reason for distributing or showing the photographs or (as the case may be) having them in his possession; or
(b) that he had not himself seen the photographs and did not know, nor had any cause to suspect, them to be indecent.

(5) References in the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (except in sections 15 and 99) to the offences mentioned in Schedule 1 to that Act shall include an offence under subsection (1)(a) above.

(6) Offences under this Act shall be included—
(a) in the list of extradition crimes contained in Schedule 1 to the Extradition Act 1870; and
(b) among the descriptions of offences set out in Schedule 1 to the Fugitive Offenders Act 1967;

and sections 17 and 22 of the 1870 Act and sections 16 and 17 of the 1967 Act (application to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and United Kingdom dependencies) extend to this subsection.

(7) In paragraph 1 of the Schedule to the Visiting Forces Act 1952 (offences against the person in the case of which a member of a visiting force is in certain circumstances not liable to be tried by a United Kingdom court, after sub-paragraph (b)(viii) (inserted by the Sexual Offences Act 1956) there shall be added—

"(ix) section 1(1)(a) of the Protection of Children Act 1978."

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 8, at the end, to insert the words—

"(cc) to publish indecent printed matter in connection with an indecent photograph of a child or a copy thereof; or."—(Sir Bernard Braine.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:—The Amendment was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 13 were agreed to.
Rating (Disabled Persons) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Rating (Disabled Persons) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill (changed to Local Government Bill).—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill (changed to Local Government Bill).

Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 2, in page 1, line 18, leave out subsection (2).
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Ivor Clemitson);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Norman Buchan: 39.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Charles Morrison: 2.
So the Question was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.
Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 5 were agreed to.

Consumer Safety Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Consumer Safety Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And it being Four o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Civil Liability (Contribution) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Civil Liability (Contribution) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Post Office Workers (Industrial Action) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Post Office Workers (Industrial Action) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Monday next.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

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.

Employment Protection Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Employment Protection Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Monday next.

Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Employment Protection (Amendment) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Monday next.

Import of Live Fish (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Import of Live Fish (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)
Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thomas Cox reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Cigarette Sales (Distribution of Unsolicited Publicity Material) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cigarette Sales (Distribution of Unsolicited Publicity Material) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Co-ownership of Flats Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Co-ownership of Flats Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Deer Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Deer Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Abortion (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Abortion (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution) Bill.—The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution) 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).

Services Widows (Pensions) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Services Widows (Pensions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Films Bill [Lords].—The Films Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Committal of Bills).

Statute of Westminster Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statute of Westminster Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act 1974 (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 27th July.

Mental Health (Tribunals) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mental Health (Tribunals) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Companies Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 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 Monday next.

Liquor Prizes Bill.—The Liquor Prizes 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).

Age of Compulsory Retirement Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Age of Compulsory Retirement 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 draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Coffee Extracts and Chicory Extracts) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 28th June, 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 seventeen minutes to Five o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 14th July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Appropriations in Aid.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 14th July 1978, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for Records, Registration and Surveys: Charity Commission [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Education.—Copy of Regulations, entitled the Provision of Milk and Meals (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 959) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Iron and Steel.—Statements of determination of the pensions payable to—
(1) a former Chairman
(2) a former member
(3) a former member
(4) a former member, and
(5) a former member of the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Morris:
Tourism.—Copy of the Report of the Wales Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport.—Statement of determination of the salaries payable to two members of the National Ports Council [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


Ecclesiastical Law,—Copy of Rules, dated 8th July 1978, entitled the Vacation of Benefices (Legal Aid) Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 951) [by Measure].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Road Traffic.—The Order made on 3rd July, That the draft Drivers' Hours (Harmonisation with Community Rules) Regulations 1978 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Procedure.—Sir Thomas Williams reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, That they had made progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 588].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 588].

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.

New Members sworn,—

George Martin Morton, Esquire, Member for Manchester, Moss Side, was sworn.

Allen McKay, Esquire, Member for Penistone, was sworn.

Regional Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of the 1976 Review of the Strategic Plan for the South East be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Scotland Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Lords Amendments to the Scotland Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 63, in page 15, line 14, leave out "Assembly" and insert "Secretary of State".

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Millan):—Debate arising:

And it being Six o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Ted Graham: 298.


So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Six o'clock.

Lords Amendments Nos. 64 to 68 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 69 to 80 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 81, in page 19, line 26, at end insert New Clause D (Protection of special interests of Orkneys and Shetlands).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Millan):—Debate arising:

And it being Seven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment:—It was agreed to.
Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Seven o'clock.

Lords Amendment No. 82, in page 24, line 36, leave out "the British Waterways Board".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Millan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ted Graham: 295.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 83 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 84 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 85, in page 29, line 9, at end insert New Clause E (Proposals for powers to raise moneys).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith):—Debate arising;

And it being Nine o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. James Tinn: 266.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Russell Johnston: 35.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 86, in page 30, line 8, at end insert New Clause F (Voting of Scottish Members of Parliament).

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 7, to leave out the word "Third" and insert the word "Second" instead thereof.-(Mr. Francis Pym):—Debate arising;

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 282.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank R. White: 288.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being after Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eleven o'clock.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Joseph Dean: 286.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 286.

Whereupon, the numbers being equal, Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that he ought to vote for the provisions of the Bill as it left this House, and he accordingly declared himself with the Ayes.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 87 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 88 to 96 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 97, in page 33, line 16, leave out subsection (4).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Millan):—Debate arising;

Tuesday, 18th July 1978:

And it being Midnight, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 285.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr. Anthony Berry: 279.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Midnight.

Lords Amendment No. 101 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 98 to 100 and 102 to 108 were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Lords Amendments be further considered this day.

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 10th July, be approved.—(Mr. James A. Dunn.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till two minutes past One o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.2 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 17th July 1978

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 year ended 31st March 1977 [by Command].

Hungary,—Accounts of the Administrator of Hungarian Property in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Command].

Romania,—Accounts of the Administrator of Romanian Property in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Command].

Bank Notes,—Treasury Minutes, dated 7th, 8th, 9th, 15th and 16th June 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 593].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Police,—Copy of Reports on negotiating machinery and pay by the Committee of Inquiry on the Police [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 5th July 1978, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Solicitors' Fees) 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 948) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th July 1978, entitled the National Health Service (Dental and Optical Charges) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 950) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Civil Aviation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Airports Authority for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Morris:
Welsh Church Funds,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 13th March 1978, made by Powys County Council for applying certain Welsh ecclesiastical property, approved and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Wales [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Road Traffic,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Drivers' Hours (Harmonisation with Community Rules) Regulations 1978 [by Act].
MEMORANDUM

Monday 17th July 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution) Bill, the Films Bill [Lords] and the Liquor Prizes Bill to Standing Committee C.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, 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 (Twenty-ninth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xlv].

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. 599].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

Northern Ireland Committee.—Ordered, That the matter of the Eighth and Ninth Reports of the Examiner of Statutory Rules, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 6) (International Development Association) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 7) (International Wheat Agreement) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Fishing Nets (North-East Atlantic) (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 946) 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) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 950) 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) (Norway) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 (Amendment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 so as to provide increased powers for the Director General of Fair Trading—(Mr. J. W. Rooker);
And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Bruce Grocott: 209.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Ian Gow: 147.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mrs. Audrey Wise, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Purdoo, and Mr. Cyril Smith, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. J. W. Rooker accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976 so as to provide increased powers for the Director General of Fair Trading: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 174].

Scotland Bill [3rd allotted day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Lords Amendments to the Scotland Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 109, in page 38, line 37, at end insert—

"(5) If a resolution under section 79(4) of this Act has been moved in each House of Parliament, but has not been passed by both Houses the Secretary of State shall lay before Parliament the draft of an Order in Council providing for the repeal 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. John Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Thomas Cox: 259.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Michael Roberts: 211.

So the Question was agreed to.

And it being after Five o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Five o'clock.

Lords Amendments Nos. 111 to 114 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 110 and 115 to 129 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 130, in page 48, line 3, leave out "Abortion".

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Milian):—Debate arising;

And it being half-past Six o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Frank R. White: 148.
Tellers for the Noes, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Gerry Fowler: 282.

So the Question was negatived.

Lords Amendment No. 131, in page 48, line 34, leave out "Aerodromes".

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Harry Ewing):—Debate arising;

And it being Eight o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 292.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 259.

So the Question was agreed to.
Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eight o'clock.

A consequential Amendment was made to the Bill, in page 67, line 50, at the end, by inserting the words—

" Civil Aviation Act 1978 (c.8) Not included "
Sections 8 and 9

(Mr. Secretary Millian.)

Lords Amendments Nos. 134 to 136 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 132, 133, 137 and 138 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 139, in page 50, line 31, at end insert " Grants with respect to items for the collections of museums and galleries and special grants with respect to items for the collections of libraries."

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Harry Ewing) ;—Debate arising:

And it being Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Jim Marshall : 293.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr. Jim Lester : 262.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Ten o'clock.

Lords Amendments Nos. 143 and 144 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 146, in page 51, line 22, at end insert—

" The initiation or holding of referenda ."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith) ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. James Tinn : 295.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Peter Morrison : 257.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 155, 161, 162, 165, 168, 170, 176, 179 and 183 were disagreed to.

Amendments were made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 183 disagreed to, in page 48, line 34, at the end, by inserting the words ' Insulation of nearby buildings from noise and vibration attributable to the use of aerodromes', and in page 61, column 2, by leaving out lines 32 to 41 and inserting the words—

" Not included, except so far as relating to the insulation of buildings near aerodromes against aircraft noise and vibration and except for—

(a) the matters dealt with in sections 30 to 32 ; and

(b) those dealt with in sections 6 to 11, 13, 14, 16 to 20, 34 and 36, so far as relating to the operation of aerodromes "; instead thereof.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Lords Amendments Nos. 195, 198 and 203 were disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 203 disagreed to, in page 67, line 50, at the end, by inserting the words—

" The Transport Act 1978 (c. ). Not included, except so far as relating to inland waterway transport and grants to assist the provision of facilities for freight haulage by rail and except for the matters dealt with in sections 5(1) to (4) and 6 to 8 so far as relating to road service licences or permits under section 30 of the Transport Act 1968 (c. 73)."—(Mr. John Smith.)

Lords Amendments Nos. 216 to 219 and 222 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 223, in page 76, line 43, at end insert—

" section 93
section 96 ".

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A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. A. W. Stallard : 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton : 260.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 224 to 227 and 231 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 140 to 142, 145, 163, 164, 166, 167, 169, 171 to 175, 177, 178, 180 to 182, 184 to 194, 196, 197, 199 to 202, 204 to 215, 220, 221, 228 to 230 and 232 to 236 were agreed to.

And it being after Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Lords Amendments stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion relating to Wales Bill (Allocation of Time) may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Frank R. White.)

Scotland Bill [3rd allotted day].—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Scotland Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 237 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 238, in page 89, line 39, leave out from beginning to “ may ” in line 40 and insert “ No sum shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund whether by Order in Council under this Schedule or otherwise for the purposes of the referendum, save that an Order in Council ”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith):—Debate arising;

Mr. Dennis Canavan, Member for West Stirlingshire, having conducted himself in a grossly disorderly manner, was ordered by Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Disorderly conduct), to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day's sitting:—And he withdrew accordingly.

Wednesday, 19th July, 1978:

And it being Midnight, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman : 297.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Sir George Young : 258.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Midnight.

Lords Amendment No. 239, in the Title, line 2, after “ Scotland ”, insert “ and in the procedure of Parliament ”:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith):

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Joseph Dean : 295.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Michael Roberts : 262.

So the Question was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [4th July], That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments—(Mr. Secretary Millan):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [4th July], That Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Secretary Millan and Mr. John Stradling Thomas be members of the Committee—(Mr. Secretary Millan):—It was agreed to.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [4th July], That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. Secretary Millan):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Secretary Millan.)

Wales Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order of 16th November 1977 be supplemented as follows:

Lords Amendments

1. The proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed in two allotted days and, subject to the provisions of the Order of 16th November, each part of those proceedings shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the third column of the Table set out below.

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2. Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings for two hours after Ten o'clock.

3. For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1 above—

(a) Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith any Question which has been already proposed from the Chair and not yet decided and, if that Question is for the Amendment of a Lords Amendment, shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth agree or disagree with the Lords in the said Lords Amendment or, as the case may be, in the said Lords Amendment, as amended;

(b) Mr. Speaker shall then—

(i) put forthwith the Question on any Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment and then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth agree or disagree with the Lords in their Amendment, or as the case may be, in their Amendment, as amended;

(ii) put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in a Lords Amendment; and

(iii) put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments;

(c) as soon as the House has agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Amendments Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith a separate Question on any other Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to that Lords Amendment.

Stages subsequent to first Consideration of Lords Amendments

4. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of the proceedings.

5.—(1) For the purpose of bringing those proceedings to a conclusion Mr. Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has already been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided, and shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown which is related to the Question already proposed from the Chair.

(2) Mr. Speaker shall then—

(a) put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on any item in the Lords Message; and

(b) put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

(3) As soon as the House has agreed or disagreed with the Lords on any of their Proposals, Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith a separate Question on any other Motion made by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the Proposal.
Supplemental

6.—(1) In this paragraph "the proceedings" means proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill, on the appointment and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the Report of such a Committee.

(2) Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown for the consideration forthwith of the Message or, as the case may be, for the appointment and quorum of the Committee.

(3) A Committee appointed to draw up Reasons shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which they are appointed.

(4) Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

(5) No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(6) If the proceedings were interrupted by a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on the Motion shall be added to the period at the end of which the proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion—(Mr. John Smith);

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [16th November], to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of them.

The Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 260.

So the Question was agreed to.

