WESTMINSTER.


BY virtue of Her Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, and in obedience to Her Majesty's Commands, Parliament was prorogued on the above-mentioned day to Wednesday the First day of this instant November, to be then here helden.
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 Alan David Walder, Esquire, Member for Clitheroe, 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.

New Members sworn.—

Geoffrey Lofthouse, Esquire, Member for Pontefract and Castleford, was sworn.

John David Home Robertson, Esquire, Member for Berwick and East Lothian, was sworn.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Outlawries,—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., Clerk of this House.

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

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

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

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS,

I look forward with great pleasure to receiving the President of Portugal and Senhora Ramalho Eanes on a State Visit in November, to visiting the countries of Eastern Arabia and Iran during February and March 1979, and to paying a State Visit to Denmark in May. I hope to be present in Lusaka on the occasion of the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting.

My Government will continue to safeguard the nation's security and make a full contribution to the North Atlantic Alliance and the improvement of the Alliance's defence; they will continue to search for ways of developing constructive relations with the Soviet Union and the countries of Eastern Europe; and they will seek the fulfilment of all the provisions of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe by all the signatory states.

Negotiations with the United States and the Soviet Union on a comprehensive nuclear test ban will be continued and My Government will work for more substantial progress on mutual and balanced force reductions in Central Europe.

My Government will continue to play a full and constructive part in the development and enlargement of the European Economic Community.

My Government re-affirm their commitment to the United Nations and their support for its peace-keeping role. They will work for a fair settlement in Cyprus and will support all endeavours to ensure a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

My Government will make every effort with the United Nations to achieve peace and justice in Southern Africa. In Rhodesia, they will continue to strive, with the United States, to achieve a ceasefire and a negotiated settlement, involving all the parties, which will be acceptable to the people of Rhodesia as a whole. In Namibia, they will maintain their effort to secure free and fair elections and independence in 1979, under United Nations auspices.

My Government will continue to play an active part in the development and strengthening of the Commonwealth. They will make every effort to promote successful co-operation between industrialised and developing countries for the benefit of both. They will maintain an effective and increasing programme of assistance to developing countries, and in particular will direct help towards the needs of the poorest peoples of the world.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS,

Estimates for the public service will be laid before you.

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS,

My Government's economic policies will continue to be directed to overcoming the evils of inflation and unemployment, the two most serious social problems facing the
nation today, and to sustaining the growth of output which is now under way. They will pursue every available means of moving to full employment. They will continue to play a leading part, with our international partners, in seeking an end to the worldwide recession. Building on the stronger domestic economy now established and using the benefits of North Sea oil further to improve long-term recovery, they will vigorously pursue their policies designed to promote the success of industry and to increase productivity. In all these matters My Ministers will co-operate closely with the Trades Union Congress and the Confederation of British Industry.

New ways will be sought to help small businesses. Special encouragement will be given to the education and training of young people and others to safeguard and increase the supply of skilled manpower. Legislation will be introduced to provide additional finance for the National Enterprise Board and for the Scottish and Welsh Development Agencies. Following continued consultations with industry, legislation will be introduced to improve arrangements for compensation of workers on short-time and to reduce redundancies at times of high unemployment by encouraging the alternative of short-time working.

Social justice and racial tolerance will be promoted through My Government's social policies. The partnership between the Government and the local authorities in inner city areas will be pressed forward. A Bill will be introduced to improve the funding of schemes designed to help ethnic minority groups.

My Government will seek to ensure that respect for the law is maintained and will give full support to strengthening the Police Service. Every effort will be made to recruit the aid of the whole community to defeat crime and vandalism.

In Northern Ireland, My Government will maintain their efforts to establish a form of devolved government acceptable to all sections of the community and to ensure that those responsible for violence are brought to account before the courts. My Ministers will work energetically to improve living standards and increase opportunities for employment. A Bill will be introduced to increase the representation of Northern Ireland in the House of Commons, in accordance with the recommendation of the Speaker's Conference.

My Government are resolved to strengthen our democracy by providing new opportunities for citizens to take part in the decisions that affect their lives. A number of the following measures include provisions for that purpose.

Draft Orders will be laid early in the Session to provide for the referenda on devolution to Scottish and Welsh Assemblies, to be held when the new electoral registers are available.

Following further consultation on the proposals in the White Paper on industrial democracy, legislation will be introduced to ensure that employees and unions are able to participate in discussions of corporate strategy and to provide in due course for employee representation on company boards.

The proposals set out in the White Paper on Broadcasting will be pursued, with a view to legislation on changes in the constitution, structure and organisation of broadcasting, including improved arrangements for the views of listeners and viewers to be heard and taken into account.

Further proposals will be brought forward to achieve more open government. It remains My Government's intention to replace section 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911 with a measure better suited to present day conditions. My Government will continue to make information on public policy more readily available.

My Government will bring forward proposals to amend the Local Government Act 1972 in order to secure the better functioning of local democracy in a number of the large towns and cities in England. A Bill will be introduced to strengthen the consumer voice in relation to nationalised industries.

Legislation will be introduced to improve the law on education in England and Wales and to enable grants to be made in Wales towards the cost of bi-lingual education. A Bill on housing will include provision for a new charter of rights for public sector tenants, a new scheme for subsidies in the public sector, more flexible arrangements for the charging of interest on local authority mortgages, and further assistance towards the improvement and repair of existing homes.

Bills will be introduced to improve safety and discipline at sea, to help to control marine pollution, and to amend other aspects of the Merchant Shipping legislation, and also to strengthen the enforcement powers necessary for the safety of offshore oil and gas installations.

My Government remain committed to the establishment of a Public Lending Right for authors, and will introduce a Bill for this purpose as soon as possible.

My Government will continue to press for improvements in the Common Agricultural Policy and to promote an expansion of food production in the United Kingdom and its efficient processing and distribution. They will also take all measures necessary to conserve fish stocks and will continue their efforts to achieve an acceptable Common Fisheries Policy within the EEC.
My Government re-affirm their commitment to the reorganisation of the electricity supply industry in England and Wales, and will introduce legislation for this purpose.

Fresh support will be given to enable the National Health Service to fulfil and extend its services to the public. Bills will be introduced on the regulation and training of the nursing, midwifery and health visiting professions, on the lines recommended by the Briggs Committee on Nursing; and to provide for the scheme of payments for those who have suffered severe vaccine damage. A measure will be introduced to extend benefits for the disabled and to correct and clarify the law relating to social security. My Government are examining schemes to provide compensation for those such as slate quarrymen who have suffered respiratory diseases from dust in their employment, but who are unable to obtain such compensation through the courts because their employers have gone out of business. A Bill will be introduced to improve the arrangements for legal aid.

Legislation will be introduced to extend protection for individuals who entrust their savings to others. It will include Bills relating to banks and other deposit-taking institutions, to credit unions, and to estate agents. There will be legislation to amend company law, including strengthening the provisions governing the conduct of company directors, and to establish the Crown Agents as a statutory corporation. A Bill will be introduced to improve procedures in commercial arbitration.

Scottish Bills will be introduced to improve criminal justice and criminal procedure in Scotland, to establish a system of registration of title to land, and for other purposes.

My Government will continue their 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. Cledwyn Hughes)—Debate arising:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.23 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command after the Prorogation of Parliament on 24th October 1978 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:


Social Security,—Copy of the Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee, proceeded by a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services, concerning the Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1511) [Cmnd. 7379].

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:

25th October 1978

Sea Fisheries,—Copies of Orders, dated 24th October 1978, entitled—
(1) the Mackerel Licensing (Manx and Channel Islands Boats) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1537), and
(2) the Mackerel Licensing (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1538)
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[by Act].
26th October 1978


27th October 1978

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th October 1978, entitled the Teachers’ Superannuation (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1512) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd October 1978, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1530) [by Act].

Northern Ireland,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd October 1978, entitled the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1541) [by Statutory Instrument].

30th October 1978

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 20th October 1978, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Commissary Business) (Amendment) 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1509) [by Act].

Children and Young Persons,—Copies of Rules, dated 20th October 1978, entitled—
  (1) the Adoption (County Court) (Amendment) Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1518), and
  (2) the Adoption (High Court) (Amendment) Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1519) [by Act].

31st October 1978

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd October 1978, entitled the Teachers’ Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1507) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Wednesday 1st November 1978:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Expenditure,—Copy of Government Observations on the Eighth Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1977-78, relating to selected public expenditure programmes [by Command] [Cmnd. 7382].

British Airways,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 1st September 1978 for the payment of a debt incurred by the British Airways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 11].

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 3rd August 1978 on loans proposed to be raised by the Civil Aviation Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 12].

Coal Industry,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—
  (1) on 19th June 1978,
  (2) on 25th July 1978, and
  (3) on 25th July 1978
on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 13 to 15].

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 10th October 1978 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 16].

Gas,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 25th July 1978 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Gas Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 26].

Housing,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th July 1978 on loans raised by the Housing Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 17].

Industry,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th July 1978 on loans proposed to be raised by the National Enterprise Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 18].

Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 3rd August 1978 on loans raised by the British Steel Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 19].

New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 15th June 1978 on loans raised by a development corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 20].
Transport,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

(1) on 27th June 1978 on loans raised by the British Transport Docks Board, and
(2) on 27th July 1978 on loans proposed to be raised by the British Railways Board
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 21 and 22].

Water,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury—

(1) on 28th July,
(2) on 28th July, and
(3) on 28th July
on loans raised by the National Water Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 23 to 25].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd October 1978, entitled the National Health Service (Superannuation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1508) [by Act].

Police (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th October 1978, entitled the Police (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1510) [by Act].

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

Mr. Secretary Varley:

National Research Development Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Lands Tribunal,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th October 1978, entitled the Lands Tribunal (Salaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 305) [by Act].


Road Traffic,—Copies of Orders, dated 27th September 1978, entitled—

(1) the Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 291), and
(2) the Special Roads (Classes of Traffic—Variation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 289)
[by Act].


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission,—Copy of a Report of the Price Commission relating to Procter and Gamble Limited—increases in the prices of soaps and detergents [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th October 1978, entitled the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) (Second Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1520) [by Act].

Fugitive Criminal,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th October 1978, entitled the Spain (Extradition) (Revocation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1523) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Orders, dated 24th October 1978, entitled—

(1) the Merchant Shipping (Certificates of Competency as A.B.) (Hong Kong) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1532),
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Registrar of British Ships in Bermuda) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1522),
(3) the Merchant Shipping (Registration of Government Ships) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1533), and
(4) the State Immunity (Merchant Shipping) (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1524)
[by Act].
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Pensions.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 24th October 1978, entitled—
(1) the Naval, Military and Air Forces etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1525), and
(2) the Naval, Military and Air Forces etc. (Modification of Enactments and other Instruments) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1526)
[by Act].

Road Traffic.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 24th October 1978, entitled the Control of Off-Street Parking (England and Wales) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1535)
[by Act].