Scotland Bill,—Mr. Secretary Millan reported from the Committee to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Scotland Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same were read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 1, lines 8, 9 and 13, page 2, lines 3, 7 and 9, page 3, line 43, page 4, lines 10 and 14, page 35, line 42, and page 41, line 25, for the following Reason:

Because the method of voting applying to Parliamentary and local elections is appropriate also for elections to the Assembly.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 1, lines 13, 14 and 16, and in page 40, lines 12 and 14, for the following Reason:

Because the number of members proposed for the Assembly would be too small.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 2, line 12, for the following Reason:

Because elections to the Assembly should remain entirely a matter for Parliament.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 7, line 18, for the following Reason:

Because it would create uncertainty.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 8, line 14, the second Amendment in page 8, line 15, and the Amendments in page 8, lines 19, 29 and 32, for the following Reason:

Because the decisions concerned must be taken by Ministers of the Crown.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 9, line 34, for the following Reason:

Because the appointment of the officers and servants of Scottish Secretaries should be left to the Scottish Executive.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 9, line 40, for the following Reason:

Because it would not be compatible with the decision taken by the Commons on Amendment No. 42.
The Commons disagree to the second and third Amendments made by the Lords in page 12, line 22, and the first Amendment in page 12, line 25, for the following Reason:
Because it should be left to the Assembly to decide what committees to appoint.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 15, lines 14, 16, 20 and 32, for the following Reason:
Because the salaries and allowances of members of the Assembly should be determined by the Assembly itself.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 24, line 36, page 25, line 1, page 49, line 18, page 50, line 43, page 57, lines 7 and 17, page 60, lines 17 and 38, page 76, lines 9 and 29 and the second Amendment in page 78 line 44, for the following Reason:
Because the subject of inland waterways is one which it is appropriate to devolve.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 29, line 9, for the following Reason:
Because the Secretary of State should not be required to lay before Parliament proposals received from the Assembly for extending its own powers.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 30, line 8 and in the Title, line 2, for the following Reason:
Because no change in the procedure of the House of Commons is justified.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 30, line 8, for the following Reason:
Because the convening of a Speaker’s Conference is the concern solely of the House of Commons.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 33, line 16, page 49, line 15, page 58, line 36, the first Amendment in page 59, line 16, page 75, line 35, and page 84, line 11, for the following Reason:
Because the subject of forestry is one which it is appropriate to devolve.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 38, line 37, for the following Reason:
Because disagreement about commencement does not justify repeal of the Act.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 48, line 34, page 51, line 8, page 54, line 35, page 59, line 17, page 65, line 36, page 67, line 28, page 76, lines 7 and 11 and page 78, line 44 for the following Reason:
Because the subject of aerodromes is one which it is appropriate to devolve.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 49 line 14, for the following Reason:
Because it is unnecessary to make special provision for the River Tweed.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 50, line 31, for the following Reason:
Because it is inappropriate to devolve general responsibility for museums, libraries and galleries but reserve the matter of these grants in respect of their collections.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 51, line 22, for the following Reason:
Because it is undesirable to prevent the holding of referendums on questions relating to devolved matters.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 76, lines 43 and 44, and page 77, line 10, for the following Reason:
Because it would be inappropriate for the Secretary of State to intervene in respect of these devolved matters.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 89, line 39, for the following Reason:
Because it is misconceived.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Adjournment.—Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Joseph Dean.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes past Two o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.
APPENDIX

Tuesday 18th July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
  Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd and 26th
  June 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 597].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
  Official Secrets,—Copy of a Paper, entitled Reform of section 2 of the Official Secrets
  Act 1911 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
  Treaty Series (No. 58, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 16th
  March 1978, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the
  Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone, on certain commercial debts [by
  Command].

  Treaty Series (No. 59, 1978).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at London on 16th March
  1978 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government
  of the Republic of Sierra Leone, concerning debt relief [by Command].

  Venezuela (No. 1, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Caracas on 8th March
  1978, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government
  of the Republic of Venezuela, for the avoidance of double taxation in respect of
  shipping and air transport (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
  Social Work (Scotland).—Copy of a Report on social work in Scotland in 1977
  [by Command].

  Law Commissions.—Copy of a Report of the Scottish Law Commission on damages
  for personal injuries, relating to admissibility of claims for services and admissible
  deductions [by Act]; to be printed [No. 557].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
  War Pensioners,—Copy of the Report on War Pensioners for 1977 [by Statutory
  Instrument]; to be printed [No. 546].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
  Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Censuses of Production 1974
  and 1975, relating to—
  (1) introductory notes,
  (2) bedding, etc.,
  (3) cans and metal boxes,
  (4) copper, brass and other copper alloys,
  (5) drop forgings, etc.,
  (6) electronic computers,
  (7) gloves,
  (8) insulated wires and cables,
  (9) manufactured stationery,
  (10) men's and boys' tailored outerwear,
  (11) wheeled tractor manufacturing, and
  (12) wire and wire manufactures
  [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
  Gas,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Gas Corporation for the year
  ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
  Covent Garden Market Authority,—Statement of remuneration and allowances pay-
  able to a member of the Covent Garden Market Authority [by Act].

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one 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 (Thirty-fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-xxxv].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-xxxv].

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 July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-x].

Overseas Development,—Mr. Kevin McNamara reported from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 19th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 606].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Donald Kaberry reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Land Drainage (Scotland) Amendment Order 1978 and the draft Housing (Percentage of Approved Expense for Improvement Grants) (Scotland) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 30th June and 7th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 602].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Building (First Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 723), referred to a Committee on 11th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 604].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 5) Joint European Torus Order 1978 and the draft European Communities (Privileges of Joint European Torus) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 11th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 601].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. David Watkins reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 11th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 607].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Roads and Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 27th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 605].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to 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)].
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 agreed to the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Transport Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 178].

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 179].

Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 176].

Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 177].

Transport Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Transport Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 180].

Prescribed Drugs (Regulation of Promotion) Bill.—Ordered, That the Prescribed Drugs (Regulation of Promotion) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Licensing (Special Hours Certificates) Bill.—Mr. Neville Trotter presented a Bill to amend the Licensing Act 1964 in relation to the grant of special hours certificates: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday 12th October; and to be printed [Bill 175].

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 Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 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 1b of the Standing Order.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

Wales Bill (1st allotted day).—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Wales Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 1, line 8, at end insert "the members of which shall be elected by that system of proportional voting specified under this Act".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Jim Marshall: 389.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. Tom Ellis: 162.

So the Question was agreed to.

And it being after Seven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order yesterday, to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Seven o'clock.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 10 and 14 to 17 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 19, in page 4, line 12, at end insert "(he is a Member of the House of Commons; or)".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Hamilton: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 293.

So the Question was negatived.
Lords Amendment No. 20 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 11 to 13, 18 and 21 to 24 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 25, in page 6, line 30, leave out Clause 12.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Morris):—Debate arising;
And it being Nine o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order yesterday, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.
And the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Thomas Cox, Mr. Ted Graham: 278.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Sir George Young: 277.
So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Nine o'clock.

Lords Amendment No. 26 was amended, in line 2, by leaving out the word “verbatim” and, at the end, by inserting the word “full”—(Mr. John Smith)—and, so amended, was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 27 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 28 to 30 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 31, in page 8, line 8, leave out “section 18” and insert sections 18 and 22”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Alec Jones):—Debate arising;
And it being half-past Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order yesterday, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.
And the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Dean: 296.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester: 272.
So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at half-past Ten o'clock.

Lords Amendments Nos. 32, 35 and 36 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 37, in page 9, line 42, leave out from “statement” to “in”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Ted Graham: 298.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Peter Morrison: 264.
So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 38, in page 11, line 18, leave out “Assembly” and insert “Secretary of State”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Peter Snape: 296.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 274.
So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 39 to 43 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 33, 34 and 44 to 51 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 52, in page 14, leave out lines 29 to 35.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Morris);
The House proceeded to a Division.
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning:

Thursday, 20th July, 1978:

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Joseph Dean: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 280.

So the Question was agreed to.

And it being after Midnight, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order yesterday, to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Midnight.

Lords Amendments Nos. 53 and 54 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 56, in page 17, line 8, at end insert—

"( ) The sums paid under subsection (1) above for the purposes of sections 58(1) below shall be specified as such."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith); the House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Joseph Dean: 293.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jim Lester, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 276.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 58 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 55, 57 and 59 to 66 were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Lords Amendments be further considered this day.

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved.—(Mr. Ray Carter.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes past Two o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.24 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 19th July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Race Relations and Immigration,—Copy of Government observations on the First Report of the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, relating to immigration [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
British Council,—Statement of the value of indemnities for objects borrowed by the British Council [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Crofters, Cottars and Small Landholders (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Crofters Commission for 1977 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Science Research Council,—Statement of Guarantee given on behalf of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Board of Land and Natural Resources of the State of Hawaii, relating to the lease of land in Hawaii by the Science Research Council [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Medicines,—Copy of the Report of the Medicines Commission for 1977, 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, together with a report prepared by the Medicines Division of the Department of Health and Social Security [by Act] to be printed [No. 577].

Population Censuses and Surveys,—Copy of the Review of the Registrar General on deaths by cause, sex and age in England and Wales in 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Company Law,—Copy of a Paper on changes in company law [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th July 1978, entitled the Valuation Lists (Second Postponement) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Commercial Court Committee,—Copy of a Report of the Commercial Court Committee, relating to arbitration [by Command].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Twelve Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Eighth and Ninth Reports of the Examiner of Statutory Rules, viz.: Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Ray Carter, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. John Farr, Sir Nigel Fisher, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Carol Mather, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Airey Neave, and Mr. Stan Thorne.

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 Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Great Britain) Order 1978 and the draft Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, viz. : Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, the Reverend Robert Bradfor, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. Donald Dewar, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Mr. Leslie Huckfield, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. David Knox, Mr. David Lamble, Mr. Norman Lament, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. David Madd, Mr. Neville Trotter, and Mr. Frederick Willey.

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 Health and Safety (Genetic Manipulation) Regulations 1978, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. Eric Moxman, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Michael Spicer, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. Frank R. White, and Mr. Phillip Whitehead.

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 European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 7) (International Wheat Agreement) Order 1978 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 6) (International Development Association) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. John Cockerill, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Douglas Jay, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Malcolm Rikkind, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, Mr. John Tomlinson, and Mr. Dennis Walters.

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 Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1978, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Robert
Boscawen, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, and Mrs. Ann Taylor.

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 Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Norway) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. David Atkinson, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Dr. Oonagh Macdonald, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. John Roper, Mr. James Sillars, Mr. Ian Stewart, 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 Fishing Nets (North-East Atlantic) (Variation) Order 1978 and the West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. James Dempsey, Mr. Geoff Edge, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Patrick Wall, and Mr. Hamish Watt.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 19th July 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Great Britain) Order 1978 and the draft Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Health and Safety (Genetic Manipulation) Regulations 1978 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 6) (International Development Association) Order 1978 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 7) (International Wheat Agreement) Order 1978 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1978 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Norway) Order 1978 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Fishing Nets (North-East Atlantic) (Variation) Order 1978 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 158.1


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

British Transport Docks Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the British Transport Docks Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill.—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the 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 not later than the day before the close of the present Session of their intention to suspend further proceedings and that all fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid.

Ordered, That on the fifth day on which the House sits in the next Session the Bill shall be presented to the House.

Ordered, That there shall be deposited with the Bill a Declaration signed by the Agents for the Bill, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill presented to this House in the present Session.

Ordered, That the Bill shall be laid upon the Table of the House by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office on the next meeting of the House after the day on which the Bill has been presented and, when so laid, shall be read the first and second time (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read) and shall be
committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make only such Amendments thereto as have been made by the Committee in the present Session, and shall report the Bill, as amended, to the House forthwith, and the Bill, so amended, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table.

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, and their concurrence desired thereto.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Parliament,—The Order made on 13th July, That the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1978 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

House of Commons (Services),—Mr. Michael Foot reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Computer Sub-Committee on 5th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 612].

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 20th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 410-xi].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 20th July.

And the Report was brought up and read (Second Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 609].

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 them on 20th July.

And the Report was brought up and read (Third Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 610].

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 Technological Innovation Sub-Committee: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Minutes of Evidence taken before the Technological Innovation Sub-Committee, together with Appendices, to be printed [No. 611].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the House of Commons (Administration) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London Transport Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Wales Bill [2nd allotted day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Lords Amendments to the Wales Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 67, in page 25, line 1, leave out Clause 60.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Morris):

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:

1. Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978.
8. Import of Live Fish (Scotland) Act 1978.

Wales Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Wales Bill.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in their Amendment No. 67;

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Frank R. White: 261.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Jim Lester: 233.

So the Question was agreed to.

And it being after Six o’clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [18th July], to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Six o’clock.

Lords Amendment No. 68 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 75, in page 28, line 23, leave out subsection (3).

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. James Hamilton: 264.


So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 69 to 74, 76 and 77 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 78, in page 29, line 16, at end insert—

"(3) Without prejudice to the foregoing, the Attorney General and any other person may institute and the Assembly may defend proceedings seeking a determination of any question whether the Assembly is in default in the fulfilment of any duty placed on it or transferred to it by this Act and seeking an order requiring the fulfilment of such duty, provided that no such proceedings shall be instituted by any person other than the Attorney General unless the person is or would be aggrieved by such default or has an interest in the fulfilment of such duty."

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Attorney General):—Debate arising;

And it being half-past Seven o’clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [18th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mrs. Ann Taylor: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Anthony Berry: 272.

So the Question was agreed to.
Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at half-past Seven o'clock.

Lords Amendment No. 82, page 31, line 21, leave out subsection (3) and insert—

"(3) No order under this section shall be made unless a draft of it has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman : 287.


So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 87, in page 32, line 43, at end insert—

"(4) If a resolution under section 80(4) above has been moved in each House of Parliament, but has not been passed by both Houses, the Secretary of State shall lay before Parliament the draft of an Order in Council providing for the repeal of this Act."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Joseph Dean : 284.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton : 266.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 88 to 91 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 79 to 81, 83 to 86 and 92 to 126 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 127 was disagreed to.

The words so restored to the Bill were amended, in page 52, by leaving out lines 20 and 21; in page 52, by leaving out line 30 and inserting the words—

"and 13.

The functions under section 14 except so far as exercisable in relation to property held by or on behalf of the Assembly or by a company all of whose shares are so held or by a wholly owned subsidiary of such a company.

The functions under section 19(7) and (8)", instead thereof; in page 54, line 23, by leaving out the words "and 48"; in page 54, by leaving out lines 26 to 31 and inserting the words—

"The functions under paragraphs 46 to 50 of Schedule 3 so far as exercisable by virtue of representations made by excepted statutory undertakers.

The powers under paragraph 53 of Schedule 3 so far as their exercise is incidental to functions which remain exercisable by a Minister of the Crown", instead thereof; and by transferring lines 22 on page 52 to 38 on page 54 to Part VIII of Schedule 2 to the Bill.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Lords Amendment No. 128, in page 54, line 39, leave out Part X of the Schedule.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Alec Jones);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. James Tinn : 247.


So the Question was negatived.

And it being after Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [18th July], to be put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Ten o'clock.

Lords Amendments Nos. 147 and 153 to 155 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 161, in page 68, line 29, at end insert "section 97".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Joseph Dean : 272.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Peter Morrison : 255.

So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 162 to 164 and 166 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 129 to 146, 148 to 152, 156 to 160 and 165 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 167, in page 72, line 36, at end insert—

"THE EDUCATION ACT 1944

At the end of section 13(4) of the Education Act 1944 there shall be inserted the following new subsections:

(4A) (a) Where the proposals under this section are made by a Welsh education authority the Secretary of State shall give public notice of his decision to approve them, with or without modification, or to withhold that approval; and
(b) if that decision is a decision to approve the proposals with modifications the notice shall include a statement of those modifications; but
(c) that approval or as the case may be that decision to withhold approval shall remain provisional until either
(i) the expiry of the period for the submission of objections laid down under subsection (4B) of this section or
(ii) where an objection has been submitted during that period, the giving of public notice under subsection (4B) of this section.

(4B) Where the functions of the Secretary of State under subsections (4) and (4A) of this section have been discharged by the Welsh Assembly:
(a) those persons entitled under subsection (3) of this section to submit objections may, within two months of public notice being given under subsection (4B) of this section, submit to the Secretary of State objections either to the approval or as the case may be to the decision to withhold approval referred to in a public notice made under subsection (4A) of this section; and
(b) the Secretary of State may approve the proposals against which the objections have been submitted after making such modifications therein, if any, as appear to him to be desirable, and
(c) the Secretary of State shall give public notice of his decision to approve the proposals, with or without amendment."

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment (Mr. Alec Jones):—Debate arising:
And it being Midnight, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [18th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

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And the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Ted Graham: 172.
Tellers for the Noes, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Jim Lester: 149

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Midnight.

Lords Amendment No. 172, in page 75, line 29, at end insert—

"THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

21B. After paragraph 1(b) of the Schedule to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 there shall be inserted—

(6) the Welsh Assembly."

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment (Mr. John Smith):

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Donald Coleman: 170.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Peter Morrison: 147.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 173 and 188 were disagreed to.

The words so restored to the Bill were amended, in page 84, line 28, at the end by inserting the words—

"(3) The Welsh Assembly shall publish each report received by it under this paragraph."—(Mr. John Smith.)
Lords Amendment No. 190 was disagreed to.

The words so restored to the Bill were amended, in page 85, line 13, by leaving out the words " In section 3(1)(e) " and inserting the words " (1) In subsection 1(e) of section 3 " instead thereof, and in page 85, line 16, at the end, by inserting the words—

" (2) At the end of subsection (8) of that section there shall be added the words ' ; and the Welsh Assembly shall publish every report made to it under that provision. ' "—(Mr. John Smith.)

Lords Amendment No. 191 was disagreed to.

The words so restored to the Bill were amended, in page 85, line 46, after the word " of " by inserting the words " , and paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 5 to ".—(Mr. John Smith.)

Lords Amendment No. 192 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 196, in page 87, line 9, leave out from beginning to " may " in line 10 and insert " No sum shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund whether by Order in Council under this Schedule or otherwise for the purposes of the referendum, save that an Order in Council ".

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. James Hamilton : 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Michael Roberts : 137.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 197 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 168 to 171, 174 to 187, 189, 193 to 195 and 198 were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Order [18th July], That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments—(Mr. John Smith) : —It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Order [18th July], That Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Francis Pym, Mr. John Smith, and Mr. John Strading Thomas, be members of the Committee—(Mr. John Smith) : —It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Order [18th July], That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. John Smith) : —It was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Wales Bill,—Mr. Secretary Morris reported from the Committee to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Wales Bill, That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same were read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 1, line 8, and page 1, line 9 ; to both the Amendments in page 1, line 12 ; to the Amendments in page 1, line 13, and page 1, line 15 ; to both the Amendments in page 1, line 16 ; to the Amendments in page 1, line 20 and page 2, line 2 ; to both the Amendments in page 3, line 26 ; to the Amendments in page 3, line 27, and page 3, line 38 ; to both the Amendments in page 35, line 12 ; and to the Amendments in page 35, line 14 and page 36, line 22, for the following Reason:

Because the method of voting applying to Parliamentary and local elections is appropriate also for elections to the Assembly.

The Commons disagree to the second Amendment made by the Lords in page 4, line 12, for the following Reason:

Because the additional ground of disqualification for membership of the Assembly is inappropriate.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 6, line 30, for the following Reason:

Because the Assembly should be required to review the structure of local government in Wales.

The Commons disagree to the second Amendment made by the Lords in page 7, line 18, for the following Reason:

Because the publication of proceedings of committees of the Assembly should be a matter for the Assembly.
The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 8, line 8, and page 8, line 18; and to both the Amendments in page 9, line 36, for the following Reason:

Because the proposed arrangements for the executive committee are unworkable.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 9, line 42, for the following Reason:

Because it would create uncertainty.

The Commons disagree to both the Amendments made by the Lords in page 11, line 18; to the Amendment in page 11, line 19; to both the Amendments in page 11, line 21; and to the Amendment in page 11, line 32, for the following Reason:

Because the remuneration of members of the Assembly should be a matter for the Assembly.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 14, line 29, page 14, line 37, page 14, line 41, and page 19, line 28; to the first Amendment in page 62, line 42; and to the Amendments in page 63, line 31, page 64, line 14, and page 71, line 35, for the following Reason:

Because the Assembly should have the proposed functions relating to development in Wales.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 17, line 8, for the following Reason:

Because the proposal is misconceived.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 25, line 1, and page 26, line 36, for the following Reason:

Because it is appropriate that the functions of the bodies concerned should be capable of being assumed by the Assembly.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 28, line 23, page 64, line 21, and page 76, line 9, for the following Reason:

Because they appear to be unnecessary.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 29, line 16, for the following Reason:

Because it is misconceived.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 31, line 21, for the following Reason:

Because the affirmative resolution procedure is not appropriate.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 32, line 43, for the following Reason:

Because disagreement about commencement does not justify repeal of the Act.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 52, line 17, but propose the following Amendments to the words so restored to the Bill:

Page 52, leave out lines 20 and 21.

Page 52, leave out line 30 and insert “and 13.

The functions under section 14 except so far as exercisable in relation to property held by or on behalf of the Assembly or by a company all of whose shares are so held or by a wholly owned subsidiary of such a company.

The functions under section 19(7) and (8).”

Page 54, line 23, leave out “and 48 “.

Page 54, leave out lines 26 to 31 and insert—

““The functions under paragraphs 46 to 50 of Schedule 3 so far as exercisable by virtue of representations made by excepted statutory undertakers.

The powers under paragraph 53 of Schedule 3 so far as their exercise is incidental to functions which remain exercisable by a Minister of the Crown.”

That lines 22 on page 52 to 38 on page 54 be transferred to Part VIII of Schedule 2 to the Bill.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 68, line 29; and to both the Amendments in page 69, line 3, for the following Reason:

Because it would be inappropriate for the Secretary of State to intervene in the matters concerned.
The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 72, line 36, for the following Reason:

Because it would interfere with the Assembly's responsibility for schools in Wales.

The Commons disagree to the second Amendment made by the Lords in page 75, line 29, for the following Reason:

Because the admission of the public to proceedings of the Assembly should be a matter for the Assembly.

The Commons disagreed to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 84, line 13, but propose the following Amendment to the words so restored to the Bill:

Page 84, line 28, at end insert—

"(3) The Welsh Assembly shall publish each report received by it under this paragraph."

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 85, line 29, for the following Reason:

Because the admission of the public to proceedings of the Assembly should be a matter for the Assembly.

The Commons disagreed to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 84, line 13, but propose the following Amendments to the words so restored to the Bill:

Page 84, line 28, at end insert—

"(3) The Welsh Assembly shall publish each report received by it under this paragraph."

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 85, line 12, but propose the following Amendments to the words so restored to the Bill:

Page 85, line 13, leave out "In section 3(1)(e)" and insert "(I) In subsection (I)(e) of section 3".

Page 85, line 16, at end insert—

"(2) At the end of subsection (8) of that section there shall be added the words 'and the Welsh Assembly shall publish every report made to it under that provision.'"

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 85, line 44, but propose the following Amendment to the words so restored to the Bill:

Page 85, line 46, after "of", insert "and paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 5 to.",

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 86, line 1, for the following Reason:

Because the power is a necessary adjunct to the Secretary of State's power to give directions.

The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in page 87, line 9, and page 87, line 11, for the following Reason:

Because they are misconceived.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 6th June, be approved—(Mr. Ray Carter).—Debate arising;

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceeding on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 62.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Kilfedder, the Reverend Ian Paisley: 2.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 6th June, be approved.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes to Three o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.46 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 20th July 1978

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 1978 [by Act].
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Mr. Secretary Owen:
European Communities (No. 31, 1978),—Copy of an Additional Protocol, signed at Brussels on 15th September 1977, to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus, together with Financial Protocol and Final Act (the Financial Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Electricity,—Copies of Regulations, dated 7th July 1978, entitled—
(1) the Electricity (Consultative Council) (North of Scotland District) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 962), and
(2) the Electricity (Consultative Council) (South of Scotland District) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 963)[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
National Health Service,—Report of the General Practice Finance Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 590].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Post Office,—Copy of a Paper, entitled The Post Office [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Morris:
Ancient and Historical Monuments,—Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Wales for 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 560].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Electoral Law (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 533].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th July 1978, entitled the Concentrated Butter Prices Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 971) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Medicines,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th July 1978, entitled the Medicines (Exemptions from Restrictions on the Retail Sale or Supply of Veterinary Drugs) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1001) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Southern Sea Fisheries District (Variation) Order 1978 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM
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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Eighth and Ninth Reports of the Examiner of Statutory Rules; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the Regional Affairs Committee in respect of the matter of the 1976 Review of the Strategic Plan for the South East; Sir Thomas Williams Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Great Britain) Order 1978 and the draft Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978; Mr. J. D. Spence Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Norway) Order 1978; and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Nets (North-East Atlantic) (Variation) Order 1978 and the West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1978.
The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Scarborough and other places for the repeal of the Official Secrets Acts by legislation providing for freedom of information and for privacy 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. 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 without Amendment to the Amendments made by the Commons to certain of their Amendments to the Scotland Bill; they do not insist on one of their Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed, and agree without Amendment to the consequential Amendment made by the Commons to the Bill; they do not insist on certain other of their Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed, and agree without Amendment to Commons Amendments in lieu thereof; they do not insist on certain other of their Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed, and they do not insist on the remaining Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed but propose certain Amendments in lieu thereof; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Scotland Bill,—Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Lords Amendments to which this House has disagreed to be considered upon Monday next; and to be printed [Bill 182].

Dividends Bill,—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by The Prime Minister, Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Booth, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Secretary Hattersley, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. Denzil Davies, presented a Bill to provide for section 10 of the Counter-Inflation Act 1973 to continue in force until the end of July 1979: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed [Bill 181].

Inner Urban Areas Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Inner Urban Areas Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 5 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 6 and 7 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 8 to 13 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 14 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 15 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 16 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 17 to 20 were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Inner Urban Areas Bill.—(Mr. Guy Barnett.)

Ordered, That Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Reginald Freeson, and Mrs. Ann Taylor, 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.)

Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Inner Urban Areas Bill,—Mr. Guy Barnett reported from the Committee to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to
the Inner Urban Areas 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 9, line 41,
for the following Reason:

Because it would involve a charge on public funds, and the Commons do not offer
any further Reason, trusting that the above Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded
to consider the Lords Amendments to the Community Service by Offenders (Scotland)
Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3 was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the
Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Community Service by
Offenders (Scotland) Bill.—(Mr. Harry Ewing.)

Ordered, That Mr. Bernard Weatherill, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Alexander Fletcher,
Mr. Ted Graham, and Mr. Harry Ewing, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Harry
Ewing.)

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Harry Ewing.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Harry Ewing.)

Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Harry Ewing reported from the
Committee to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain
of their Amendments to the Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill, That they
had drawn up Reasons accordingly which they had directed him to report to the House:
And the same were read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 2, line 45, for
the following Reason:

Because it is unacceptable in principle and would have undesirable consequences in
practice for the effective operation of community service by offenders in Scotland.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 3, line 10, for
the following Reason:

Because it is unacceptable in principle, unnecessary and drafted in a manner which
could lead to confusion.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amend-
ments.

Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films,—Resolved, That the draft Cinematograph
Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 1978, which were laid before
this House on 5th July, be approved.—(Mr. Michael Meacher.)

Prevention of Fraud,—Resolved, That the draft Protection of Depositors (Accounts) (Amend-
ment) Regulations 1978, which were laid before this House on 6th July, be approved.—
(Mr. Clinton Davis.)

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges,—Resolved, That the draft European
Space Agency (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978, which was laid before this House
on 10th July, be approved.—(Mr. Evan Luard.)

Dominica,—Resolved, That the draft Dominica Termination of Association Order 1978,
which was laid before this House on 10th July, be approved.—(Mr. Evan Luard.)

Employment Protection (Consolidation) Bill [Lords],—The Employment Protection (Consoli-
dation) 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.)

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—
The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.
Clauses Nos. 1 to 160 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 17 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ted Graham reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

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. Ted Graham.)

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—
The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

Causes Nos. 1 to 4 agreed to.
Schedules 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. 56 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Northern Ireland.—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 Roads and Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Land Drainage and Improvement of 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 draft Land Drainage (Scotland) Amendment Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—

It was agreed to.