Mr. John Silkin:
Animals.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Welfare of Livestock (Intensive Units) Regulations 1978 [by Act].

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

Legal Aid and Advice.—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 23rd October 1978, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1567),
(2) 23rd October 1978, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1568),
(3) 23rd October 1978, entitled the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1571),
(4) 27th October 1978, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1569), and
(5) 27th October 1978, entitled the Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1570)
[by Act].

Legal Profession.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Communities (Service of Lawyers) Order 1978 [by Act].

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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

[No. 2.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they made further progress in the matter to them referred, 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. 10-i].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-i].

Statutory Instruments.—Minutes of Proceedings during Session 1977-78 of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments to be printed [No. 29].

Statutory Instruments.—Minutes of Proceedings during Session 1977-78 of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments to be printed [No. 30].

Pensioners Payments Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ennals, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Stanley Orme, Mr. Alfred Morris, and Mr. Eric Deakin, 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 tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 1].
Companies Bill,—Mr. Secretary Dell, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Harold Lever, and Mr. S. Clinton Davis, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to companies and to amend the law relating to fees chargeable in respect of the registration of business names: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 2].

Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill,—Mr. Secretary Ennals, supported by Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Roland Moyle, and Mr. Eric Deakins, presented a Bill to establish a Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting and National Boards for the four parts of the United Kingdom; to make new provision with respect to the education, training, regulation and discipline of nurses, midwives and health visitors and the maintenance of a single professional register; to amend an Act relating to the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work; and for purposes connected with those matters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 3].

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 19th and 26th January, 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd February, 6th and 27th April, 4th, 11th and 18th May and 15th July;

(3) Private Members' Notices of Motions shall have precedence over Government business on 24th November, 1st and 8th December, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th March and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on Wednesday 8th November, Wednesday 15th November, Wednesday 22nd November, Wednesday 14th February, Wednesday 21st February, Wednesday 28th February, Wednesday 7th March and Wednesday 14th March;

(4) On Monday 11th December, Monday 26th February, Monday 14th May and Monday 9th July, Private Members' Notices of Motions shall have precedence until 7 o'clock and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on Thursday 23rd November, Thursday 8th February, Thursday 26th April and Thursday 21st 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. Alf Bates)

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

And it being 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. 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

Thursday 2nd November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Miscellaneous (No. 31, 1978),—Copy of the Final Act of the Conference for the Negotiation of the Protocol on INTELSAT Privileges, Exemptions and Immunities (with Protocol), signed at Washington on 19th May 1978 (the Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7385].
Treaty Series (No. 89, 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 Brussels on 28th November 1977, opening, allocating and providing for the administration of tariff quotas for certain steel products originating in developing countries [by Command] [Cmnd. 7387].

Treaty Series (No. 90, 1978),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Vienna on 6th September 1978, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, the European Atomic Energy Community and the International Atomic Energy Agency, for the application of safeguards in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (with Protocol [by Command] [Cmnd. 7388].

Treaty Series (No. 91, 1978),—Copy of a Financial Protocol, signed at Brussels on 28th February 1977, between the European Economic Community and Greece [by Command] [Cmnd. 7389].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations—
1. dated 24th October 1978, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 1) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1564),
2. dated 24th October 1978, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1978,
3. dated 24th October 1978, entitled the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1978,
4. dated 27th October 1978, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1565), and
5. dated 27th October 1978, entitled the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Assessment of Resources) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1566)
[by Act].

Licences and Licensing,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th October 1978, entitled the Fees for Cinematograph Licences (Variation) (Scotland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1545) [by Act].

Theatres,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th October 1978, entitled the Theatres (Licence Application Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1544) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 27th October 1978, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:


Mr. Secretary Shore:

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1978, entitled the Liverpool Corporation Act 1966 (Extension of Time) 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].

Housing,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Variation of Subsidy) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th October 1978, entitled the 70 miles per hour, 60 miles per hour and 50 miles per hour (Temporary Speed Limit) (Continuation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1548) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Dentists,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Ancillary Dental Workers (Amendment) Regulations 1979 [by Act].

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Cambridge on 15th May 1978, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].
Friday, 3rd November, 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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 3rd November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 314].

Estate Agents Bill,—Mr. Secretary Hattersley, supported by Mr. Secretary Shore, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Joel Barnett, and Mr. John Fraser, 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 Monday next and to be printed [Bill 4].

Public Lending Right Bill,—Mrs. Secretary Williams, supported by Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, and Mr. John Smith, presented a Bill to provide public lending rights for authors, 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 5].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Medicines (Advertising to Medical and Dental Practitioners) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1020) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Tobacco Products (Higher Tar Cigarettes) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1156) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address)—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 1st 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. Thomas Cox.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.29 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 3rd November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Fire Services,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st November 1978, entitled the Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1577) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 88, 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 Brussels on 28th November 1977, opening tariff preferences for certain steel products originating in developing countries [by Command] [Cmnd. 7386].

Mr. John Silkin:

Expenditure.—Copy of Government Observations on the Fifth Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1977-78, on the fishing industry [by Command] [Cmnd. 7434].

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. Ior Davies, Mr. Peter Doig, Mr. Michael English, 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. David Watkins, Mr. John Wells, and Sir Thomas Williams, to be members of the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

[No. 4.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 1st 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 Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

Monday 6th November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Church Commissioners.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Church Commissioners for England for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1978, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training.—Copies of the Reports and Statements of Accounts of—
(1) the Air Transport and Travel Industry Training Board, and
(2) the Footwear, Leather and Fur Skin Industry Training Board
for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Health and Personal
Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 6th November 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing
Committees), Mr Speaker allocated the Medicines (Advertising to Medical and Dental
Practitioners) Regulations 1978 and the Tobacco Products (Higher Tar Cigarettes) Regula-
tions 1978 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Tuesday, 7th November, 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).

Legal Profession,—The Order made on 1st November, That the draft European Communi-
ties (Service of Lawyers) 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 the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 334].

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 [No. 31-ii].

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
General Sub-Committee.

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

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

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 34-i].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1978
(S.I., 1978, No. 1082) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 1st 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, bearing in mind the manifest inadequacy of the Government's policies towards Rhodesia, the measures outlined in the Gracious Speech are incapable of creating the conditions in which free and fair elections can be held as the only basis of a peaceful and orderly transfer of power to a democratic majority in that country."

(Mr. Francis Pym.)

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

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Motion relating to the Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address) may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour. (Mr. Alf Bates.)

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Motion (Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address)):

—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

Wednesday, 8th November, 1978:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned. (Mr. James Tinn.)

Debate to be resumed this day.

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

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

[Adjourned at 3.7 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 7th November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Attendance Centres,—Draft of Rules, entitled the Attendance Centre (Amendment) Rules 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Miscellaneous (No. 32, 1978),—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Phosphate Commissioners for the year ended 30th June 1977 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7377].

Treaty Series (No. 93, 1978),—Copy of the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, signed at Strasbourg on 27th January 1977 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7390].

Mr. Secretary Dell:

Hovercraft,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Michael Foot:

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

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

(1) The Remand (Temporary Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1585), and

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 7th November 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1978 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 6.1

Wednesday, 8th November, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Private Bills.—The Standing Orders of 20th, 26th and 31st July 1977 and 1st August 1977, relating to the Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill, the British Railways (Selby) Bill, the Sheffield General Cemetery Bill, the Tamar Bridge Bill, and the British Railways Bill respectively, suspended in the last Session of Parliament, being read;

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 and second time and committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means.

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 and second time and ordered to be read the third 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 cemetery; and for other purposes, was read the first, second and third time, and passed.

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, second and third time, and passed.

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, second and third time, and passed.

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

Northern Ireland.—The Order made on 7th February 1978 in the last Session of Parliament, That the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

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. 10-ii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-ii].
Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Selection (Standing Committees).—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection a Resolution, which was read, as follows:

That, after a Bill has been under consideration in a Standing Committee, no application for changes in the composition of that Committee in respect of that Bill will be entertained by this Committee except where a Member is incapacitated from attendance by illness or where he has been appointed or ceased to be a member of the Government or has changed his office for another.

Report to lie upon the Table.

House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Mason, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Secretary Rees, and Mr. J. D. Concannon, presented a Bill to increase the number of constituencies in Northern Ireland required by Rule 1 in Schedule 2 to the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act 1949: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 6].

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment proposed yesterday to the Question proposed on 1st 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;

Which Amendment was, at the end, to add the words "but humbly regret that, bearing in mind the manifest inadequacy of the Government's policies towards Rhodesia, the measures outlined in the Gracious Speech are incapable of creating the conditions in which free and fair elections can be held as the only basis of a peaceful and orderly transfer of power to a democratic majority in that country ";

And the Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 323.

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.

Southern Rhodesia.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 24th October 1978 in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Owen);

The House proceeded to a Division.

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

Thursday, 9th November, 1978:

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 320.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Nick Budgen: 121.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Southern Rhodesia Act 1965 (Continuation) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 24th October 1978 in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.29 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 8th November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th November 1978, entitled the Customs Duties (Greece) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1593) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Camps (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Scottish National Camps Association Limited for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Report by the Secretary of State for Employment on limits on guarantee payments [by Act]; to be printed [No. 32].

Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1978, and
(2) the Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Price Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission on Imperial Tobacco Limited—increases in price of cigarettes and cigarillos [by Act]; to be printed [No. 28].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Mr. John Silkin:
Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th November 1978, entitled the Butter Subsidy (Protection of Community Arrangements) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1592) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Selection (Chairmen’s Panel) (Parliament Act 1911),—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That, in pursuance of section 1(3) of the Parliament Act 1911, they had appointed Mr. Richard Crawshaw and Sir Stephen McAdden to be the two Members whom Mr. Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before certifying a Bill to be a Money Bill.

Selection (Committee on Unopposed Bills) (Panel),—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had appointed Twenty-seven Members to be the Panel of Members to serve on the Committee on Unopposed Bills under Standing Order 11 relating to Private Business (Reference to Committees of Opposed and Unopposed Bills), viz.:
Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. H. Boardman, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. John Cockcroft, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Sir William Elliott, Mr. John Forrester, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. David James, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. David Knox, Mr. David Lambie, Sir John Langford-Holt, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Michael O’Halloran, Mr. John Tilley, Mr. Edwin Wainwright, Mr. Dennis Walters, Mr. David Watkins, and Mr. Jerry Wiggin.

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had designated Standing Committee C as the Committee on which Government Bills shall not have precedence.
Provisional Orders (Scotland) (Panel).—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that, in pursuance of Standing Order 228 relating to Private Business (Parliamentary Panel), they had selected 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. Jim Craigen, Mr. Peter Dalg, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. T. G. D. Galbraith, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Hamish Gray, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, 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 Conlon, 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 Medicines (Advertising to Medical and Dental Practitioners) Regulations 1978 and the Tobacco Products (Higher Tar Cigarettes) Regulations 1978, viz.: Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. John Cope, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mrs. Jlll Knight, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. George Thompson, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

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 Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Michael O’Halloran, Mr. Robert Maclean, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Timothy Smith, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. John Wakeham, Mr. Richard Wainwright, and Mr. George Younger.