Housing (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 draft Housing (Percentage of Approved Expense for Improvement Grants) (Scotland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 28th June, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—

It was agreed to.

European Communities.—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 European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 5) (Joint European Torus) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 3rd July, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—

It was agreed to.

European Communities.—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 European Communities (Privileges of the Joint European Torus) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 3rd July, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—

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 (Various Goods) (Termination of Imperial Quantities) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 28th 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 sixteen minutes to Four o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 3.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Friday 21st July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:
Counter-Inflation,—Copy of a Paper, entitled Winning the Battle Against Inflation [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Value Added Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th July 1978, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 972) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Medicines,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 17th July 1978, entitled the Medicines (Pharmacy and General Sale—Exemption) Amendment Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 988),
(2) an Order, dated 17th July 1978, entitled the Medicines (Prescription Only) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 987), and

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Post Office,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Post Office for the year ended 31st March 1978 [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. Gordon Oakes (nominated in respect of the Health and Safety (Genetic Manipulation) Regulations 1978) ; and had appointed in substitution Miss Margaret Jackson.

[No. 160.]


The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, without Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Employment (Continental Shelf) Bill, without Amendment.
The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Wales Bill to which this House has disagreed ; they do not insist on certain other of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed, but propose Amendments in lieu thereof; they insist on their remaining Amendments to which this House has disagreed, for which insistence they assign their Reason; they agree without Amendment to the Amendments made by the
Commons to certain of their Amendments; they agree without Amendment to certain of the Amendments made by the Commons to words restored to the Bill; and they disagree to the remaining Amendments made by the Commons to words restored to the Bill, for which disagreement they assign their Reason.

The Lords have agreed to the Greater London Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Private Bills.—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, to which they desire the concurrence of this House, viz.:

That the Promoters of the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords], the County of Merseyside Bill [Lords], the West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords] and the West Yorkshire Bill [Lords] have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon, in order to proceed with the Bills, if they shall think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than three o'clock on the day before the close of the present Session, and that all fees due thereon up to that period shall have been paid;

That such Bills shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than three o'clock on the third day on which the House shall sit after the commencement of the next Session of Parliament, with a declaration annexed to each, 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 Bills shall in the next Session of Parliament be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged to such stages;

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply in the next Session of Parliament to such Bills in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session.

Wales Bill.—Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Lords Amendments disagreed to by the Commons, and Lords Reasons for insisting on certain Amendments disagreed to by the Commons and for disagreeing to certain Amendments made by this House to words restored to the Wales Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 184].

Supply [29th 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 Hamilton):—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: 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Ted Graham: 299.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being after Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Business of Supply), to put forthwith the Questions on the total amounts of the Votes outstanding for the year 1978-79 to be granted out of the Consolidated Fund for the services defined in those Votes.

Civil Estimates, 1978-79

And the Question being put, That a sum, not exceeding £627,470,500, 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 1979, for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class XIII of the Civil Estimates, as set out in House of Commons Papers 230 and 538:—It was agreed to.

Defence and Civil Estimates, 1978-79

(Outstanding Votes)

And the Question being put, That a sum, not exceeding £25,608,842,500, 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 1979, as set out in House of Commons Papers 212, 230, 536, 537 and 538:—It was agreed to.
Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. 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 1979, 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 183].

Dock Work Regulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Dock Labour Scheme 1978, which was laid before this House on 28th June, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Booth); And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business).

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Peter Snape: 291.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 301.

So the Question was negatived.

Northern Ireland Committee.—Ordered, That the Northern Ireland Committee have leave, at their next sitting, to consider the matter of the Eighth and Ninth Reports of the Examiner of Statutory Rules before resuming consideration of the matter of the Reorganisation of the Housing Executive.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes to One o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.37 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 24th July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Education (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th July 1978, entitled the Milk and Meals (Education) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 969) [by Act].

Housing (Scotland).—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 28th June 1978, entitled the Housing (Limits of Rateable Value for Repairs Grants) (Scotland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 964), and
(2) Regulations, dated 27th June 1978, entitled the Housing (Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 965) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation.—Copy of an Order, dated 24th July 1978, entitled the Valuation (Water Undertakings) (Scotland) (Adjustment) Order 1978 [by Act].

Rating and Valuation.—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the British Aluminium Company Limited and Lochaber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1978,
(2) the British Gas Corporation (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1978,
(3) the British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1978,
(4) the Post Office Telecommunications Services (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1978, and
(5) the Scottish Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Dock Work Regulation.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Dock Labour Board for 1977 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Mr. Secretary Dell:
Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th July 1978, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Documents) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 979) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Post Office.—Reports 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
for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act] ; to be printed [Nos. 591, 567 and 592].


Prices.—Copy of an Order, dated 24th July 1978, entitled the Food (Prohibition of Repricing) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1014) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


MEMORANDUM
24th July 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Hor Davies Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Health and Safety (Genetic Manipulation) Regulations 1978; and Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1978.
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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.

British Railways (Selby) Bill.—Ordered, That the British Railways (Selby) Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday 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 25th July and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-first Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xlvi].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xlvi].

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 Computer Sub-Committee: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 617].

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 (Eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 618].

House of Commons (Services).—Mr. Michael Foot reported for 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 (Ninth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 619].

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 (Tenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 620].

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. 621].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 621].

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. 622].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 622].
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. 623].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 623].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Special Report).

Report, together with the Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 624].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 624].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee on 25th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 17-xxvii]

Expenditure,—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Lord Peart 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 Homes Insulation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Civil Liability (Contribution) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Inner Urban Areas Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords have agreed to the Parliamentary Pensions Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Expenditure,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Peart to attend to be examined as a witness before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee, his Lordship consenting thereto.

Parliamentary Pensions Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Parliamentary Pensions Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 187].

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 25th July to be printed [No. 68-x].

House of Lords (Abolition) Bill,—Mr. Dennis Canavan presented a Bill to provide for the abolition of the House of Lords: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 186].

Buccleuch Estates and Pirelli (Nationalisation) Bill,—Mr. Dennis Canavan presented a Bill to take into public ownership Buccleuch Estates Ltd. and Pirelli General Cable Works Ltd.: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 185].

Employment Protection (Amendment) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend the Employment Protection Act 1975—(Mr. Richard Page):

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. Timothy Smith, Mr. David Atkinson: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Bruce Grocott: 203.

So the Question was negatived.

The Economy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the substantial progress already made in combating inflation as described in the White Paper (Winning the Battle Against Inflation) and recognises that a further sustained national effort is required to keep inflation under control as a basis for a healthy and productive, expanding economy capable of providing full employment and rising living standards for the British people.—(The Prime Minister); An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word “House” to the end of the Question and add the words “condemns the economic policies of Her Majesty’s Government which during the last four years have resulted in record unemployment and stagnant living standards for the British people; deplores the continued use of blacklisting to enforce pay limits; and calls for the implementation of policies for economic recovery based upon realistic and responsible collective bargaining, cuts in personal taxation and real rewards for hard work, skill and enterprise”, instead thereof.—(Mrs. Margaret Thatcher.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Alf Bates: 304.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Joseph Dean: 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 281.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the substantial progress already made in combating inflation as described in the White Paper (Winning the Battle Against Inflation) and recognises that a further sustained national effort is required to keep inflation under control as a basis for a healthy and productive, expanding economy capable of providing full employment and rising living standards for the British people.

Dividends Bill.—Ordered, That in respect of the Dividends 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. James Tinn.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 25th July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Banking,—Copy of Government proposals, entitled Banking and Credit Unions Bills [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 18th April 1978 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Airports Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 625].

Coal Industry,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 6th April 1978 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 626].

Development of Rural Wales,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 18th April 1978 on loans raised by the Development Board for Rural Wales [by Act]; to be printed [No. 627].
Electricity.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 31st March 1978,
(2) on 31st March 1978, and
(3) on 31st March 1978
on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 628 to 630].

New Towns.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 31st March 1978, and
(2) on 18th April 1978
on loans raised by certain development corporations [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 631 and 632].

Water.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
(1) on 31st March 1978 on loans raised by the Welsh National Water Development Authority, and
(2) on 7th April 1978 on loans raised by the National Water Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 633 and 634].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Broadcasting.—Copy of a Paper, entitled Broadcasting [by Command].

Criminal Statistics.—Copy of Statistics relating to crime and criminal proceedings in England and Wales in 1977 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Owen:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Medicines.—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th July 1978, entitled the Medicines (Advertising to Medical and Dental Practitioners) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1020) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Morris:
Welsh Development Agency.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Welsh Development Agency for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Judgments (Enforcement).—Copy of the Master's Report and Statement of expenses and fees of the Enforcement of Judgments Office in Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Chief Enforcement Officer's Statement of receipts and payments; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 547].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Coal Industry.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Coal Board for the year ended 25th March 1978 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Copy of the Sixth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1977-78, [by Act]; to be printed [No. 598].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 25th July 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (i) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 6) (International Development Association) Order 1978 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 7) (International Wheat Agreement) Order 1978.
PRAYERS.

Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That so much of the Lords Message [24th July] as relates to the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords], the County of Merseyside Bill [Lords], the West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords], and the West Yorkshire Bill [Lords], be now considered—(The Chairman of Ways and Means) : Debate arising;

And objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

British Railways (Selby) Bill,—Ordered, That the Promoters of the British Railways (Selby) Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the 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 Cilice not later than the day before the close of the present Session of their intention to suspend further proceedings and that all Fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid:

Ordered, That on the fifth day on which the House sits in the next Session the Bill shall be presented to the House:

Ordered, That there shall be deposited with the Bill a Declaration signed by the Agents for the Bill, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of its proceedings in this House:

Ordered, That the Bill shall be laid upon the Table of the House by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office on the next meeting of the House after the day on which the Bill has been presented and, when so laid, shall be read the first and second time (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read) and shall be ordered to be read the third time:

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, and their concurrence desired thereto.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, 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-sixth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-xxxvii].

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-seventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-xxxviii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 29-xxxvii].

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-eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 29-xxxviii].

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 15th, 22nd and 27th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 462-ii to iv].
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 (Thirteenth Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 647].

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 July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 466-xi].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report 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 the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 635].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 635].

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 Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Ninth Report).

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 636].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 636].

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 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 the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 637].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 637].

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 (Sixth Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 638].

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 the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 615].

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 12th July: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 616].

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. Michael English reported from the Northern Ireland Committee, That they had considered the matters referred to them on 28th February and 18th July, namely, the Reorganisation of the Housing Executive, and the Eighth and Ninth Reports of the Examiner of Statutory Rules, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 644].

Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, That they had considered the matter of the 1976 Review of the Strategic Plan for the South East, referred to them on 17th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 614].
Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Health and Safety (Genetic Manipulation) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 752), referred to a Committee on 13th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 640].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 6) (International Development Association) Order 1978 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 7) (International Wheat Agreement) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 18th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 643].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1978, referred to a Committee on 18th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 645].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Norway) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 18th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 639].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Wells reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fishing Nets (North-East Atlantic) (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 946) and the West Coast Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 930), referred to a Committee on 18th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 641].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Private Bills.—The Lords concur with the Commons in their Message of Thursday 20th July relating to the Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill.

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, to which they desire the concurrence of this House, viz.:

That the Promoters of the British Railways Bill, the Tamar Bridge Bill and the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon, in order to proceed with the Bills, if they shall think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than Three o'clock on the day before the close of the present Session, and that all fees due thereon up to that period shall have been paid;

That such Bills shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than Three o'clock on the third day on which the House shall sit after the commencement of the next Session of Parliament, with a declaration annexed to each, 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 Bills shall in the next Session of Parliament be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged to such stages;

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply in the next Session of Parliament to such Bills in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session.

Buccleuch Estates and Pirelli (Nationalisation) Bill.—Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Buccleuch Estates and Pirelli (Nationalisation) Bill with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

National Land Fund Bill.—Mr. Patrick Cormack, supported by Mr. Andrew Foulds, Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, Mr. Stan Newens, Sir David Renton, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. Geoffrey Rippon, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Tony Durant, and Mr. Tom Ellis, presented a Bill to give effect to recommendations of the Expenditure Committee of the House of Commons in their Third Report, Session 1977-78, relating to the National Land Fund, by making further provision with respect to the administration of the Fund; to extend the purposes for which the Fund may be used; and to change the title of the Fund to "The National Heritage Fund". And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 189].
Independent Broadcasting Authority (Local and Community Radio).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision with respect to the duty of the Independent Broadcasting Authority to provide local sound broadcasting services; and to make consequential provision in connection with those services: And that Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Julian Critchley, and Mr. Robert Cooke, do prepare and bring it in.

Independent Broadcasting Authority (Local and Community Radio) Bill.—Mr. Archie Hamilton accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the duty of the Independent Broadcasting Authority to provide local sound broadcasting services; and to make consequential provision in connection with those services: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 188].

Scotland Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Lords Amendments disagreed to by the Commons to the Scotland Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 9, line 31, leave out “ A Scottish ” and insert “ The First ”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Harry Ewing);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. James Tinn : 301.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton : 268.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 and 3 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 4, in page 30, line 8, at end insert new Clause A (Voting of Scottish Members of Parliament).

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith):—Debate arising;

And it being three hours after the commencement of the proceedings, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [4th July], to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. James Tinn : 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton : 268.

So the Question was negatived.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary to conclude the proceedings.

Lords Amendment No. 6, in page 33, line 16, leave out “ with the necessary modifications ” and insert “ not ”.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Harry Ewing);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Joseph Dean : 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton : 286.

So the Question was negatived.

Lords Amendment No. 12 was disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 12 disagreed to, in page 77, line 10, by leaving out the words “ concerning Scotland ” and inserting the words “ which concerns Scotland (whether or not it also concerns any other part of the United Kingdom) but ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Harry Ewing.)

Lords Amendments Nos. 5 and 7 to 11 were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [4th July], That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments in lieu of certain other of their Amendments to the Scotland Bill disagreed to by the Commons—(Mr. Secretary Milian):—It was agreed to.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [4th July], That Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Francis Pym, and Mr. John Stradling Thomas, be members of the Committee—(Mr. Secretary Millan):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [4th July], That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. Secretary Millan):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Secretary Millan.)

Scotland Bill.—Mr. Secretary Millan reported from the Committee to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments in lieu of certain other of their Amendments to the Scotland Bill disagreed to by the Commons, 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 9, line 31, and both Amendments in page 9, line 34, for the following Reason:

Because the appointment of the officers and servants of Scottish Secretaries should be the concern of Scottish Secretaries.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Wales Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Lords Amendments to the Wales Bill disagreed to by the Commons, a Reason for disagreeing to certain Commons Amendments to words restored to the Bill, and a Reason for insisting on certain Lords Amendments.

Lords Amendment No. 1, in page 6, leave out lines 30 to 32 and insert—

"(1) The Assembly shall not, unless authorised to do so by order made by the Secretary of State, review the structure of local government in Wales.

(2) No such order shall be made unless a draft thereof has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament."

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment (Mr. Alec Jones):—Debate arising;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Parliamentary Pensions Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Wales Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments in lieu of certain Lords Amendments to the Wales Bill disagreed to by the Commons, a Reason for disagreeing to certain Commons Amendments to words restored to the Bill, and a Reason for insisting on certain Lords Amendments.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in their Amendment No. 1:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank R. White: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 271.

So the Question was agreed to.

And it being after three hours after the commencement of the proceedings, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [18th July], to put forthwith the Questions necessary to conclude the proceedings.

Lords Amendment No. 2, in page 52, leave out lines 20 to 49.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith):—Debate arising;

And the Question being put;

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Frank R. White: 293.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 273.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 13 were disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 13 disagreed to, in page 52, by leaving out lines 20 and 21.—(Mr. John Smith.)
Another Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 13 disagreed to, in page 52, by leaving out line 30 and inserting the words—

“and 13.

The functions under section 14 except so far as exercisable in relation to property held by or on behalf of the Assembly or by a company all of whose shares are so held or by a wholly owned subsidiary of such a company.

The functions under section 19(7) and (8)”, instead thereof.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 13 disagreed to, in page 54, line 22, by leaving out the words “paragraphs 16(3) and 48” and inserting “paragraph 16(3)”, instead thereof.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 13 disagreed to, in page 54, by leaving out lines 26 to 31 and inserting the words—

“The functions under paragraphs 46 to 50 of Schedule 3 so far as exercisable by virtue of representations made by excepted statutory undertakers.

The powers under paragraph 53 of Schedule 3 so far as their exercise is incidental to functions which remain exercisable by a Minister of the Crown”, instead thereof.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 13 disagreed to, by transferring lines 22 on page 52 to 38 on page 54 to Part VIII of Schedule 2 to the Bill.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 13 disagreed to, in page 84, by inserting at the end of line 28 the words—

“(3) The Welsh Assembly shall publish each report received by it under this paragraph”.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 13 disagreed to, in page 85, line 13, by leaving out the words “in section 3(1)(e)” and inserting the words “(1) In subsection (1)(e) of section 3”, instead thereof.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 13 disagreed to, in page 85, by inserting at the end of line 16 the words—

“(2) At the end of subsection (8) of that section there shall be added the words ‘; and the Welsh Assembly shall publish every report made to it under that provision’”—(Mr. John Smith.)

Lords Amendment No. 14 was disagreed to.

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 14 disagreed to, in page 25, line 4, by leaving out from the first word “Assembly” to the word “provide” in line 5 and inserting the words “a Minister of the Crown may by order”, instead thereof.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 14 disagreed to, in page 25, line 6, by leaving out the word “it” and inserting the word “he”, instead thereof.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 14 disagreed to, in page 25, line 10, by leaving out the word “Assembly” and inserting the words “Minister making the order”, instead thereof.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 14 disagreed to, in page 25, line 12, by leaving out from the word “except” to the end of line 13 and inserting the words “at the request of the Assembly and after the Assembly has consulted”, instead thereof.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 14 disagreed to, in page 25, line 15, by leaving out subsection (4).—(Mr. John Smith.)

Lords Amendment No. 15 was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do not insist on its disagreement to the Lords Amendments in page 28, line 23, page 64, line 21 and page 76, line 9 of the Bill.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Resolved, That this House do not insist on its Amendments to words restored to the Bill in page 52, line 20, page 52, line 22, page 52, line 30, page 54, line 23, page 54, line 26, page 84, line 26, page 85, line 13 and page 85, line 16.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Lords Amendment No. 19 was amended, in line 1, by leaving out the words “for the admission of the public” and inserting the words “as to the circumstances in which the public may be admitted”, instead thereof.—(Mr. John Smith)—and, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 18 was agreed to.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [18th July], That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments in lieu of another of their Amendments to the Wales Bill disagreed to by the Commons—(Mr. Secretary Morris):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [18th July], That Mr. Leon Britian, Mr. Alec Jones, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Secretary Morris, and Mr. John Stradling Thomas, be members of the Committee—(Mr. Secretary Morris):—It was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order [18th July], That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. Secretary Morris):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Secretary Morris.)

Wales Bill,—Mr. Secretary Morris reported from the Committee to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments in lieu of another of their Amendments to the Wales Bill disagreed to by the Commons, 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 disagreed to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 6, line 30, for the following Reason:

Because the Assembly should be under a duty to review the structure of local government in Wales.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Parliamentary Pensions Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Parliamentary Pensions Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 2 was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 5 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 6 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 7, in page 12, line 21, leave out from “1964” to end of line 24 and insert “for the words ‘ten years’ there shall be substituted the words ‘fifteen years’”:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Smith);

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.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Parliamentary Pensions Bill.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Ordered, That Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Francis Pym, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. John Smith, and Mr. Bernard Weatherill, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. John Smith.)

Parliamentary Pensions Bill,—Mr. John Smith reported from the Committee to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Parliamentary Pensions 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 12, line 21, for the following Reason:

Because it would involve a charge on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The 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. James Hamilton.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to One o'clock on
Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.54 a.m.]

APPENDIX
Wednesday 26th July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Scottish Development Department,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Development Department for 1977 [by Command].
Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th July 1978, entitled the Education Authority Bursaries (Scotland) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 998) [by Act].
Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Industrial Tribunals,—Copies of Regulations, dated 15th July 1978, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Tribunals (Labour Relations) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 991), and
(2) the Industrial Tribunals (Labour Relations) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 992)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
National Health Service,—Copy of the Report of the Central Health Services Council for 1977, with a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales [by Act]; to be printed [No. 608].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Cinematograph Films,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Film Fund Agency for the year ended 24th September 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 603].
Civil Aviation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Airways Board for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Cutlery and Allied Trades Research Association for 1976 and 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Morris:
Education,—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Wales on Schools in Wales for 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland,—Accounts of the Northern Ireland Development Agency for the period 1st May 1976 to 31st March 1977; with the Report thereon of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland [by Command].
County Courts,—Copies of Rules, dated 14th July 1978, entitled—
(1) the County Court (Criminal Injuries to Property) (Compensation) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 196), and
(2) the County Court (Criminal Injuries to the Person) (Compensation) (Amend-
[by Statutory Instrument].

Magistrates' Courts,—Copies of Rules, dated 13th July 1978, entitled—
(1) the Magistrates' Courts (Costs in Affiliation and Separation and Maintenance
1978, No. 193), and
(2) the Magistrates' Courts (Costs in Criminal Cases) (Amendment) Rules (Northern
[by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Atomic Energy,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of British Nuclear Fuels Limited
for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission, relating to CPC
(United Kingdom) Limited—increases in the prices of maize starch, glucose syrups,
starch-derived and glucose-derived products [by Act]; to be printed [No. 613].

Mr. Michael Foot:
Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 25th July 1978, entitled—
(1) the Collision Regulations and Distress Signals (Amendment No. 2) Order 1978
(S.I., 1978, No. 1059),
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Confirmation of Legislation) (Hong
Kong) Order 1978
(S.I., 1978, No. 1061), and
1062)
[by Act].

[No. 163.]

Thursday, 27th July 1978.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider
the Lords Amendments to the Greater London Council (General Powers) (No. 2) Bill;
and the same were agreed to.

Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords
Amendments to the Vale of Glamorgan (Barry Harbour) Bill; and the same were
agreed to.

Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the
adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That so much of the Lords
Message [24th July] as relates to the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords], the County
of Merseyside Bill [Lords], the West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords], and the
West Yorkshire Bill [Lords] be now considered;
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed 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).

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 (Thirty-first
Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed
[No. 16-xlviii].

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 (Fourteenth Report).
Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 661].

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 (Fifteenth Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 662].

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 27th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 410-xl].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Thomas Williams reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Great Britain) Order 1978 and the draft Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 13th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 649].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments in lieu of certain of their Amendments to the Scotland Bill, to which this House has disagreed: and they have agreed without Amendment to the Commons Amendment in lieu of one of their Amendments in lieu of certain of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords do not insist on one of their Amendments in lieu of one of their Amendments to the Wales Bill, to which this House has disagreed: they do not insist on their remaining Amendments in lieu of certain of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed, and they have agreed without Amendment to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu thereof: and they have agreed without Amendment to the Amendment made by this House to one of their Amendments in lieu of one of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed.

Expenditure,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Expenditure Committee to be printed [No. 660].

Companies (Disclosure of Auditors' Shareholdings) Bill,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins presented a Bill to amend the law relating to auditors of companies; and to require disclosure of the interests of auditors, and associates of auditors, in shares in, or debentures of, their clients: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 190].

Dividends Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dividends Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—Debate arising:

Mr. Walter Harrison rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Donald Coleman and Mr. James Hamilton were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. James Hamilton: 309.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 294.

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. Peter Snape.)
Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Dividends Bill may be proceeded with at this
day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Dividends Bill,—Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee
on the Dividends Bill:—The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Continuation in force of s. 10 of 1973 c. 9).

Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 1, line 10, to leave out the words “end of July
1979” and insert the words “31st December 1978.”—(Mr. Richard Wainwright.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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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. James Hamilton, Mr. James Tinn: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 42.

Question put accordingly, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Stephen Ross: 41.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Donald Coleman: 254.

Mr. Robert Rhodes James moved, That the Chairman do report progress and ask
leave to sit again, but the Chairman, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28 (Dilatory
motion in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the
Committee.

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 Amendment
proposed thereto, forthwith put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 48 (Debate
on Clause or Schedule standing part), That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 30.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jim Marshall reported, That the
Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without
Amendment.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. A. W. Stallard.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes past Two
o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.17 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 27th July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Malawi (No. 1, 1978),—Copy of a Supplementary Agreement, signed at Lilongwe on
10th February 1978, amending the Agreement between Her Majesty's Government in the
United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Malawi for the avoidance of
double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income,
as amended by the Agreement signed at Zomba on 2nd April 1968 (the Agreement is
not in force) [by Command].
Norway (No. 1, 1978).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Oslo on 29th March 1978, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway, further amending the Convention for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital signed at London on 22nd January 1969 and amended by a Protocol signed at London on 23rd June 1977 (the Protocol is not in force) [by Command].

Treaty Series (No. 64, 1978).—Copy of a Convention for the prevention of marine pollution from land-based sources, signed at Paris on 4th June 1974 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

New Towns (Scotland).—Copy of the Reports of the Cumbernauld, East Kilbride, Glenrothes, Irvine and Livingston Development Corporations for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 578].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Medicines.—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th July 1978, entitled the Medicines (Administration of Radioactive Substances) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1006) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Electricity.—Copy of the Report of proceedings by the Secretary of State for Energy under the Electricity Acts 1947 and 1957 for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Electricity.—Copies of the Reports and Statements of Accounts and Statistics, for the year ended 31st March 1978, 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 1978, of—

(1) the East Midlands Electricity Board,
(2) the Eastern 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 South Wales Electricity Board,
(10) the South Western Electricity Board,
(11) the Southern Electricity Board, and
(12) the Yorkshire Electricity Board
[by Act].

Atomic Energy.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Energy with the consent of the Treasury on 27th July 1978 on a loan facility arranged by British Nuclear Fuels Limited [by Act]; to be printed [No. 659].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [14th July] from Kingston upon Hull and adjoining districts against proposals to close or alter the use of the Hull Hospital for Women and the Townend Maternity Home [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Ironstone Restoration Fund.—Account showing the nature and nominal amount of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31st March 1978 as investment for moneys forming part of the Ironstone Restoration Fund [by Act].

National Insurance.—Account showing the nature and nominal amount of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31st March 1978 as investments for moneys, forming part of the National Insurance Fund, paid over to them under section 133(3) of the Social Security Act 1975 [by Act].
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PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords concur with the Commons in their Message of Thursday 26th July relating to the British Railways (Selby) Bill.

Members' Salaries and Pensions.—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Members' Salaries and Pensions:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the following provisions about salaries and pensions of Members of this House should be made with respect to service on and after 13th June 1978:

(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.

TABLE 1

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<tr>
<th>Description of Member</th>
<th>Yearly rate of salary</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Member not within any other paragraph</td>
<td>£6,897</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Member receiving a salary under the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 as Comptroller or Vice-Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household, Junior Lord of the Treasury or Assistant Government or Opposition Whip.</td>
<td>£4,642</td>
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<td>3. Officer of this House or Member, other than Member of the Cabinet, receiving any other salary under the Act of 1975, or receiving a pension under section 26 of the Parliamentary and Other Pensions Act 1972.</td>
<td>£4,299</td>
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<td>4. Member of the Cabinet receiving salary under the Act of 1975.</td>
<td>£3,529</td>
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(2) The ordinary salary of every Member shall be regarded for pension purposes as being at the rate of £9,372 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 representing, subject to certain adjustments, 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); but with effect from the date on which section 3(2) of the Parliamentary and Other Pensions Act 1972 is amended as proposed by the Parliamentary Pensions Bill the amounts so credited shall be at the yearly rate specified in column 3 of that Table.
TABLE 2

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<th>Description of Member</th>
<th>Initial yearly rate of supplement</th>
<th>Increased yearly rate of supplement</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Member within paragraph 1 or 2 of Table 1 who draws the whole of his salary.</td>
<td>£123.75</td>
<td>£148.50</td>
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<td>2. Member within paragraph 1 or 2 of Table 1 who does not draw the whole of his salary.</td>
<td>£123.75 plus 5 per cent. of the amount foregone, but not together exceeding £140.91.</td>
<td>£148.50 plus 6 per cent. of the amount foregone, but not together exceeding £169.09.</td>
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<td>3. Member within paragraph 3 or 4 of Table 1 except one in whose case no deduction is required to be made under section 3 or 4 of the Act of 1972.</td>
<td>£140.91</td>
<td>£169.09</td>
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—(Mr. William Price.)