[No. 71]

Thursday, 9th November, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill.—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, pursuant to the Standing Order of 20th July 1978 in the last Session of Parliament, that he had gone through the Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

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

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 1977-78. (The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Closure of Debate (Standing Order No. 30).—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return respecting application of Standing Order No. 30 (Closure of Debate) during Session 1977-78, (1) in the House and in Committee of the whole House, under the following heads:

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and (2) in the Standing Committee 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 1977-78 by the Joint Committee and the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments respectively pursuant to their 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 1977-78, showing the number where the question on the proceedings relating thereto was put forthwith under Standing Order No. 73A(5).—(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 in to this House and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed in Session 1977-78;

Of all Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in Session 1977-78 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 1977-78, 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 1977-78, 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 1977-78 with the Sub-committees appointed by them; the names of the Members appointed to serve on each, and 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 Chairman'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 1977-78 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 1977-78, 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 Procedures Orders.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the number of Special Procedure Orders presented in Session 1977-78; 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 1977-78, were referred to a Joint Committee, together with the names of the Commons Members who served on each Committee; the number of days on which each Committee sat; and the number of days on which each such Member attended.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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. 38].

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

European Communities Committee.—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolutions, viz:

That they have appointed a Committee to consider Community proposals, whether in draft or otherwise, to obtain all necessary information about them, and to make reports on those which, in the opinion of the Committee, raise important questions of policy or principle, and on other questions to which the Committee consider that the special attention of the House should be drawn;

That the Committee have power to appoint Sub-Committees and appoint their Chairmen and to refer to such Sub-Committees any of the matters within the terms of reference of the Committee; that two be the quorum of such Sub-Committees;

That the Committee have power to co-opt any Lord for the purpose of serving on a Sub-Committee;

That the Committee and any Sub-Committees have power to adjourn from place to place;

That the Committee have leave to report from time to time;

That the Reports of the Committee from time to time shall be printed, notwithstanding any adjournment of the House;

That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee or any Sub-Committee from time to time shall, if the Committee think fit, be printed and delivered out;

That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the European Communities Committee or any Sub-Committee in the last session of Parliament be referred to the Committee;
That the Committee or any Sub-Committee appointed by them have leave to confer and to meet concurrently with any Committee of the Commons on European Legislation, &c., or any Sub-Committee of that Committee for the purpose of deliberating and of examining witnesses; and have leave to agree with the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman for any such meeting; and
That any Lord requested by the Committee on European Legislation, &c., of the House of Commons to attend as a witness before them or before any Sub-Committee appointed by them shall have the leave of this House so to attend, if his Lordship think fit.

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

Banking Bill,—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Dell, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. Denzil Davies, presented a Bill to regulate the acceptance of deposits in the course of a business; to confer functions on the Bank of England with respect to the control of institutions carrying on deposit-taking businesses; to give further protection to persons who are depositors with such institutions; to make provision with respect to advertisements inviting the making of deposits; to restrict the use of names and descriptions associated with banks and banking; to prohibit fraudulent inducement to make a deposit; to repeal certain enactments relating to banks and banking; 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 7].

Social Security Bill,—Mr. Secretary Ennals, supported by Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Secretary Booth, Mr. Stanley Orme, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Charles Morris, Mr. Alfred Morris, and Mr. Eric Deakins, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to social security: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 8].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Distribution of Footwear (Prices) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1307) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 1st 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 set out in the Gracious Speech are totally inadequate to deal with the serious economic problems of the country, and that Your Majesty's Government have denied the British people the opportunity to elect a new administration capable of creating a lasting prosperity in which all can share".—(Sir Geoffrey Howe.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 300.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 312.

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.—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

Thursday 9th November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th September and 3rd and 4th October 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 39].

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 1978 [by Command].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 9th November 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. David Watkins Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Tobacco Products (Higher Tar Cigarette) Regulations 1978 and the Medicines (Advertising to Medical and Dental Practitioners) Regulations 1978; and Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1978.

[No. 8.]

Friday, 10th November, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Welfare of Livestock (Intensive Units) Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Irish Sea Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1374) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Haddock (North Sea) Licensing Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1285) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) (Revocation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1286) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the West Coast Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1287) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Mackerel Licensing (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1538) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)
Privilege.—Complaint having been made by Mr. Christopher Price, Member for Lewisham West, of the production of and reference to the Official Report of Debates in this House, without the leave of the House having been obtained, at the Central Criminal Court, in the case of Regina v. Aubrey, Berry and Campbell;

Ordered, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

—(Mr. Christopher Price.)

Public Lending Right Bill.—The Public Lending Right Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Commitment of Bills).

Public Lending Right [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Public Lending Right [Money];

Resolved, That for the purpose of any Act of the present Session to provide public lending right for authors, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) payment out of money provided by Parliament to and in respect of a Registrar of Public Lending Right, by way of remuneration, allowances and superannuation benefits;

(b) payments out of money so provided into a Central Fund (from which there would be made payments in respect of public lending right and other payments for purposes of the Act and any scheme having effect under it) but so that, in respect of the Fund's liabilities of any financial year, the total of such payments is not to exceed £2 million less the total of sums paid in that year under paragraph (a) above;

(c) power for the Secretary of State to increase the limit in paragraph (b) above by order made with Treasury consent; and

(d) payments into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Pensioners Payments Bill.—Ordered, That in respect of the Pensioners Payments 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.)

Procedure.—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 15th June 1976 relating to the nomination of the Select Committee on Procedure be amended, by leaving out Sir David Renton and inserting Mr. Peter Hordern.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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

And the Question having been proposed after Four o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eleven minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.49 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 10th November 1978.

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Aliens,—Copy of a Civil Service Department Minute, dated 12th September 1978, relating to aliens employed in a civil capacity under the Crown during the year ended 31st March 1978, with a list giving particulars of certificates of employment issued under section 1 of the Aliens' Employment Act 1955 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th November 1978, entitled the Borough of Blackburn (Public Entertainment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1595) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Transport,—Statement of determination of the salaries payable to the Chairman, Managing Director and members of the Scottish Transport Group [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Dell:


Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. John Silkin:

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th November 1978, entitled the Upper Collins Creek Oyster and Clam Fishery Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1596) [by Act].

[No. 9.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

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

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 44-i].

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill.—The Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Comittal of Bills).

Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to establish a Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, and National Boards for the four parts of the United Kingdom, and for other purposes, it is expedient to authorise the making of grants, out of money provided by Parliament, to the Central Council and the National Boards towards expenses incurred or to be incurred by them with the approval of the Secretary of State.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

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. Alf Bates.)

Further proceedings stood postponed, pursuant to the Order this day.

Pensioners Payments [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Pensioners Payment [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 any sums and administrative costs required to be so paid under provisions which, in relation to the week beginning with 4th December 1978, correspond to those made, in relation to the week beginning with 5th December 1977, by the Pensioners Payments Act 1977.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)
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. Alf Bates.)

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.]

**APPENDIX**

Monday 13th November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Savings Banks,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th November 1978, entitled the National Savings Bank (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1594) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Local Government,—Copy of local government financial statistics for England and Wales for 1976-77 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford on 14th June 1978, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House

Land Registration,—Copies of Rules, dated 17th October 1978, entitled—

1. the Land Registration (Official Searches) Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1600), and
2. the Land Registration Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1601) [by Act].

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).

Delegated Legislation,—Return to an Order [9th November] for a Return relating to Delegated Legislation.

Closure of Debate (Standing Order No. 30),—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. 41].

Select Committees,—Return to an Order [9th November] for a Return relating to Select Committees; to be printed [No. 42].
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. 43].

[No. 10.]

Tuesday, 14th November, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways (Selby) Bill,—A Motion being made, That the British Railways (Selby) 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.

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

Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Bill to be read the third time.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, that they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 14th November and Memoranda laid before them: and the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34-ii].

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

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

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34-ii].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. David Watkins reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Tobacco Products (Higher Tar Cigarettes) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1156) and the Medicines (Advertising to Medical and Dental Practitioners) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1020), referred to a Committee on 3rd November.

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

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 Beswick to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee A appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries. (Mr. Russell Kerr.)

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

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

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

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.

Nationalised Industries.—The Lords give leave to the Lord Glenamara to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-committee C appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, and to the Lord Beswick to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee A appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, if their Lordships think fit.
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Enlargement of the Community.—Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. S/763/78 and Addenda 1 and 2, and S/911/78 and Addendum 1 on enlargement of the Community.—(Mr. Secretary Owen.)

Display and Pricing of Foodstuffs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Documents Nos. R/1277/77 and R/1131/78 on display and pricing of foodstuffs—(Mr. Robert Maclennan);

The Question was amended, in line 2, by leaving out from the word “House” to the end and adding the words “in taking note of Commission Documents Nos. R/1277/77 and R/1131/78, considers that the amendments contained in the latter document are not acceptable in that they fail to limit unit pricing to those goods for which it is desirable and as a result would run counter to consumer protection measures in the United Kingdom and would impose extra costs upon the relevant trades as well as upon the consumer.”—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House in taking note of Commission Documents Nos. R/1277/77 and R/1131/78, considers that the amendments contained in the latter document are not acceptable in that they fail to limit unit pricing to those goods for which it is desirable and as a result would run counter to consumer protection measures in the United Kingdom and would impose extra costs upon the relevant trades as well as upon the consumer.

Groundwater Pollution.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/236/78, the Department of the Environment’s Explanatory Memorandum of 7th March 1978 and the Department of the Environment’s Supplementary Memorandum of 12th April 1978 on groundwater pollution—(Mr. Kenneth Marks);

The Question was amended, in line 5, at the end, by adding the words “but cannot accept proposals that require a ban on all types of direct discharge, particularly those found acceptable in the United Kingdom.”—(Mr. Nigel Spearing.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/236/78, the Department of the Environment’s Explanatory Memorandum of 7th March 1978 and the Department of the Environment’s Supplementary Memorandum of 12th April 1978 on groundwater pollution but cannot accept proposals that require a ban on all types of direct discharge, particularly those found acceptable in the United Kingdom.

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. 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 seventeen minutes past Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.17 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 14th November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 14th November 1978, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for roads and transport (Scottish Development Department) [by Act].

Customs and Excise,—Copies of Regulations, dated 9th November 1978, entitled—

(1) the Customs and Excise (Community Transit Goods) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1602), and

(2) the Customs and Excise (Warehouses) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1603) [by Act].
European Communities (No. 46, 1978),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Luxembourg on 9th October 1978, on the Accession of the Kingdom of Denmark, Ireland, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Convention on jurisdiction and the enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters and to the Protocol on its interpretation by the Court of Justice (with the text of the 1968 Convention and the 1971 Protocol) (the Accession Convention has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7395].

Miscellaneous (No. 34, 1978),—Copy of Government Observations on the Second Report from the Select Committee on Overseas Development, Session 1977-78, on the renegotiation of the Lomé Convention [by Command] [Cmnd. 7397].

Scotland (Devolution),—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Scotland Act 1978 (Referendum) Order 1978 [by Act].

Agricultural Research Council,—Report of the Agricultural Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 7].

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Copies of the Report and Accounts of British Shipbuilders for the period 1st July 1977 to 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Scotland Act 1978 (Referendum) Order 1978 [by Act].

Agricultural Research Council,—Report of the Agricultural Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 7].


The Chairman of Ways and Means:

Wales (Devolution),—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Wales Act 1978 (Referendum) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


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 Lewes District Council (The Dripping Pan) Appropriation Order 1978 [by Act.]
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.

The District Council of Renfrew Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Millan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to the District Council of Renfrew: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 11].

Cunninghame District Council Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Millan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Cunninghame District Council: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 9].

Monklands District Council Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Millan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Monklands District Council: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 10].

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, 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. 10-iii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-iii].

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

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Counter-Inflation (Price Code) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1082), referred to a Committee on 7th November.

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

Weights and Measures Bill,—Mr. Secretary Hattersley, supported by Mr. Secretary Owen, Mr Secretary Varley, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. John Silkin, Mr. Secretary Smith, and Mr. John Fraser, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to weights and measures: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 12].

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Ancillary Dental Workers (Amendment) Regulations 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

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

Developments in the European Communities.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Report on Developments in the European Communities, January-June 1978 (Command Paper No. 7361).—(Mr. Frank Judd.)

Mutual Assistance in the Field of Direct Taxation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/1123/78 on Mutual Assistance in the Field of Direct Taxation—(Mr. Robert Sheldon);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words "but is not satisfied that the need has been established for the extension to value-added tax of proposals for disclosure to tax authorities outside the United Kingdom of confidential tax information, and cannot accept such proposals."—(Mr. Douglas Jay.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:—The Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/1123/78 on Mutual Assistance in the Field of Direct Taxation.

Procedure.—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 15th June 1976 relating to the nomination of the Select Committee on Procedure be amended, by leaving out Mr. Richard Luce and inserting Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop.—(Mr. John Evans.)

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

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 15th November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 14th November 1978, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Vote for Roads, &c., England [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 95, 1978).—Copy of an International Convention on the establishment of an international fund for compensation for oil pollution damage, signed at Brussels on 18th December 1971 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7383].


Treaty Series (No. 97, 1978).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Addis Ababa on 1st February 1977 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Provisional Military Government of Socialist Ethiopia, for the avoidance of double taxation on profits derived from air transport [by Command] [Cmnd. 7381].

Treaty Series (No. 98, 1978).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Mbabane on 3rd June 1976 and 30th November 1977 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Swaziland, concerning officers designated by the Government of the United Kingdom in the service of specified organisations or institutions in Swaziland (the British Expatriates Supplementation (Swaziland) Agreement 1976 and Amendment 1977) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7378].
Mr. Secretary Ennals:
National Health Service,—Copies of Proposals, made by the Health Services Board, for—

(1) the withdrawal of authorisations for the use of National Health Service hospital accommodation and services by private patients, and

(2) the relocation of private practice facilities at National Health Service hospitals [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 4 and 5].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Police (Northern Ireland).—Statement of Account of the Police Authority for Northern Ireland (including the Accounts of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Fund and the Police Property Fund) for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 8].

Mr. John Silkin:
Agriculture,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority for the year ended 31st July 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 Public Lending Right Bill, viz.: Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. David James, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Hugh Jenkins, Mr. Bryan Magee, Mr. Carol Mathier, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas, and Mr. Phillip Whitehead.

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill, viz.: Mr. David Atkinson, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Stan Thorne, and Dr. Gerard Vaughan.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Distribution of Footwear (Prices) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. A. G. F. Hall-Davies, Mr. John Dunlop, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. Robert Maclellan, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Arthur Palmer, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Michael Sherbey, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. John Wakeham, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

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 Welfare of Livestock (Intensive Units) Regulations 1978, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. F. A. Burden, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. Stephen Ross, Dr. Gavin Strang, Mr. John Watkinson, 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 Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1978, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1978, the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1978, and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1978, viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Miss Harvie Anderson, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Malcolm Ralston, Mr. Iain Home Robertson, Mr. John Sever, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. James White, 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 Irish Sea Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1978, the Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) (Revocation) Order 1978, the West Coast Haddock (Restriction on Landing) Order 1978, and the Mackerel Licensing (Variation) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Edward Bishop, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. John Ellis, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Hector Munro, Mr. Michael Shaw, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. James Tinn, 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 draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. Clinton Davis, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. David Knox, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Michael Marshall, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Terry Walker, Mr. Kenneth Warren, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

[No. 12.]
Thursday, 16th November, 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).

Acquisition of Land,—The Order made on 24th October 1978 in the last Session of Parliament, that the Lewes District Council (The Dripping Pan) (Appropriation) Order 1978 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Acquisition of Land,—The Order made on 14th November, that the Borough Council of Taff-Ely (Land at Central Park, Church Village) Appropriation Order 1978 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure),—The Order made on 14th November, that the 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 Lewes District Council (The Dripping Pan) (Appropriation) Order 1978, do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

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

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

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

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

Report to lie upon the Table.

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 16th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 51-1].
Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 47].

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. 48].

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).

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.)

Housing.—Resolved, That the draft Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Variation of Subsidy) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 2nd November, be approved.—(Mr. Ernest Armstrong.)

Misleading and Unfair Advertising.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Commission Document No. R/511/78 on Misleading and Unfair Advertising—(Mr. John Fraser);

The Question was amended, in line 2, by leaving out from the word ‘House’ to the end and adding the words ‘in taking note of Commission Document No. R/511/78 on Misleading and Unfair Advertising, considers that in its present form it is not acceptable to the United Kingdom, as it seriously undermines the existing system of self-regulation’.—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House, in taking note of Commission Document No. R/511/78 on Misleading and Unfair Advertising, considers that in its present form it is not acceptable to the United Kingdom, as it seriously undermines the existing system of self-regulation.

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 two minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 16th November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Smith:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th November 1978, entitled the Civil Aviation Authority (Charges) (Revocation) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1633) [by Act].

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Mr. Secretary Morris:


MEMORANDUM

Thursday 16th November 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 A in respect of the Public Lending Right Bill; Mr. Richard Crawshaw Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill; Sir Thomas Williams Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Distribution of Footwear (Prices) Order 1978; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Welfare of Livestock (Intensive Units) Regulations 1978; Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1978, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1978, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 and the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1978; and Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Irish Sea Herring (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1978, the Haddock (North Sea) Licensing Order 1978, the Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) (Revocation) Order 1978, the West Coast Haddock (Restrictions on Landing) Order 1978 and the Mackerel Licensing (Variation) Order 1978.

APPENDIX

Friday 17th November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Magistrates’ Courts,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th November 1978, entitled the Licensing (Fees) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1644) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Varley:
Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Copy of a Report by British Aerospace on industrial democracy [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Morris:
Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th June 1978, entitled the Borough Council of Taff-Ely (Land at Central Park, Church Village) Appropriation Order 1978; with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Wales under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Consumer Credit,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th November 1978, entitled the Consumer Credit (Exempt Agreements) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1616) [by Act].

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


Legal Profession,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Communities (Services of Lawyers) Order 1978 [by Act].

PRAYERS.

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

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them; And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 60].

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 November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 61-i].

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to companies, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State and any increase attributable to the provisions of that Act in the sums so payable under any other Act.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Ways and Means,—Companies,—Resolved, That any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to companies (the present Act) may—

(1) require the payment to the registrar for the purposes of the Registration of Business Names Act 1916 of fees in respect of matters specified by regulations made under the present Act:
(2) authorise that registrar to charge fees for any services provided by him other
wise than in pursuance of an obligation imposed on him by law;

(3) provide for the payment into the Consolidated Fund of fees payable to that
registrar in pursuance of the present Act and of any increases attributable to the
present Act in the sums received by the registrar of companies.—(Mr. Walter
Harrison.)

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

And the Question having been proposed at Ten o'clock, and the Debate having con-
tinued 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 20th November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Clean Air,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th November 1978, entitled the Smoke Control
Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1609) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission,—Report of the Price Commission relating to General Paper and
Box Manufacturing Co. Limited and Rizla Limited, prices of cigarette paper book-
lets, filter tips and accessories [by Act]: to be printed [No. 50].

Mr. John Silkin:

Sea Fisheries,—Copies of Orders, dated 16th November 1978, entitled—

(1) the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978
(S.I., 1978, No. 1650),

(2) the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) Order 1977 (Varia-
tion) (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1651), and

(3) the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) Order 1977 (Varia-
[by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection,
that they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Peter Snape (nominated in
respect of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill); and had appointed in
substitution Mrs. Ann Taylor.

[No. 15.

Tuesday, 21st November, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill.—The Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill
was read the third time, and passed.

British Railways (Selby) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of
the British Railways (Selby) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday.
Cunninghame District Council Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Cunninghame District Council Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Monklands District Council Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Monklands District Council Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

The District Council of Renfrew Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the District Council of Renfrew Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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 (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-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 had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34-iii].

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

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

Practice and Procedure.—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.:

That they have appointed a Committee of fifteen members to consider the practice and procedure of the House and to make recommendations for the more effective performance of its functions;

That the Committee have leave to adjourn from place to place and to report from time to time;

That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee from time to time be printed and, if the Committee think fit, be delivered out;

That the Committee have power to appoint Sub-Committees and to refer to such Sub-Committees any of the matters referred to the Committee;

That the Committee have power to co-opt any Lord for the purpose of serving on a Sub-Committee;

That the Committee, or any Sub-Committee appointed by them, have leave to confer and to meet concurrently with any Committee of the Commons on Procedure or any Sub-Committee of that Committee together with any such persons as that Committee or any Sub-Committee of that Committee may select to attend for the purpose of deliberating and examining witnesses, and have leave to agree with the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman for any such meeting;

That the Committee have power to appoint Specialist Advisers.