Members' Office, Secretarial and Research Allowance,—Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, the limit on the allowance payable to any Member of this House in respect of the aggregate 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, for the year ending 31st March 1979, £4,098, and for any subsequent year, £4,200.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Parliament,—Resolved, That the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 20th July, be approved.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

House of Commons (Services).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Fifth Report from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in the present Session of Parliament (House of Commons Paper No. 483) on New Building for Parliament—(Mr. Michael Foot);—Debate arising;

And it being Four o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motions relating to House of Commons (Services) may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

House of Commons (Services).—The Question being again proposed, That this House approves the Fifth Report from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in the present Session of Parliament (House of Commons Paper No. 483) on New Building for Parliament:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House approves the Fifth Report from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in the present Session of Parliament (House of Commons Paper No. 483) on New Building for Parliament.

House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) have power to invite any specially qualified person, whom they may select, to attend any of their meetings in an advisory capacity on any architectural or related matters.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

European Communities.—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 European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 7) (International Wheat Agreement) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 13th July, be approved—(Mr. A. W. Mallard);—It was agreed to.
European Communities.—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 European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (No. 6) (International Development Association) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 13th July, be approved—(Mr. A. W. Stallard) :—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) Regulations 1978, which were laid before this House on 13th July, be approved—(Mr. A. W. Stallard) :—It was agreed to.

Income Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Norway) Order 1978 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 20th April—(Mr. A. W. Stallard) :—It was agreed to.

Address to be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty’s Household.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. A. W. Stallard) :—Debate arising ;

And the Question having been proposed after Four o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then five minutes to Five o’clock, till Monday next.

Adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 28th July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:
Cash Limits,—Copy of a Statement on Cash Limits 1977-78: provisional outturn (together with 1975-77 outturn) [by Command].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 27th, 29th and 30th June, and 3rd and 4th July 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 665].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Health Service Commissioner,—Copy of the Fourth Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1977-78 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 589].

Mr. Secretary Dell:
Bankruptcy,—Copy of the Report on Bankruptcy for 1977 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Legal Aid and Advice,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 15th June 1978, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 186),
(2) 15th June 1978, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 187), and
(3) 19th June 1978, entitled the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 188) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Port of London Authority,—Copy of a Statement of Guarantee in respect of a loan raised by the Port of London Authority [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 Yorkshire Water Authority (Arkengarthdale: Langthwaite Intake) Order 1978 (by Act).

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


[No. 165.]


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 John Pitcairn Mackintosh, Esquire, Member for Berwick and East Lothian, 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.

British Railways Bill,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That so much of the Lords Message [26th July] as relates to the British Railways Bill be now considered. (The Chairman of Ways and Means):—Debate arising;

And objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Sheffield General Cemetery Bill,—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [26th July], as relates to the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill be now considered. (The Chairman of Ways and Means).

The House accordingly proceeded to consider so much of the said Message.

Ordered, That the Promoters of the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with that Bill 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 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 on the fifth day on which the House sits in the next Session the Bill shall be presented to the House.

Ordered, That there shall be deposited with the Bill a Declaration signed by the Agents for the Bill, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill at the last stage of its proceedings in this House in the present Session.

Ordered, That the Bill shall be laid upon the Table of the House by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office on the next meeting of the House after the day on which the Bill has been presented and, when so laid, shall be read the first, second and third time and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read.

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.)

Tamar Bridge Bill,—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [26th July] as relates to the Tamar Bridge Bill be now considered. (The Chairman of Ways and Means).

The House accordingly proceeded to consider so much of the said Message.

Ordered, That the Promoters of the Tamar Bridge Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with that Bill 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 the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid.
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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.)

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Rating and Valuation,—The Order made on 19th July, That the Valuation Lists (Second Postponement) Order 1978 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Privileges,—Mr. George Strauss reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the matter of the publication of the proceedings of the House, other than by Order of the House, in so far as the Privileges of this House are concerned, and the matter of the application of the sub judice rule during Business Questions on Thursday 20th April, That they had made progress in 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 (Second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 667].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 667].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Dividends Bill, without Amendment.

Official Information Bill,—Mr. Robin F. Cook, supported by Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Christopher Price, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. J. W. Rooker, and Mr. Tom Litterick, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the disclosure of official information: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 191].

Transport Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Transport Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 9 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 10, in page 10, line 1, leave out Clause 9.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Rodgers):

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Ted Graham: 116.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Mr. Jim Lester: 109.

So the Question was agreed to.

An Amendment was made to the words so restored to the Bill, in page 10, by inserting, at the end of line 34, the words—

"(3A) Any such Order shall also require councils—

(a) to consult organisations representative of the disabled before deciding to propose the designation of a controlled area under the Order; and

(b) if representations are received from such organisations about the proposal, to send to the Secretary of State (together with copies of representations received from other organisations consulted) a statement of how parking requirements of the disabled arising from implementation of the proposal are met by existing facilities or, if in the opinion of the council they are not already so met, how it is intended to meet them."—(Mr. Secretary Rodgers.)
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:


Transport Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Transport Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 11, in page 11, line 16, at end insert new Clause C—

“C. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to promote a national policy for the use of inland waterways for commercial transport.”

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, at the end, to add the words “and to lay a report on such policy before both Houses of Parliament on or before 1st January 1980.”—(Mr. Cranley Onslow.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:—The Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Lords Amendment No. 11 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 12 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 13 to 22 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 23 was disagreed to.

And it being Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Lords Amendments stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Transport Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Transport Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Transport Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 24 and 25 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 26 and 27 were disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 27 disagreed to, in page 22, line 46, by inserting “(a)” after the word “and”.—(Mr. John Horam.)

Another Amendment was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 27 disagreed to, in page 22, at the end of line 47, by inserting the words—

“(b) the Secretary of State shall ensure that the scales and rates prescribed for the purposes of this subsection are reasonably comparable with the fees charged under section 45(6) of this Act in respect of the periodic examination of goods vehicles”.

—(Mr. John Horam.)

Lords Amendment No. 28 was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Transport Bill.—(Mr. John Horam.)
Ordered, That Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. Roger Moate, and Mr. Peter Snape, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. John Horam.)

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. John Horam.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. John Horam.)

Transport Bill,—Mr. John Horam reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Transport Bill, that they had drawn up Reasons accordingly which they had directed him to report to the House: And the same were read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 11, line 17, for the following Reason:

Because it is inexpedient to impose on the British Railways Board imprecise obligations, attempted compliance with which might involve breach of other statutory duties imposed on the Board.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 17, line 29, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendment is inappropriate having regard to the restoration to the Bill of Clause 9.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords in page 6, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendment would prejudice the public advantage in respect of road safety which is to be expected from increasing to five miles the one mile limit now imposed by section 56(4) of the 1972 Act.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

Road Traffic,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Drivers' Hours (Harmonisation with Community Rules) Regulations 1978, which were laid before this House on 17th July, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Rodgers);

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 1st August, 1978:

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 draft Drivers' Hours (Harmonisation with Community Rules) Regulations 1978, which were laid before this House on 17th July, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Rodgers).

Road Traffic,—Resolved, That the draft Community Road Transport Rules (Exemptions) Regulations 1978, which were laid before this House on 3rd July, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Rodgers.)

Rating and Valuation,—Resolved, That the Valuation (Water Undertakings) (Scotland) (Adjustment) Order 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24th July, be approved.—(Mr. Gregor MacKenzie.)

Rating and Valuation,—Resolved, That the draft British Aluminium Company Limited and Lochaber Power Company (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 24th July, be approved.—(Mr. Gregor MacKenzie.)

Rating and Valuation,—Resolved, That the draft British Gas Corporation (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 24th July, be approved.—(Mr. Gregor MacKenzie.)

Rating and Valuation,—Resolved, That the draft British Railways Board (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 24th July, be approved.—(Mr. Gregor MacKenzie.)

Rating and Valuation,—Resolved, That the draft Post Office Telecommunications Services (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 24th July, be approved.—(Mr. Gregor MacKenzie.)

Rating and Valuation,—Resolved, That the draft Scottish Electricity Boards (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 24th July, be approved.—(Mr. Gregor MacKenzie.)
Shipbuilding 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 draft Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Great Britain) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 6th July, be approved.—(Mr. James Hamilton):—It was agreed to.

Shipbuilding 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 draft Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 6th July, be approved.—(Mr. James Hamilton):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Hamilton)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes to One o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.50 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 31st July 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 28th July 1978, entitled the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Housing (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th July 1978, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (Students) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1011) [by Act].

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th July 1978, entitled the Police Cadets (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 999) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Report on research and development work on equipment for the disabled in 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 648].

Mr. Secretary Morris:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Counter-Inflation,—Copies of Orders, dated 26th July 1978, entitled—

(1) the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1082), and

(2) the Prices and Charges (Notification of Increases) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1083)

[by Act].

Tuesday, 1st August, 1978.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That so much of the Lords Message [26th July] as relates to the British Railways Bill be now considered;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [26th July] as relates to the British Railways Bill be now considered.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider so much of the said Message.
Ordered, That the Promoters of the British Railways Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with that Bill 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 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 on the fifth day on which the House sits in the next Session the Bill shall be presented to the House.

Ordered, That there shall be deposited with the Bill a Declaration signed by the Agents for the Bill, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of its proceedings in this House in the present Session.

Ordered, That the Bill shall be laid upon the Table of the House by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office on the next meeting of the House after the day on which the Bill has been presented and, when so laid, shall be read the first, second and third time and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read.

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.)

Ordered, That the said Orders be communicated to the Lords.

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 1st August: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-xlix].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 16-i].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 11th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 522-iii].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Mr. Antony Buck 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 (Third Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 666].

Privileges,—Mr. G. R. Strauss reported from the Committee of Privileges, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee, together with Appendices.

Minutes of Evidence, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table.

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed, together with Minutes of Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee on 25th July [No. 681].

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 Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Japan Sub-Committee: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report and Appendices to Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Japan Sub-Committee [No. 682].

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 Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).
Report and Appendices to Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee [No. 683].

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 Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Report and Appendices to Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the General Purposes Sub-Committee [No. 684].

Science and Technology.—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report so much of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Genetic Engineering Sub-Committee, the Technological Innovation Sub-Committee and the General Purposes Sub-Committee as had not previously been reported.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Transport Bill to which this House has disagreed; they have agreed to the Amendments proposed by the Commons in lieu of one other of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed; and they have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to words restored to the Bill.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Parliamentary Pensions Bill to which this House has disagreed.

Science and Technology.—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Science and Technology to be printed [No. 685].

Compulsory Purchase Appeal Tribunal Bill.—Mr. Michael Shersby presented a Bill to make changes in respect of compulsory purchase procedures and the functions of inspectors; to provide for the establishment of a tribunal to hear appeals relating to compulsory purchase; 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 192].

Sittings of the House.—Resolved, That this House do meet on Thursday 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.—(The Prime Minister.)

Adjournment (Summer).—Resolved, That this House at its rising on Thursday do adjourn till Tuesday 24th October.—(The Prime Minister.)

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 Hamilton.)

Libel.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the protection of the law of libel fifty years beyond the death of the person libelled, but to limit the right to take action to the family of the person libelled: And that Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody do prepare and bring it in.

Libel Bill.—Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody accordingly presented a Bill to extend the protection of the law of libel fifty years beyond the death of the person libelled, but to limit the right to take action to the family of the person libelled: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 193].

Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 26th July, That so much of the Lords Message [24th July] as relates to the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords], the County of Merseyside Bill [Lords], the West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords], and the West Yorkshire Bill [Lords], be now considered.

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider so much of the said Message.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in their Resolution.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means).

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

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Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—Debate arising;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Wednesday morning:

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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. Donald Coleman, Mr. Joseph Dean: 139.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Peter Bottomley: 5.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—

It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and was committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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. James Hamilton 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.

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.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to One o’clock on Wednesday afternoon, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 1st August 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 6th June 1978 on loans raised by the Secretary of State for Trade for the purposes of the Civil Aviation Fund [by Act]; to be printed [No. 668].

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 12th June 1978 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 669].

Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 15th May 1978 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 670].

National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 28th April 1978 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 671].

New Towns,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 26th April 1978—
(1) on loans proposed to be raised by a development corporation, and
(2) on loans raised by a development corporation [by Act] ; to be printed [Nos. 672 and 673].

New Towns (Scotland),—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 26th April 1978—
(1) on loans proposed to be raised by a development corporation, and
(2) on loans raised by a development corporation [by Act] ; to be printed [Nos. 676 and 677].

Savings Banks,—Draft of an Order, entitled the National Savings Bank (Investment Deposits) (Investment) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees :


Fugitive Criminal,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 31st July 1978, entitled the Extradition (Suppression of Terrorism) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1106) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen :

Miscellaneous (No. 18, 1978),—Copy of further Documents on disarmament relating to the disarmament negotiations during 1976 and 1977 [by Command].

Miscellaneous (No. 22, 1978),—Copy of a Paper, entitled the United Kingdom’s Overseas Representation [by Command].


Treaty Series (No. 70, 1978),—Copy of Convention on registration of objects launched into outer space, signed at New York on 14th January 1975 [by Command].

Mrs. Secretary Williams :


Medical Research Council,—Report of the Medical Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 679].


Social Science Research Council,—Report of the Social Science Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 548].

Mr. Secretary Ennals :

National Assistance Services,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1978, entitled the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1073) [by Act].