Sound Broadcasting.—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.:

That they have appointed a Committee on Sound Broadcasting;

That the Committee have power 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 appoint Specialist Advisers;

That the Committee have power to join with any Select Committee on Sound Broadcasting that may be appointed by the Commons;

That the Committee have power to agree with the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman for any joint meeting.
Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft European Communities (Services of Lawyers) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

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

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

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to social security it is expedient to authorise such increases in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under other enactments as are attributable to provisions—

(a) relating to the conditions for the payment of attendance allowance to persons suffering from renal failure and to the requirement that the period for which the allowance is payable must be preceded by a qualifying period of not less than 6 months;

(b) providing for entitlement to mobility allowance to end with the date on which a person attains the age of 75 and providing for a person not to receive the allowance after the age of 65 unless he had been entitled to it at that age;

(c) extending the class of payments to be disregarded in determining entitlement to a Category D retirement pension by reference to the weekly rate of a Category A, Category B or Category C retirement pension;

(d) entitling a person to a Category C retirement pension and a Category A or Category B retirement pension for the same period;

(e) enabling persons attending proceedings before a National Insurance Commissioner to be paid travelling and other allowances;

(f) relating to the remuneration, pensions, allowances and gratuities to be paid with the consent of the Minister for the Civil Service to or in respect of Senior Chairmen acting in relation to Supplementary Benefit Appeal Tribunals and their officers and staff;

(g) relating to the account to be taken of guaranteed minimum pensions, and the basis on which certain periods are to be calculated, in determining increases in official pensions under section 59 of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975;

(h) entailing increased administrative expenses of the Secretary of State or any government department.—(Mr. Stanley Orme.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Order of the House of 15th November, That the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged.—(Mr. John Evans.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Order of the House of 15th November, That the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged.—(Mr. John Evans.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 9.39 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 21st November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 45, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 11th July 1978, between the European Economic Community and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on trade in jute products (with exchanges of letters) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7376];

Treaty Series (No. 99, 1978).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Tel Aviv and Jerusalem on 16th August 1978 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the State of Israel, amending the Agreement on Extradition signed at London on 4th April 1960 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7375].
Mr. Secretary Ennals:

National Health Service,—Copy of the Report by the Committee of Enquiry into Normansfield Hospital [by Command] [Cmnd. 7357].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Benn:


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. Alexander Fletcher (nominated in respect of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn.

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 21st November 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Social Security Bill to Standing Committee D; the Estate Agents Bill to Standing Committee E; the Companies Bill to Standing Committee F; the draft Ancillary Dental Workers (Amendment) Regulations 1979 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft European Communities (Services of Lawyers) Order 1978 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Distribution of Footwear (Prices) Order 1978, in the place of Sir Thomas Williams.

[No. 16.]

Wednesday, 22nd November, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

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

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

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 (Fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 10-iv].

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. 10-v].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-v].
European Legislation, &c.—Sir John Eden reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, &c., That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 15th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 66-i].

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 Distribution of Footwear (Prices) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1307), referred to a Committee on 9th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 71].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Wells reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Welfare of Livestock (Intensive Units) Regulations 1978, referred to a Committee on 10th November.

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

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1978, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1978, the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1978, and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1978, referred to a Committee on 10th and 13th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 69].


Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 68].

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of twelve members to join with the Committee of the Commons as the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills.

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

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

Education Bill.—Mrs. Secretary Williams, supported by Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Gordon Oakes, and Miss Margaret Jackson, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to education; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 14].

Scotland (Devolution).—Resolved, That the draft Scotland Act 1978 (Referendum) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 14th November, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Millan.)

Wales (Devolution).—Resolved, That the draft Wales Act 1978 (Referendum) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 14th November, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Morris.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 6th November, be approved.—(Mr. Ray Carter.)

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 8th November, be approved.—(Mr. J. D. Concannon);

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

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 8th November, be approved.
Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered. That, during the proceedings on the matter of the Welsh Economy, the Welsh Grand Committee have leave to sit twice on the first day on which they shall meet; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 64 (Meetings of standing committees) the second such sitting shall not commence before Four o’clock nor continue after Six o’clock.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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 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 eight minutes to One o’clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.52 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 22nd November 1978

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 1977-78, and Abstract of Appropriation Accounts [by Command] [Cmnd. 7402].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Representation of the People.—Copy of a Report from the Boundary Commission for Scotland on European Assembly constituencies [by Command] [Cmd. 7336].

Hospital Endowments.—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Hospital Endowments Research Trust for the year ended 31st July 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 27].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security.—Copy of a Report by the Government Actuary on the draft Social Security (Contributions, Re-Rating) Order 1978 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7403].


Social Security.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Social Security (Contributions, Re-Rating) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Smith:

Companies.—Copy of the Report for 1977 of the Department of Trade on companies [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Water.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Water Charges Equalisation Order 1978 [by Act].

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 1977-78 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7371].

Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Draft Shops (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:


Sea Fisheries.—Copies of Orders—

(1) dated 18th November 1978, entitled the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1978, and

(2) dated 20th November 1978, entitled the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1978 [by Act].

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 17th November 1978, entitled the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1978 [by Act].
APPENDIX H

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 Social Security Bill, viz.: The Reverend Robert Bradford, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Stanley Orme, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. John Tilley, Mr. Phillip Whitehead, Mr. Ray Whitney, and Sir George Young.

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Estate Agents Bill, viz.: Mr. Vivian Benda ll, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Andrew Mackay, Mr. Austen Mitchell, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Michael Ward, and Mr. Ken Weetch.

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Companies Bill, viz.: Mr. Peter Brooke, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Donald Dewar, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Robert Maclean, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Cecil Parkinson, Mr. Tim Renton, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. George Robertson, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. John Wakeham, Mr. Daiydd Wigley, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

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 Ancillary Dental Workers (Amendment) Regulations 1979, viz.: Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. John Garrett, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. George Thompson, 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 European Communities (Services of Lawyers) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Edward Gardner, Mr. Percy Grieve, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Neil Marten, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Tom Normanton, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. John Sever, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. John Watkinson.

[No. 17.]


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:


British Railways (Selby) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the British Railways (Selby) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next at Seven o'clock.

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

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 23rd November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 73-i].
Public Lending Right Bill.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Public Lending Right Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of 22nd November as relates to the place and time of meeting of 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.

Banking Bill.—The Banking 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).

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

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to regulate the acceptance of deposits in the course of a business and to confer functions on the Bank of England with respect to the control of institutions carrying on deposit-taking businesses, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the Treasury in making payments to persons appointed to hear certain appeals under that Act and in making good their expenses.—(Mr. John Evans.)

Children and Young Persons.—Resolved, That the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (Transitional Modifications of Part I) Order 1978, be not made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 1st August 1978 in the last Session of Parliament.—(Mr. Roger Sims.)

Public Accounts.—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th December 1974 relating to the nomination of the Committee of Public Accounts be amended, by leaving out Mr. John Evans and inserting Miss Betty Boothroyd.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 9.51 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 23rd November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Criminal Injuries Compensation.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7396].

Representation of the People.—Copies of Reports from—

(1) the Boundary Commission for England, and
(2) the Boundary Commission for Wales
on European Assembly constituencies [by Command] [Cmnd. 7348 and 7362].

Representation of the People.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the European Assembly Constituencies (England) Order 1978, and
(2) the European Assembly Constituencies (Wales) Order 1978
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Miscellaneous (No. 2, 1978).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 10th July and at Addis Ababa on 21st July 1978, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the East African Community concerning public officers' pensions (the Public Officers' Pensions (East African Community) Agreement 1978) (the Agreement is not in force) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7374].
South Africa (No. 1, 1978)—Copy of a Convention, signed at Pretoria on 31st July 1978, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of South Africa for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on estates of deceased persons and on gifts (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7404].

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the African Development Bank (Privileges) Order 1978, and
(2) the International Lead and Zinc Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan :

Representation of the People,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Assembly Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams :


Mr. Secretary Mason:

Consumer Protection,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 31st October 1978, entitled the Perambulators and Pushchairs (Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 329), and
[by Act].

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Appropriation (No. 4) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copies of Regulations, dated 6th November 1978, entitled—
(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 337), and
(2) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 338)
[by Statutory Instrument].

Mr Michael Foot :

Civil Aviation,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th November 1978, entitled the Air Navigation (Fourth Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1627) [by Act].


Fugitive Criminal,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 15th November 1978, entitled the Israel (Extradition) (Amendment) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1623) [by Act].


Chairman of Ways and Means:

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure)—Report by the Chairman of Committees in 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 Liverpool Corporation Act 1966 (Extension of Time) Order 1978 [by Act].

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

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 23rd November 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 E in respect of the Estates Agents Bill; Sir Stephen McAdden Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Companies Bill; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft European Communities (Services of Lawyers) Order 1978; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1978; and Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Welsh Economy.

Friday, 24th November, 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).

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1379) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Special Measures to combat Unemployment.—Resolved, That this House, while recognising and fully appreciating the action already taken to combat unemployment, nevertheless believes that more needs to be done, and, in particular, calls upon Her Majesty's Government to take further special measures in the case of Sunderland and similar areas which are suffering persistent exceptional high levels of unemployment.—(Mr. Frederick Willey.)

Prices.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Distribution of Footwear (Prices) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1307), a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th September 1978 in the last session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox): 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 draft Welfare of Livestock (Intensive Units) Regulations 1978, which were laid before this House on 1st November, be approved (Mr. Thomas Cox): It was agreed to.

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd November, 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 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1st November, 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. 2) Regulations 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1st November, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox): 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. Tom Pendry and inserting Dr. Oonagh McDonald.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Friday, 24th November, 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Chancellor of the Exchequer:

European Monetary System.—Copy of a Paper, entitled the European Monetary System [by Command] [Cmnd. 7405].


Mr. Secretary Rees:


Telegraphs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd November 1978, entitled the Wireless Telegraphy (Broadcast Licence Charges and Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1680) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Prisons (Northern Ireland).—Report on the Administration of the Prison Service in Northern Ireland in 1977 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 9].

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


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Jim Lester (nominated in respect of the Estate Agents Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Stradling Thomas.

[No. 19.]


The House met at half-past Two 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).

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with after Ten o'clock, though opposed, for a period equal to that spent on the Private Business set down for consideration at Seven o'clock by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

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

And it being Seven o'clock, and there being Private Business set down by the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 7 (Time for taking private business), further proceeding stood postponed.
British Railways (Selby) Bill.—The British Railways (Selby) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Adjournment.—The House resumed the postponed proceeding on the Question, That this House do now adjourn:—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

François Lafitte, John Heaver Fremlin, Helen Christine Humphries, Rotha Peers, Cyril Taylor and Nancy Smith v Andrew Bowden.—A Petition of Margaret Alison Brown was presented and read; setting forth, first that the Petitioner is the solicitor representing François Lafitte, John Heaver Fremlin, Helen Christine Humphries, Rotha Peers, Cyril Taylor and Nancy Smith, the Trustees and Director of the British Pregnancy Advisory Service; secondly, that an action has been brought in the High Court of Justice, Queen’s Bench Division against Andrew Bowden by the said François Lafitte, John Heaver Fremlin, Helen Christine Humphries, Rotha Peers, Cyril Taylor and Nancy Smith, the number of the action being 1977. L. No. 547; thirdly, that in the said action the Plaintiffs claim damages for libel on the basis of a letter published in the “Daily Express” newspaper on 16th day of July 1976; fourthly, that in the said action issues arise as to the fees and charges of the British Pregnancy Advisory Service and an allegation that there are improper links between the British Pregnancy Advisory Service and commercially organised nursing homes at which abortions are carried out; fifthy, that the British Pregnancy Advisory Service gave evidence to the Select Committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill on Monday 20th October 1975; the Minutes of their Evidence were ordered to be printed by the House of Commons on 20th October 1975 [No. 253-xii]; sixthly, that the Department of Health and Social Security gave evidence to the Select Committee on Abortion on Monday 17th May 1976; the Minutes of their Evidence were ordered to be printed by the House of Commons on 17th May 1976 [No. 250-xi]; seventhly, that Mr. Roland Moyle made a speech during the Second Reading Debate on Mr. William Benyon’s Abortion (Amendment) Bill on Friday 25th February 1977 (Official Report, Volume 926, columns 1805-1815); eighthly, that the evidence given by Professor François Lafitte, Mrs. Nancy Smith and Mrs. Diane Munday of the British Pregnancy Advisory Service and the Department of Health and Social Security to the said Select Committees as printed in the aforesaid Minutes of Evidence and the aforesaid speech made by Mr. Roland Moyle related directly to the issues referred to in paragraph 4 hereof and reference is desired to be made by your Petitioner in the action referred to in paragraph 2 hereof to the evidence printed in the said Minutes of Evidence which was given by Professor Lafitte, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Munday and the Department of Health and Social Security and to the speech printed in the Official Report made by Mr. Roland Moyle; and praying that reference may be made in the action presently proceeding in the High Court of Justice, Queen’s Bench Division, referred to herein, to the said Minutes of Evidence and transcript of the said speech and that leave be given to the proper Officers of the House formally to prove the same according to their competence.

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 27th November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Mr. Secretary Smith:
Cinematograph Films.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Film Finance Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7370].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Industrial Organisation and Development.—Copy of the Accounts of the British Cast Iron Research Association for the year ended 30th June 1978 [by Act].

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Mr. Michael Foot:

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

(1) the Governing Body of Girton College, Cambridge, on 9th June 1978, amending the Statutes of the College,

(2) the Governing Body of Queen’s College, Cambridge, on 14th July 1978, amending the Statutes of the College,

(3) the University of Oxford on 29th June 1978, amending the Statutes of the University, and

(4) the University of Oxford on 29th June 1978, amending the Statutes of the University

[by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn (nominated in respect of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill); and had appointed in substitution Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 27th November 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Ancillary Dental Workers (Amendment) Regulations 1979.

[No. 20.]

Tuesday, 28th November, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 28th November and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-v].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-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 (Fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34-iv].

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the Prosecution of Offences Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1357) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the draft International Lead and Zinc Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)
Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft African Development Bank (Privileges) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Common Agricultural Policy (Agricultural Produce) (Protection of Community Arrangements) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1660) 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 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question and add the words "this House, whilst acknowledging that the number of Members of Parliament representing Northern Ireland ought to be increased, declines to give a Second Reading to the Bill because its narrow scope fails to provide an opportunity for this House to determine whether or not those Members should be elected according to the principle of proportional representation "; instead thereof.—(Mr. Clement Freud.)

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Russell Johnston : 27.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. James Tinn : 355.

So the Question was negatived.

The Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 39 (Amendment on Second or Third Reading);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Joseph Dean : 350.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Tom Litterick : 49.

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. John Evans.)

Committee to-morrow.

Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 8th November, be approved.—(Mr. Harold Walker):—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 proceeded to a Division.

Wednesday, 29th November, 1978:

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn : 166.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Sir George Young : 159.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 8th November, be approved.
Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Resolved, That the draft Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 8th November, be approved.—(Mr. Harold Walker.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Upton, Dorset, for the retention of the sixth form at Lytchett Minster Upper Comprehensive School was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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 28th November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr. Secretary Owen :

Meteorology (Miscellaneous No. 28, 1978).—Copy of an International Agreement, signed at Brussels on 15th December 1977, on the setting up of an experimental European network of ocean stations (with Resolution) (the Agreement has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7373].

Mr. Secretary Millan :

Judicial Statistics (Scotland).—Copy of Statistics relating to the House of Lords (Scottish Appeals): the Court of Session: Sheriff Courts and other Civil Courts: Licensing Boards: Lands Tribunal for Scotland: certain Legal and Public Departments: Bankruptcy: Court Fees and Fees taken in the Departments for the year 1977 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7365].

Mr. Secretary Mulley :

Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copy of an Order, dated 21st November 1978, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Smith :

Customs and Excise.—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th November 1978, entitled the Customs Duties Relief Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1704) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore :

Acquisition of Land.—Copy of an Order, dated 20th May 1975, entitled the Aylesbury Vale District Council (The Green, Soulbury) Compulsory Purchase 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 :

Legal Aid and Advice.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th November 1978, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 341) [by Statutory Instrument].


Mr. Secretary Rodgers :

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th November 1978, entitled the Hazardous Substances (Labelling of Road Tankers) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1702) [by Act].
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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Banking Bill to Standing Committee A; the Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Prosecution of Offences Regulations 1978 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft International Lead and Zinc Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 and the draft African Development Bank (Privileges) Order 1978 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Common Agricultural Policy (Agricultural Produce) (Protection of Community Arrangements) (Amendment) Order 1978 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1978, the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1978 and the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1978 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 21.]

Wednesday, 29th November, 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).

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 Electricity (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. 82].

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

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Wiley 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 Economy, referred to them on 20th November, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 84].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mrs. Lena Jeger reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Ancillary Dental Workers (Amendment) Regulations 1979, referred to a Committee on 15th November.

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

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Michael English reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft European Communities (Services of Lawyers) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 21st November.

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

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 14th November.

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

Adjournment (Crisis in The Times Newspaper),—Mr. Patrick Cormack, Member for Staffordshire, South West, 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 crisis in The Times Newspaper and its serious consequences; 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.

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Millan, supported by the Lord Advocate, Mr. Harry Ewing, and Mr. Robert Sheldon, presented a Bill to make new provision for Scotland with respect to police powers of detention; to amend the law relating to bail and the interim liberation of accused persons; to make further provision with respect to criminal procedure and evidence and penalties; to make new provision with respect to the method of dealing with offenders; to provide for grants to local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by them in providing hostel accommodation for persons under supervision; 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 35].

Official Information Bill.—Mr. Clement Freud, supported by Mr. David Steel, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Kenneth Warren, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. J. W. Rooker, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. William Craig, and Mr. Daiydd Wigley, presented a Bill to repeal section 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911, to create a public right of access to official information, and to make new provision in respect of the wrongful communication and handling of official information; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 19th January and to be printed [Bill 15].

Indecent Displays (Control) Bill.—Mr. Hugh Rossi, supported by Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, and Mr. Terry Walker, presented a Bill to make fresh provision with respect to the display, advertisement or distribution of indecent matter and to the use of machines for the viewing of indecent pictures; and for purposes connected with those matters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th January and to be printed [Bill 16].

Mental Health (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, supported by Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Charles Irving, Sir George Young, and Mr. Daiydd Thomas, presented a Bill to reduce the duration of authority for guardianship and for the detention of patients for treatment; to amend the law on restrictions on discharge of patients and prisoners removed to hospital; and to repeal section 134 of the Mental Health Act 1959: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 17].

Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Ray Whitney, supported by Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Edward Gardiner, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, and Mr. Roger Sims, presented a Bill to amend the law so as to give to magistrates the power to commit children and young persons to secure accommodation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th February and to be printed [Bill 18].

Employment Opportunities (Small Businesses) Bill.—Mr. Michael Grylls, supported by Mr. John Osborn, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. Richard Page, and Mr. Tony Durant, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to employment; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th February and to be printed [Bill 19].

Licensing (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Neville Trotter, supported by Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. A. J. Beith, and Mr. Ron Lewis, presented a Bill to amend the Licensing Act 1964 in relation to the grant of special hours certificates and the extension of existing on-licences to additional types of liquor: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 23rd February and to be printed [Bill 20].

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Edwin Wainwright, supported by Mr. David Price, Mr. Alec Woodall, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. Tom Urwin, Mr. George Grant, and Miss Betty Boothroyd, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the welfare of chronically sick and disabled persons; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 21].

Children Bill.—Mr. James White, supported by Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Alec Woodall, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Harry Selby, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Michael Brotheron, and Mr. Hamish Watt, presented a Bill to remove the legal disabilities of children born out of wedlock: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 23rd February and to be printed [Bill 22].
British Nationality (Amendment) Bill,—Mrs. Jill Knight, supported by Mr. Frederick Willey, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Stephen Ross, Sir Frederic Bennett, Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, Mr. George Gardiner, Miss Betty Boothroyd, and Mr. Andrew Bowden, presented a Bill to amend the law so as to extend to women the right to pass on United Kingdom citizenship to their children: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th February and to be printed [Bill 23].

Heritage Aid Bill,—Mr. Michael Morris, supported by Mr. Andrew Faulds, the Reverend Robert Bradford, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Malcolm Rijkind, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Tony Newton, and Mr. Kenneth Lewis, presented a Bill to make provision as respects historic buildings, conservation areas, housing action areas, and general improvement areas; to amend section 101 and other related sections of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 24].

Homeworkers (Protection) Bill,—Mr. Frank R. White, supported by Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Jack Ashley, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. George Robertson, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. John Tilley, and Mr. Giles Radice, presented a Bill to amend the law to provide for the further protection of homeworkers and for the better enforcement of the law as so amended; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th January and to be printed [Bill 25].

Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Nicholas Edwards, supported by Mr. David Madel, Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. David Knox, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Wyn Roberts, 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 further provision for the registration for electoral purposes of the wives and husbands of members of the armed forces; to provide for the correction of the register of electors; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 19th January and to be printed [Bill 26].

Supply of Goods (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Donald Stewart, supported by Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. Kenneth Warren, Mr. Clement Freud, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Michael Ward, Mr. Iain Evans, Mr. Iain MacCormick, and Mr. Malcolm Rijkind, presented a Bill to amend the Sale of Goods Act 1893 and the Supply of Goods (Implied Terms) Act 1973; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th January and to be printed [Bill 27].

National Heritage Fund Bill,—Mr. Arthur Jones, supported by Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Arthur Blink, Mr. James Boydén, Mr. Robert Cooke, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. Timothy Sainsbury, and Mr. Julius Silverman, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of the National Heritage Fund to be administered by trustees to assist non-profit-making organisations including public museums and local authorities concerned with the preservation of exceptional elements of the national heritage: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th January and to be printed [Bill 28].

Public Bodies (Appointments) Bill,—Mr. Geoffrey Johnson Smith, supported by Mr. Philip Holland, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Nicholas Scott, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. John Wells, Mr. William Clark, and Mr. John Moore, presented a Bill to regulate appointments to public bodies; to make provision for confirmation by Parliament of the appointment by Ministers of chairmen of public corporations and other boards of a commercial character; to provide for an annual Register of Offices to which appointments are made by Ministers and their holders; to limit the number of offices that may be held by a person at one time; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th January and to be printed [Bill 29].