National Health Service,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th July 1978, entitled the National Health Service (Transfer of Trust Property—Tooting Bec Hospital) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1072) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley :

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Copy of a Progress Report on industrial democracy in British Shipbuilders [by Act].

(1) asbestos,
(2) bolts, nuts, screws, rivets, &c.,
(3) leather (tanning and dressing) and fellmongery,
(4) miscellaneous base metals,
(5) miscellaneous manufactures of paper and board.
(6) motor cycle, tricycle and pedal cycle manufacture,
(7) paper and board, and
(8) ordnance and small arms
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Nature Conservancy Council,—Report of the Nature Conservancy Council for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 646].

New Towns,—Report of the Commission for the New Towns, relating to Crawley, Hatfield, Hemel Hempstead and Welwyn Garden City, for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 596].


Mr. Secretary Morris:

Local Government,—Summary of the out-turn of income and expenditure of Welsh local government authorities for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copies of—
(1) Regulations, dated 19th July 1978, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 201), and
[by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. John Silkin:

Agriculture,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Agricultural Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1978 [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:

Atomic Energy,—Accounts of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for the year ended 31st March 1978, with Balance Sheet as at that date; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 686].

Civil Aviation,—Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 687].

Defence Accounts,—Accounts of the Royal Ordnance Factory Trading Fund as at 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 688].

National Savings Bank,—Accounts of the National Savings Bank Investment Account Fund for 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 689].

National Savings Bank,—Accounts with respect to ordinary deposits and expenses of the National Savings Bank for 1977; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 690].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Seventh Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1977-78 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 664].

Supreme Court of Judicature,—Copy of Rules, dated 24th July 1978, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment No. 4) (S.I., 1978, No. 1066) [by Act].
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The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Royal Assent,—Mr. Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, that Her Majesty had signified Her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:


Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 2nd August to be printed [No. 68-xi].

Sound Broadcasting,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Sound Broadcasting to be printed [No. 691].

Private Rented Accommodation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Rent Act 1977 in order to increase the provision of private rented accommodation especially for the newly-married, the homeless and the single-parent family (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. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Andrew MacKay: 150.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. John Tilley: 111.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Andrew MacKay, Mr. Neil Marten, Mr. Tim Rathbone, and Mr. Mark Carlisle, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Private Rented Accommodation Bill,—Mr. Tim Renton accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Rent Act 1977 in order to increase the provision of private rented accommodation especially for the newly-married, the homeless and the single-parent family: and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 194].

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that this House do now adjourn (Mr. Joseph Dean);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Anthony Berry: 165.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 171.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Taunton and district for the establishment of a local radio station in Taunton was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Liverpool for the demolition of flats and maisonettes in Netherley and their replacement by houses built in accordance with the code of standards laid down by the relevant Acts was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn (Mr. Joseph Dean).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.46 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Wednesday 2nd August 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:


Mr. Secretary Rees:


(1) the South Africa (United Nations Arms Embargo) (Prohibited Transactions) (Guernsey) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1052),
(2) the South Africa (United Nations Arms Embargo) (Prohibited Transactions) (Isle of Man) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1053), and
(3) the South Africa (United Nations Arms Embargo) (Prohibited Transactions) (Jersey) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1054)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th July 1978, entitled the Rating (Exemption from Lands Valuation Expenditure) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1070) [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 1978 under the Dispensing Order of 14th January 1922 made under section 2 of the Air Force (Constitution) Act 1917 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Booth:


Industrial Training,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Road Transport Industry Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Merchant Shipping,—Report by the Department of Trade of exemptions granted under section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906, during 1977 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industry,—Report of the Secretaries of State for Industry, Scotland and Wales, on the exercise of their functions under the Industry Act 1972 for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 653].

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 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 652].

Mr. Secretary Morris:

Roads,—Copy of a Report on Roads in Wales for 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission,—Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st May to 31st July 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 654].
Price Commission,—Reports of the Price Commission on—

(1) British Gypsum Limited,—increases in the prices of gypsum-related products,
(2) Trust Houses Forte Limited,—charges for hotel services in the United Kingdom,
(3) Lever Brothers Limited,—soaps, detergents and related products,
(4) Royal Doulton Tableware Limited,—china and earthenware tableware and ornamental items,
(5) the pricing of beds,
(6) television rentals: charges, costs and margins in the hiring of television sets for domestic use, and
(7) prices, costs and margins in the provision of taxi services and private hire cars [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 663, 651, 657, 658, 650, 656, 655].

Mr. Michael Foot:
Continental Shelf.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th July 1978, entitled the Continental Shelf (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1024) [by Act].
Copyright,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th July 1978, entitled the Copyright (International Conventions) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1060) [by Act].

[No. 168.]


PRAYERS.

INCOME Tax,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 28th July relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret; and that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

We, Counsellors of State, to whom have been delegated certain Royal Functions as specified in Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm dated 21st July 1978 have received your Address praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Norway) Order 1978 be made in the form of the draft laid before your House.

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).

Procedure,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Procedure in Sessions 1975-76 and 1976-77, and in the present session of Parliament to be printed [No. 693].

Race Relations and Immigration,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration to lie upon the Table.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Five o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday 24th October, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 1st August.

[Adjourned at 4.57 p.m.]
APPENDIX
Thursday 3rd August 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Customs and Excise,—Copies of Orders, dated 2nd August 1978, entitled—
(1) the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (Amendment No. 4) Order 1978
(S.I., 1978, No. 1143), and
(2) the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (No. 18) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978,
No. 1142)
[by Act].

Value Added Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd August 1978, entitled the
Value Added Tax (Bad Debt Relief) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1129) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Statements by the Secretary of State for
Scotland on—
(1) residential care of handicapped persons under the age of 65 in Scotland, and
(2) separation of younger from older patients in hospital in Scotland
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 675 and 674].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Industrial Development,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd August 1978, entitled the
Special Development Areas Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1141) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th July 1978, entitled the Rent Rebates
1078) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd August 1978, entitled the Farm and

Papers 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 [7th July] from Nelson and Colne and elsewhere for legislation to protect
laboratory animals from pain and distress [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition
[28th June] from citizens of the United Kingdom for the submitting to arbitration of the
question of the net profit margin of chemists for dispensing National Health Service
prescriptions [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

[No. 169.]

Tuesday, 24th October, 1978.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Writs issued during the Adjournment,—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that, during the
Adjournment, he had issued Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown to make out new Writs
for the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament for Pontefract and
Castleford, in the room of Joseph Harper, Esquire, deceased, and for Berwick and East
Lothian, in the room of John Pitcairn Mackintosh, Esquire, deceased.

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 24th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 92-iii].
Deer Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Deer Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

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 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 for proroguing this present Parliament.

Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor (in pursuance of Her Majesty's Command), as follows:

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

It was with great pleasure that My Husband and I received the State Visit of the President of the Socialist Republic of Romania and Madame Ceausescu in June of this year. We also look back with much pleasure on our visits to the Federal Republic of Germany and Berlin in May, and to Canada in July and August where I opened the 11th Commonwealth Games at Edmonton.

My Government welcomed the independence of the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu and their decision to join the Commonwealth.

Agreement has been reached with the Government of Brunei to replace the 1959 Anglo-Brunei Agreement, as amended in 1971, by a new Treaty under which Brunei will assume its full international responsibility as a sovereign and independent state at the end of 1983.

My Government played an active and constructive part in the work of the European Communities and in European political co-operation. There were three meetings of the European Council. An Act was passed to provide for the election of United Kingdom members of the European Assembly, and the first direct elections to the Assembly, in the United Kingdom and in other Community countries, will take place in June 1979.

The United Kingdom has also played a full and positive part in the dialogue with the developing world and in international discussions designed to lift the world out of economic recession, notably the Summit Meeting in Bonn in July of the leaders of the seven major industrialised countries. My Government have taken action to relieve 17 of the poorest developing countries of the burden of their outstanding aid loan repayments, and have substantially increased their programme of aid directed towards the poorest countries of the third world.

My Government regard the achievement of a peaceful and constructive relationship with the Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe as a matter of great importance for international stability. With other members of the North Atlantic Alliance they have taken a leading part in discussions relating to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, and have worked towards agreement on mutual and balanced reductions in the forces in central Europe. In the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament and elsewhere they have sought to achieve disarmament agreements which promote international security. They played a constructive part in the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament.

At the same time, My Government recognise that it remains necessary to maintain an adequate level of defence. They have played a full part in measures designed to strengthen the North Atlantic Alliance.

They have constantly striven to bring about a satisfactory settlement in Rhodesia, through negotiations involving all the parties.

The United Kingdom has played a full and active part in the work of the United Nations.

My Government have played a positive role in the search for a settlement in Namibia that will meet with international acceptance. They will continue to work for the implementation of the Proposal for a settlement drawn up by the Five Western members of the Security Council which has received the support of the international community. My Government have continued their efforts to promote a negotiated peace in the Middle East, acceptable to all the parties.

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 continued, with general support, to give high priority to the reduction of inflation. They have achieved their immediate objective of single-figure inflation, and a guideline has been announced for the growth of earnings in the current pay round. Legislation has been passed to extend statutory control of dividends for a further 12 months.

Measures were introduced to maintain firm control of monetary conditions and to expand output and employment. A wide-ranging programme of employment and training measures has been maintained in operation, designed to assist those who have suffered because of the high level of unemployment during the present recession, and to prepare for economic recovery.

My Ministers have continued to give full support to the tripartite industrial strategy in their efforts to improve the international competitiveness of British manufacturing industry. Special attention has been given to developments in new technology and schemes of support have been introduced for microelectronics manufacture and for the application of microprocessors in industry.

A White Paper has been issued on industrial democracy and nationalised industries have been invited to put forward schemes for extending industrial democracy within their areas of responsibility. Employees are now represented on the boards of the Post Office and the British Steel Corporation.

Legislation has been passed providing for the establishment of directly elected Assemblies with wide ranging responsibilities for the domestic affairs of Scotland and Wales while retaining the essential unity of the United Kingdom.

In Northern Ireland the community has again demonstrated its determination to reject violence and progress continues to be made towards stability. My Government have taken steps to stimulate discussion of a possible basis for an interim stage of devolved government. An Act has been passed to reorganise the administration of the courts. Some major industrial projects have been attracted to the Province.

An Act has been passed to bring the United Kingdom’s civil nuclear facilities within the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency and to provide for compensation in respect of the early ordering of the second stage of Drax power station. My Government have announced their decision on the reactor systems which will form the basis of our continuing nuclear power programme.

Opportunities have continued to be provided for the orderly exploration and development of our offshore oil and gas resources. My Government are concerned to ensure that in the development of energy policy, environmental considerations are given full weight. To this end a standing Commission on Energy and the Environment has been established.

After a full public inquiry and debate in Parliament, outline planning permission for the construction of an oxide fuel reprocessing plant at Windscale was granted by means of a Special Development Order.

Important steps have been taken to save energy in industry, commerce and the public and domestic sectors. An Act was passed to extend assistance to loft insulation for private dwellings.

My Government have entered into a Planning Agreement with the National Coal Board on the development of the Coal Industry.

Greater account has been taken of the needs of the consumer in the application of the common agricultural policy. Negotiations have continued for the revision of the common fisheries policy and measures have been taken to conserve fish stocks.

An Act has been passed to transfer the cost of aviation security from the Exchequer to the industry and to clarify and extend the powers of aerodrome authorities to deal with aircraft noise.

An Act has been passed to secure the co-ordinated planning of public transport and the improvement of services to meet social needs and to reconstruct the finances of the National Freight Corporation. The aims and methods of the trunk road programme in England have been reviewed and arrangements have been announced for widening the range of information available about trunk road proposals and for establishing the fairness of public inquiries into them.

Provision has been made for increases in retirement and war pensions, for a substantial increase in child benefit and for an extension of the scheme to provide help with fuel bills for those on low incomes. An Act has been passed to provide for payments from public funds to redundant workers in the shipbuilding industry.
Legislation has been passed to provide financial help to those saving to buy their first home, and to give additional support to the work of housing associations. An Act has been passed to establish a Co-operative Development Agency to promote the principles and further the interests of the co-operative movement.

My Government have established partnerships with selected local authorities to tackle the serious problems of inner city areas. Additional resources have been provided under the Urban Programme and legislation has been enacted to enable selected local authorities to help local industry and commerce and to improve the environment.

My Government have taken action to strengthen law enforcement in the community. Their decision to implement the recommendations of the Edmund-Davies Committee has laid a sound basis for increasing the strength of the police service.

Legislation has been passed providing for changes in the composition of the General Medical Council and giving it new powers for the maintenance and improvement of standards of medical practice.

Provision has been made for increased resources for the National Health Service, including the opening of new hospitals, improved community services and the expansion of medical and nursing staff.

My Government have presented a White Paper on a single system of secondary school examinations in England and Wales to replace GCE O level and CSE and have committed themselves in principle to a statutory system of awards for those aged 16-18. They have introduced a scholarship scheme in association with industry to encourage more very able young people to seek careers in the production of the country's wealth, and have initiated a study of ways of increasing the numbers of young people who receive vocational preparation in employment.

The report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Education of Handicapped Children has been received, and widespread consultations about it have begun. My Government have announced their broad agreement with the report of the Committee on the Management of Higher Education in the Maintained Sector.

Legislation has been passed to reform family law in magistrates' courts so as to help the parties to a marriage and their children during a period of marital breakdown.

Acts have been passed to reform public sector housing subsidies in Scotland and to enable Scottish Courts to require offenders to undertake unpaid work for the community.

Proposals were laid before you for legislation to reform section 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911.

An Act was passed to enable the United Kingdom to ratify without reservation the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism and so make a further contribution to international co-operation in that field.

An Act has been passed to reform the law governing the immunity of other states and heads of state in legal proceedings in the United Kingdom, and to enable the United Kingdom to ratify the European Convention on State Immunity.

My Government have made further progress with the reform of the law in other fields.

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend you.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission which has been now read, we do, in Her Majesty's name, and in obedience to Her Majesty's Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Wednesday the first day of November, to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday the first day of 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:

Citizenship,—Copy of Statistics of persons acquiring citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies in 1977.

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Drunkenness.—Copy of Statistics relating to offences of drunkenness in England and Wales in 1977.

European Assembly.—Draft of Regulations for the conduct of European Assembly elections in Great Britain.


Drugs (Miscellaneous No. 24, 1978).—Copy of a Convention on Psychotropic Substances, signed at Vienna on 21st February 1971 (the Convention has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).

European Communities (No. 33, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 17th May 1978 between the Council of the European Communities and the Government of the Swiss Confederation, amending Annex A to Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation.

European Communities (No. 34, 1978).—Copy of a Trade Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of China, signed at Brussels on 3rd April 1978.

European Communities (No. 35, 1978).—Copy of a Supplementary Protocol, signed at Brussels on 11th May 1978, to the Agreement establishing an association between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus, and of a Protocol, signed at Brussels on 11th May 1978, laying down certain provisions relating to trade in agricultural products, with Final Act.


European Communities (No. 37, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 30th June 1978, extending the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco.

European Communities (No. 38, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 30th June 1978, extending the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Syrian Arab Republic.

European Communities (No. 39, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 30th June 1978, extending the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Lebanese Republic.

European Communities (No. 40, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 30th June 1978, extending the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Egypt.

European Communities (No. 41, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 30th June 1978, extending the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

European Communities (No. 42, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 30th June 1978, extending the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

European Communities (No. 43, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 30th June 1978, extending the Interim Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia.

Food (Miscellaneous No. 33, 1978).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Geneva on 7th April 1978, further extending the International Olive Oil Agreement 1963, as amended and extended (the Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Miscellaneous No. 19, 1978),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Geneva on 14th December 1977, extending the Arrangement regarding international trade in textiles (the United Kingdom has accepted the Protocol in respect of Hong Kong only).

Luxembourg (No. 1, 1978),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at London on 18th July 1978, amending the Convention between the United Kingdom and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital, signed at London on 24th May 1967 (the Protocol is not in force).

Norway (No. 2, 1978),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Oslo on 5th May 1978 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway amending the Protocol signed at London on 23rd June 1977 amending the Convention for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital, signed at London on 22nd January 1969 (the Exchange of Notes is not in force).


Pollution (Miscellaneous No. 27, 1978),—Copy of the Protocol of 1978, open for signature at London from 1st June 1978 to 31st May 1979, relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (the Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).

Privileges and Immunities (Miscellaneous No. 25, 1978),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at London on 17th July 1978 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the African Development Bank, concerning the status and privileges of the Office of the Bank in London (the Agreement contained in the Exchange of Notes is not in force).

Privileges and Immunities (Miscellaneous No. 29, 1978),—Copy of a draft Headquarters Agreement between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the International Lead and Zinc Study Group.

Romania (No. 1, 1978),—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on 15th June 1978 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania, regarding legal proceedings in civil and commercial matters (instruments of ratification have not been exchanged).

Romania (No. 2, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 15th June 1978 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania, on co-operation in the fields of education, science and culture (with Exchange of Notes) (the Agreement is not in force).


Shipping (Miscellaneous No. 26, 1978),—Copy of the Protocol of 1978, open for signature at London between 1st June 1978 and 1st March 1979, relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (the Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom).

Southern Rhodesia,—Copy of a Report on the supply of petroleum and petroleum products to Rhodesia.

Treaty Series (No. 65, 1978),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Seoul on 21st April 1977 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Korea, for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains.

Treaty Series (No. 67, 1978),—Copy of a Procès-verbal, signed at London on 11th July 1977, concerning modifications to Article 7 (1) of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Convention signed at London on 24th January 1959.

Treaty Series (No. 68, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 11th May 1975 between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the State of Israel.


Treaty Series (No. 82, 1978),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Budapest on 28th November 1977 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Hungarian People's Republic, for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to taxes on income.


Treaty Series (No. 84, 1978),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Kuala Lumpur on 30th May 1977 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Federation of Malaysia, further amending the Agreement dated 4th March 1957, for the reference of appeals from the Supreme Court of the Federation of Malaysia to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.


Treaty Series (No. 86, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 5th July 1978 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, for air services between and beyond their respective territories.

Fire Services (Scotland).—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty’s Inspector of Fire Services for Scotland for 1977.

Museums and Galleries.—Statements of indemnities for the loss of objects borrowed—
(1) by the National Galleries of Scotland, and
(2) by the National Galleries of Scotland.

Scottish Land Court.—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Land Court as to proceedings during 1977 under the Agriculture and the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Acts, the Small Landholders (Scotland) Acts 1886 to 1951, the Crofters (Scotland) Acts 1955 and 1961, and the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 1976.

Education.—Copy of Government proposals for secondary school examinations.


Mental Health.—Copy of a Review of the Mental Health Act 1959.

Social Security.—Copies of the Reports of the National Insurance Advisory Committee, preceded by Statements by the Secretary of State for Social Services, concerning—
(1) the Mobility Allowance (Mobility Payment Arrangements) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1131),
(2) the Social Security (Categorisation of Earners) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1462),
(3) the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1213), and

Social Security.—Copies of the Reports of the Occupational Pensions Board, preceded by Statements by the Secretary of State for Social Services, concerning—
(1) the Contracting-out and Preservation (Further Provisions) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1089), and
(2) the Occupational Pension Schemes (Public Service Pension Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1355).

European Assembly.—Draft of Regulations for the conduct of European Assembly elections in Northern Ireland.

Atomic Energy.—Copy of a Minute, dated 17th August 1978, concerning an indemnity by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority to certain ship-owners in respect of the dumping of solid radioactive waste at sea.

Monopolies and Mergers.—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the supply in the United Kingdom and the export from the United Kingdom of ceramic sanitaryware.

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:

4th August 1978


European Communities.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st August 1978, entitled the European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1122) [by Act].

7th August 1978

Sports Grounds.—Copies of Orders, dated 28th July 1978, entitled—
(1) the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1091), and
(2) the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) (Scotland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1099) [by Act].

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Education.—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th July 1978, entitled—
(1) the Local Education Authority Awards Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1097),
(2) the State Awards Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1096), and
(3) the Students’ Dependents’ Allowances Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1098)

National Health Service.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th July 1978, entitled the
National Health Service (Professions Supplementary to Medicine) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1090) [by Act].


Road Traffic.—Copies of Regulations, dated 20th July 1978, entitled—
(1) the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1018), and
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1017)

[by Act].

8th August 1978

Northern Ireland.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 25th July 1978, entitled—
(1) the Home Purchase Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1043), and
(2) the Protection of Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1047)

[by Act].

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 7th August 1978, entitled the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 3) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1168) [by Act].

9th August 1978


Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st July 1978, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1112) [by Act].


10th August 1978


Education.—Copies of Regulations, dated 2nd August 1978, entitled—
(1) the Direct Grant Schools (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1145),
(2) the Handicapped Pupils and Special Schools (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1146), and
(3) the Schools (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1144)

[by Act].

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st August 1978, entitled the Factories (Standards of Lighting) (Revocation) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1126) [by Act].

Medicines.—Copies of—
(2) Regulations, dated 31st July 1978, entitled the Medicines (Fees) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1121), and

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd August 1978, entitled the Mobility Allowance (Motability Payment Arrangements) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1131) [by Act].

Customs and Excise,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 2nd August 1978, entitled the Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1147), and

(2) Regulations, dated 2nd August 1978, entitled the Customs Duties (Inward and Outward Processing Relief) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1148) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 31st July 1978, entitled—

(1) the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Temporary Use in Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1110), and

(2) the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1109) [by Act].


11th August 1978

Customs and Excise,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 10th August 1978, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC Anti-Dumping (Revocation) (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1205), and


Police,—Copies of Regulations, dated 4th August 1978, entitled—

(1) the Police Cadets (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1171), and

(2) the Police (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1170) [by Act].

14th August 1978

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 3rd August 1978, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Solicitors' Fees No. 2) 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1167) [by Act].


15th August 1978

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th August 1978, entitled the Police (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1169) [by Act].

16th August 1978


Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th July 1978, entitled the Fertilisers (Sampling and Analysis) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1108) [by Act].
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18th August 1978

National Assistance Services,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd August 1978, entitled the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1190) [by Act].

21st August 1978


Water,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th August 1978, entitled the Water Authorities (Control of Discharges) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1210) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 18th August, entitled—

(1) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1233),
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1234),
(3) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1235),
(4) the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1236), and
(5) the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1237) [by Act].

22nd August 1978


25th August 1978


29th August 1978

Fire Services,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th August 1978, entitled the Firemen’s Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1228) [by Act].


30th August 1978


Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd August 1978, entitled the Eggs (Marketing Standards) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1248) [by Act].

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Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 22nd August 1978, entitled—
(1) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1263),
(2) the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1261),
(3) the Road Vehicles (Rear Fog Lamps) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1260), and
(4) the Road Vehicles (Use of Lights during Daytime) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1262)
[by Act].

4th September 1978

Telegraphs,—Copies of Regulations, dated 23rd August 1978, entitled—
(1) the Wireless Telegraphy (Control of Interference from Fluorescent Lighting Apparatus) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1268), and
(2) the Wireless Telegraphy (Control of Interference from Household Appliances, Portable Tools, etc.) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1267)
[by Act].

County Courts,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th August 1978, entitled the County Court Fees Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1243) [by Act].

5th September 1978


Sea Fisheries,—Copies of Orders, dated 30th August 1978, entitled—
(1) the Haddock (North Sea) Licensing Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1285),
(2) the Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) (Revocation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1286), and
(3) the West Coast Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1287)
[by Act].

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th September 1978, entitled the Civil Aviation (Notices) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1303) [by Act].


6th September 1978

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th September 1978, entitled the Distribution of Footwear (Prices) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1307) [by Act].

7th September 1978

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd August 1978, entitled the Slaughterhouse Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1273) [by Act].

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st August 1978, entitled the Provision of Milk and Meals (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1301) [by Act].

8th September 1978

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th August 1978, entitled the Milk and Meals (Education) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1278) [by Act].


Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st August 1978, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (England and Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1302) [by Act].


Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 5th September 1978, entitled—
(1) the Community Bus Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1313),
(2) the Public Service Vehicles (Licences and Certificates) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1315), and
(3) the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1320)
[by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 6th September 1978, entitled—
(1) the Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1316),
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1317),
(3) the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval and Approval Marks) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1321),
(4) the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1318), and
(5) the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1319)
[by Act].

Transport,—Copies of Orders, dated 1st September 1978, entitled—
(1) the British Railways Board (Funding of Pension Schemes) (No. 5) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1295),
(2) the National Freight Corporation (Central Trust) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1290), and
(3) the National Freight Corporation (Funding of Pension Schemes) (No. 1) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1294)
[by Act].

11th September 1978

National Debt,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st September 1978, entitled the Savings Certificates (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1334) [by Act].

Coroners,—Copies of Orders, dated 7th September 1978, entitled—
(1) the Norfolk (Coroners' Districts) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1331), and
(2) the Staffordshire (Coroners' Districts) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1332)
[by Act].

12th September 1978


13th September 1978

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th September 1978, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (Revocation) (No. 3) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1342) [by Act].

14th September 1978

Prisons,—Copy of Rules, dated 1st September 1978, entitled the Local Review Committee (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1325) [by Act].


15th September 1978

Fire Services,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th September 1978, entitled the Firemen’s Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1349) [by Act].


Housing (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 5th September 1978, entitled the Housing (Amendment of Housing Revenue Account) (Scotland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1333) [by Act].

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th September 1978, entitled the National Health Service (Superannuation) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1353) [by Act].

18th September 1978

Trade Unions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th September 1978, entitled the Certification Officer (Amendment of Fees) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1329) [by Act].

20th September 1978

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 11th September 1978, entitled the Inner Urban Areas (Designated Districts) (Scotland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1343) [by Act].


Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 8th September 1978, entitled—

(1) the Control of Parking in Goods Vehicle Loading Areas Orders (Procedure) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1347),

(2) the Removal and Disposal of Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1346), and

(3) the Removal and Disposal of Vehicles (Loading Areas) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1345) [by Act].

Transport,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th September 1978, entitled the British Railways Board (Winding up of Closed Pension Funds) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1358) [by Act].

22nd September 1978


Trade Unions.—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th September 1978, entitled the Trade Unions and Employers' Associations (Amalgamations, etc.) Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1344) [by Act].

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd September 1978, entitled the Trelewis Drift Mine (Diesel Vehicles) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1376) [by Act].

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th September 1978, entitled the Drivers' Hours (Goods Vehicles) (Exemptions) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1364) [by Act].


Licences and Licensing.—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd September 1978, entitled the Fees for Cinematograph Licences (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1387) [by Act].

Theatres.—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd September 1978, entitled the Theatres (Licence Application Fees) Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1388) [by Act].

Pensions.—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th September 1978, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1378) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 20th September 1978, entitled the Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1379) [by Act].

Consumer Protection.—Copy of an Order, dated 26th September 1978, entitled the Petrol Prices (Display) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1389) [by Act].

Food and Drugs.—Copy of an Order, dated 25th September 1978, entitled the Milk (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1382) [by Act].

28th September 1978

Insurance.—Copies of Orders, dated 27th September 1978, entitled—
   (1) the Insurance Brokers Registration Council (Code of Conduct) Approval Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1394), and
   (2) the Insurance Brokers Registration Council (Registration and Enrolment) Rules Approval Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1395) [by Act].

2nd October 1978

Offshore Installations.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th September 1978, entitled the Continental Shelf (Protection of Installations) (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1411) [by Act].

3rd October 1978

Housing (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st September 1978, entitled the Rent Rebate and Rent Allowance Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1392) [by Act].

Food and Drugs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th September 1978, entitled the Coffee and Coffee Products Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1420) [by Act].

4th October 1978

Acquisition of Land.—Copies of Regulations, dated 28th September 1978, entitled—
   (1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1418), and
   (2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1417) [by Act].

5th October 1978

Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th September 1978, entitled the Open cast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) (No. 3) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1419) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st September 1978, entitled the Rate Rebate (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1399) [by Act].

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd October 1978, entitled the Teachers’ Superannuation (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1422) [by Act].

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