Licensed Premises (Exclusion of Certain Persons) Bill,—Mr. Anthony Grant, supported by Sir Bernard Braine, Sir George Young, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Geoffrey Finberg, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. William Molloy, and Mr. Clement Freud, presented a Bill to empower the courts to make orders excluding certain categories of convicted persons from licensed premises: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th February and to be printed [Bill 30].

Freedom of Information and Privacy Bill,—Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, supported by Mr. Peter Rost, Mrs. Margaret Bain, and Mr. Dennis Conavan, presented a Bill to further the full interchange of opinion in the United Kingdom by providing for greater personal access to official information and to safeguard the privacy of personal information collected and retained for official purposes; to make provision with respect to the keeping, disclosure, correction and dissemination of such information; to make further
provision for the content and accuracy of certain official documents; and for purposes
connected with the aforesaid matters: And the same was read the first time; and
ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th February and to be printed [Bill
31].

Access to Commons and Open Country Bill.—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, supported by Mr.
G. R. Strauss, Mr. Geoffrey Rippon, Mr. Frederick Willey, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. John
Parker, and Mr. Frank Hooley, presented a Bill to amend sections 193 and 194 of the
Law of Property Act 1925; to clarify the meaning of the Commons Registration Act
1965; to grant a right of public access to open country (as defined in the National
Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 as amended by the Countryside Act
1968); and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and
ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th January and to be printed [Bill
32].

Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue Appeal Tribunals Bill.—Mr. Norman Lamont,
supported by Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Leon Brittan, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Malcolm
Rifkind, Mr. Timothy Sainsbury, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, and Mr. Cecil Parkinson,
presented a Bill to establish independent appeal tribunals in connection with the
administration of the Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue; and for connected
purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time
upon Friday 16th February and to be printed [Bill 33].

Handicapped and Deprived Children (Abolition of Corporal Punishment) Bill.—Mr. Bruce
Grocott, supported by Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Ivor Clemitson,
Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Mr.
Arthur Latham, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. George Rodgers, and Mr. J. W. Rooker,
presented a Bill to forbid the use of corporal punishment in special schools for mentally
and physically handicapped children and in community homes; and for connected
purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time
upon Friday 19th January and to be printed [Bill 34].

Statutory Instruments, &c., Ordered, That the draft Water Charges Equalisation Order 1978
be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—[Mr. Michael
Foot.]

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, with-
out Question put.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day's sitting the Motion in the name of the
Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with, though
opposed, until any hour.—[Mr. Peter Snape.]

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 Thursday morning;

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr. John Evans].

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

[Adjourned at 1.51 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday, 29th November, 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Local Government,—Copies of Orders, dated 28th November 1978, entitled—

(1) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2) Order 1978,
(2) the Rate Support Grant Order 1978
[by Act].

Local Government,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th November 1978, entitled the
Rate Support Grant Regulations 1978 [by Act].
Local Government.—Reports by the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Transport on—
(1) the Rate Support Grant Order 1978, and
(2) the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2) Order 1978
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 63 and 65].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission.—Report of the Price Commission on prices, costs and margins in the distribution of jeans [by Act]; to be printed [No. 67].

Prices.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th November 1978, entitled the Indication of Prices (Beds) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1716) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Local Government.—Copy of an Order, dated 28th November 1978, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1978 [by Act].

Local Government.—Report by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 64].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Opticians.—Copy of the Accounts of the General Optical Council for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:


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 Banking Bill, viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. R. B. Cant, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Jack Dunnett, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Peter Horder, Mr. Harry Lamborn, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. George Morton, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. John Par dove, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. Peter Tapsell, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Standing Committee F.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee. That they had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr. John Evans (nominated in respect of the Companies Bill) and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jim Marshall.

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 Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Atick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Walter Clegg, Sir John Gilnour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Hamish Watt, and Mr. James White.

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 Prosecution of Offences Regulations 1978, viz.: Mr. Michael Allison, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Ian Percival, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. van Straubenzee, and Mr. John Watkinson.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Lead and Zinc Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 and the draft African Development Bank (Privileges) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Mr. Stanley Newens, Mr. Malcolm Rikkind, Mr. Ted Rowlands, Sir George Sinclair, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Dennis Walters, and Mr. Alan Lee Williams.
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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 Common Agricultural Policy (Agricultural Produce) (Protection of Community Arrangements) (Amendment) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Richard Body, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Thomas Cox, Sir William Elliott, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Albert Roberts, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Sydney Tierney, and Mr. Andrew Welsh.

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 Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1978, the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1978 and the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1978, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Ellis, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Tom Torney, and Mr. Hamish Watt.

[No. 22.]

Thursday, 30th November, 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).

Race Relations and Immigration.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 30th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 73 -ii].

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

Heritage Aid Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 2nd February, the Heritage Aid Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 9th February.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Cosmetic Products Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1354) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Adjournment (Crisis in The Times Newspaper).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Patrick Cormack): It was negatived.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being 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 Merchant Shipping Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Twelve o'clock.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Merchant Shipping Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Merchant Shipping 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 (Commital of Bills).
Merchant Shipping [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Merchant Shipping [Money];

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make amendments of the law relating to pilotage it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) any sums required by the Secretary of State for the purpose of—
   (a) making to the Pilotage Commission established by that Act loans up to an amount outstanding at any time of £500,000;
   (b) paying remuneration or allowances to a member of a body established in pursuance of provisions of that Act relating to breaches of codes of conduct and contraventions of industrial agreements;
(2) payments in respect of expenses incurred by a person in complying with requirements imposed by a Department of Trade inspector or by a person having the powers of such an inspector;
(3) any administrative expenses incurred by a Minister of the Crown or a government department under that Act;
(4) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums which, under any other Act, are payable out of money so provided,

and to authorise the payment of any sum into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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, 8th November 1976, 30th November 1977 and 6th December 1977, be varied as from 1st December 1978, 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 £1,230 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £2,245 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 £2,370 or such sum as, in their opinion, will bring his income up to £3,385 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 £615 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring her income up to £1,185 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 £1,185 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring her income up to £2,200 per annum, whichever is the less;"

(c) in paragraph 2A of the said Schedule, for the words "the annual amount of any periodical payment" to the end of the paragraph, there shall be substituted the words—

"the annual amount of any periodical payment made to any such widower shall not exceed £615 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £1,185 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 £1,185 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £2,200 per annum, whichever is the less." —(Mr. John Parker.)

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

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

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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 eighteen minutes past Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.18 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Thursday 30th November 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:
Supply Estimates (Supplementary Estimates), 1978-79,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1979 for—
(1) Civil Departments (Classes II-XVII: Civil), and
(2) Defence Services (Class I: Defence)
[by Command]; to be printed [Nos. 53 and 52].

Supply Estimates (Vote on Account), 1979-80,—Estimates showing—
(1) the Defence Services, and
(2) the Civil Services
for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1980 [by Command]; to be printed [Nos. 54 and 55].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

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 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 77].


Mr. Secretary Owen:
Treaty Series (No. 100, 1978),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at London on 16th December 1976, amending the Consular Convention between the United Kingdom and the Polish People’s Republic signed at London on 23rd February 1967 (with the text of the Convention as amended by the Protocol) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7372].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Expenditure,—Copy of Government Observations on the Tenth Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1977-78, on defence expenditure [by Command] [Cmnd. 7399].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

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 (No. 3) Regulations 1978 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7384].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production,—Copies of the Reports on the Censuses of Production 1974 and 1975, relating to—
(1) construction and earth-moving equipment,
(2) footwear,
(3) jute, and
(4) musical instruments
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th November 1978, entitled the Option Mortgage (Rates of Interest) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 354) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:


Mr. Michael Foot:

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

(1) the Governing Body of Merton College, Oxford, on 8th July 1978, amending the Statutes of the College, and

(2) the University of Cambridge on 18th August 1978, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Supply Estimates (Vote on Account), 1979-80,—Estimate showing the service (Class XIII A—House of Commons: Administration) for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1980 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 59].

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

Irish Land Purchase Fund,—Accounts of receipts and payments by the National Debt Commissioners, and statements of liabilities outstanding, in respect of the Irish Land Purchase Fund, for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 85].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee F,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr. Alec Woodall (nominated in respect of the Companies Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ian Mikardo.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 30th November 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Social Security Bill; Mr. Michael English Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Social Security Bill; Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978; Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Prosecution of Offences Regulations 1978; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Lead and Zinc Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978 and the draft African Development Bank (Privileges) Order 1978; Mr. David Watkins Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Common Agricultural Policy (Agricultural Produce) (Protection of Community Arrangements) (Amendment) Order 1978; and Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1978, the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1978 and the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1978.
Judicature (Northern Ireland).—The Order made on 23rd November, That the Judgments Enforcement (Amendment) Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1676) do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

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

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 Spring, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Sydney Irving, and Mr. Ted Fletcher, 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 23rd February and to be printed [Bill 37].

Tobacco Products (Control of Advertising, Sponsorship and Sales Promotion) Bill.—Mr. Laurie Pavitt, supported by Dr. M. S. Miller, Sir George Young, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. McCusker, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. Robin Corbett, and Mrs. Renée Short, presented a Bill to provide for the control and regulation of advertising of tobacco products; and of other means of advertising such products; and for purposes connected therewith; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th February and to be printed [Bill 38].

Co-ownership of Flats Bill.—Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, supported by Mr. Frank Allaun, Mr. Stephen Ross, and Mr. Nicholas Scott, 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 26th January and to be printed [Bill 36].

Work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Resolved, That this House records its appreciation of the services of Sir Idwal Pugh and his predecessors in the offices of Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) and Health Service Commissioner, and takes note of the work of the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioners for Administration, in particular their Fourth Report (The Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Review of Access and Jurisdiction)) and their First Report (Independent Review of Hospital Complaints in the National Health Service) in Session 1977-78.—(Mr. Antony Buek.)

Industrial Development in the Northern Region.—Resolved, That this House, recognising the considerable contribution made to the Northern economy by regional assistance, calls on the Government to reaffirm its commitment to regional policy, and to consider increased help to special development areas, the introduction of further subsidies related to employment, and more help for small firms; and, while believing that the setting up of a development agency would be in the long-term interests of the North, requests the Government to provide for better co-ordination in the region, so that the North is able to speak with one voice.—(Mr. Giles Radice.)

Dentists.—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 Ancillary Dental Workers (Amendment) Regulations 1979, which were laid before this House on 2nd November, be approved.—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Legal Profession.—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 (Services of Lawyers) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 17th November, be approved.—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Hovercraft.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 7th November, 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 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 I

Friday 1st December 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:


Mr. Secretary Rees:

Constabulary (Ireland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th November 1978, entitled the Royal Irish Constabulary (Lump Sum Payments to Widows) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1692) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 28th November 1978, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1978 [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 40].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Social Security (Contributions) (Mariners) Amendment Regulations 1978 [by Act].

Social Security,—Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee on the Social Security (Contributions) (Mariners) Amendment Regulations 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 86].

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. Tony Newton (nominated in respect of the Banking Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Kenneth Baker.

[No. 24.]


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 4th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 61-ii].

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 auditors', and associates of auditors', interests in shares in, or debentures of, a client company; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th January and to be printed [Bill 39].

Supply [2nd 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 and the First and Second Special 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. 7402 and 7371).—(Mr. Edward du Cann.)
Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft European Assembly Constituencies (England) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, be approved—(Mr. Brynmor John);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Hamilton: 112.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Eddie Loyden: 23.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft European Assembly Constituencies (England) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, be approved.

Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft European Assembly Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, be approved—(Mr. Alf Bates);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Joseph Dean: 113.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. John Lee: 22.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft European Assembly Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, be approved.

Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft European Assembly Constituencies (Wales) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, be approved—(Mr. Alf Bates);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. James Tinn: 113.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Doug Hoyle: 26.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft European Assembly Constituencies (Wales) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, be approved.

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

[Adjourned at 11.29 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills (Substituted Bill) (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 appropriate thereto have been complied with, viz.:

East Kilbride District Council (Substituted 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 5th December and Memoranda laid before them; And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-vii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-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 28th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 93-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 5th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 44-ii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 5th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 94].

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 5th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 88].

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. 34-v].

Estate Agents Bill.—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee E, That they had gone through the Estate Agents Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 41].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 92].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Prosecution of Offences Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1357), referred to a Committee on 28th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 90].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. David Watkins reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Common Agricultural Policy (Agricultural Produce) (Protection of Community Arrangements) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1660), referred to a Committee on 28th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 89].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the British Railways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to education, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(1) any sums required by the Secretary of State for—

(i) making payments in respect of industrial scholarships, paying grants in connection with education in Welsh or defraying expenses incurred by bodies set up to discharge advisory functions relating to advanced further education, or

(ii) defraying administrative expenses;

(2) any increase in the sums so payable under the Local Government Act 1974 in consequence of—

(i) provisions extending the courses capable of designation under section 1 of the Education Act 1962 to include certain courses relating to the pursuit of professions or vocations and certain courses provided in conjunction with overseas institutions;

(ii) provisions requiring or authorising a local education authority to whom the provisions are applied at the discretion of the Secretary of State to bestow, in respect of attendance at courses of full-time education, awards on persons who have not attained the age of nineteen years before the beginning of the academic year in which they first attend the courses in question;

(iii) provisions resulting in expenditure by local education authorities otherwise than in respect of awards or grants. (Mrs. Secretary Williams.)

Social Security.—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Contributions, Re-Rating) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved.—(Mr. Eric Deakins.)

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill.—Ordered, That the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with as if it had been certified by Mr. Speaker as relating exclusively to Scotland.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

Ordered, That the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.18 p.m.

APPENDIX
Tuesday 5th December 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Offences Relating to Motor Vehicles.—Copy of statistics of offences relating to motor vehicles in England and Wales for 1977 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7349].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Saint Lucia.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Saint Lucia Termination of Association Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Prisons (Scotland).—Copy of the Report on Prisons in Scotland for 1977 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7391].
Mr. Secretary Smith:

Air Travel Reserve Fund.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Air Travel Reserve Fund Agency for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Merchant Shipping.—Copies of Regulations, dated 4th December 1978, entitled—

(1) the Merchant Shipping (Crew Agreements, Lists of Crew and Discharge of Seamen) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1756),
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Disciplinary Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1754),
(3) the Merchant Shipping (Official Log Books) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1755),
(4) the Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Documents) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1758), and
(5) the Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Wages and Accounts) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1757)

[by Act].

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

Tribunals and Inquiries.—Report of the Council on Tribunals for the year ended 31st July 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 74].

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Tuesday 5th December 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Merchant Shipping Bill to Standing Committee D, the draft Water Charges Equalisation Order 1978 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Cosmetic Products Regulations 1978 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 26]

Wednesday, 6th December, 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 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 (Sixth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 10-vi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-vii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee on 6th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 99-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 6th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 97-ii].

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 6th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 91].

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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 December. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 100].

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 draft African Development Bank (Privileges) Order 1978 and the draft International Lead and Zinc Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 28th November. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 95].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1978, the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1978 and the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1978, referred to a Committee on 28th November. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 96].

Films Bill.—Mr. Hugh Jenkins, supported by Mr. George Strauss, Mr. Bryan Magee, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Tom Arnold, Mr. Michael Shersby, and Mr. Jack Dunnet, presented a Bill to amend section 6 of the Films Act 1960: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 19th January and to be printed [Bill 42].

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 Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1978 with the substitution of half-past Two o'clock or four and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, for the provisions in paragraph (1)(b) of the Standing Order.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

Public Lending Right Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Public Lending Right Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Administration of scheme)—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley)—brought up, and read the first time. Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Debate arising;

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

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. James Tinn: 183.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Iain Sproat: 13.

So the Question was agreed to.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House proceeded to a Division, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Ayes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Noes had it.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Mason):

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. James Hamilton: 113.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Tom Litterick: 10.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved.
Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Ted Graham)—Debate arising:

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


Thursday, 7th December, 1978:

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

[Adjourned at 12.16 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 6th December 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 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Experiments on Living Animals,—Copy of Statistics relating to experiments on living animals in 1977 [by Command] [Cmd. 7333].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Criminal Statistics (Scotland),—Copy of statistics relating to crime and criminal proceedings in Scotland in 1977 [by Command] [Cmd. 7339].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Computers,—Copy of the Report of the Computer Board for Universities and Research Councils for the year ended 31st March 1977 [by Command] [Cmd. 7322].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Expenditure,—Copy of Government Observations on the Sixth Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1977-78, relating to defence expenditure [by Command] [Cmd. 7358].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd November 1978, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Lost Property) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1684) [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 Welsh National Water Development Authority (Plumstone Mountain) Compulsory Purchase Order 1978 [by Act].

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


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Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Merchant Shipping Bill, viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. David Price, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Neville Trotter, and Mr. Ken Weetch.

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Education Bill, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. A. J. Belth, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Rhodes Boyson, Mr. Mark Carlisle, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Keith Hampson, Miss Margaret Jackson, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. Timothy Raison, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Arnold Shaw, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. van Straubenzee, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

Scottish Grand Committee.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Ten Members to serve on the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Sir Frederic Bennett, Mr. William Clark, Mr. John Cockcroft, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Tom Normanton, Sir John Rodgers, and Sir Anthony Royle.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Water Charges Equalisation Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. David Atkinson, Mr. Vivian Bendall, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Alec Jones, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, 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 Cosmetic Products Regulations 1978, viz.: Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Ted Graham, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mrs. Jill Knight, Miss Joan Lester, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Michael Neuber, Mr. Richard Page, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. Timothy Smith, and Mr. John Wakeham.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 6th December 1978

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

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Peter Doig an additional Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Social Security Bill.

Thursday, 7th December, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Trade.—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of statistics relating to Overseas Trade of the United Kingdom for each month during 1979.—(Mr. Secretary Smith.)
Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee. That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table: and to be printed [No. 105].

Privileges.—Mr. G. R. Strauss reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred the matter of the complaint by Mr. Christopher Price, Member for Lewisham West, of the production of and reference to the Official Report of Debates in this House, without the leave of the House having been obtained, at the Central Criminal Court, in the case of Regina v. Aubrey, Berry and Campbell, 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. 102].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 101].

Race Relations and Immigration.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration. That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 7th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 73-iii].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Norway Pout (Prohibition of Fishing) (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1379), referred to a Committee on 24th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 101].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to re-state the power of the Forestry Commissioners to make grants and loans; and to provide for the metrification of enactments relating to forestry and forest lands; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Forestry Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to re-enact with amendments and to extend certain local enactments in force within the metropolitan county of West Yorkshire; to confer further powers on the West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council, the City of Bradford Metropolitan Council, the Borough Council of Calderdale, the Council of the Borough of Kirklees, the Leeds City Council and the Council of the City of Wakefield; to make further provision with regard to the environment, local government and improvement of the county; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [West Yorkshire Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to re-enact with amendments and to extend certain local enactments in force within the county of West Midlands; to confer further powers upon the West Midlands County Council, the Birmingham City Council, the Coventry City Council, the Council of the Borough of Dudley, the Sandwell Borough Council, the Solihull Borough Council, the Walsall Borough Council and the Wolverhampton Borough Council; to make further provision in regard to the improvement, health and local government of that county; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to re-enact with amendments and to extend certain local statutory provisions in force within the county of Merseyside; to confer further powers on the Merseyside County Council, the Liverpool City Council and the councils of the boroughs of Knowsley, St. Helens, Sefton and Wirral; to make further provision with respect to the local government, improvement and finances of the county and those local authorities; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [County of Merseyside Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to re-enact with amendments and to extend certain local enactments in force within the county of Cheshire; to confer further powers on the Cheshire County Council and local authorities in the county; to make further provision in regard to the environment, local government, improvement, health and finances of the county and those local authorities; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords].

Forestry Bill [Lords].—The Forestry Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 44].
West Yorkshire Bill [Lords].—The West Yorkshire Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords].—The West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

County of Merseyside Bill [Lords].—The County of Merseyside Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Industry Bill,—Mr. Secretary Varley, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Millian, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Secretary Booth, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, and Mr. Leslie 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 make provision with respect to the limits on sums borrowed by, or paid by Ministers of the Crown to, the National Enterprise Board, the Scottish Development Agency and the Welsh Development Agency and subsidiaries of theirs, on sums paid by the Treasury in pursuance of guarantees of loans to the Board or either of those Agencies and on loans guaranteed by the Board or either of those Agencies or subsidiaries of the Scottish Development Agency: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 40].

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, 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. James Tinn):—Debate arising;

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

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

Mr. 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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. John Lee: 106.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Joseph Dean: 338.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. John Lee: 92.

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.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

Civil Estimates (Classes II-XVII), 1979-80 (Vote on Account),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day, That a sum, not exceeding £17,470,584,900, 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 1980, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 55;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Tom Cox: 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. John Lee: 52.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £17,470,584,900, 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 1980, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 55.

Civil Estimates (Class XHIA), 1979-80 (Vote on Account),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day, That a sum, not exceeding £2,726,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for House of Commons: Administration for the year ending on 31st March 1980, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 59;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn: 192.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Ron Thomas: 57.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £2,726,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for House of Commons: Administration for the year ending on 31st March 1980, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 59.

Civil Supplementary Estimates, 1978-79.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day, That a further Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,860,115,000, 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 1979 for expenditure on Civil Services, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 53;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. John Evans: 201.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Ron Thomas: 46.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That a further Supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,860,115,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for Civil Services, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 53.

Defence Estimates, 1979-80 (Vote on Account),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day, That a sum, not exceeding £3,155,066,000, 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 1980, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 54;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Marshall, Mr. Tom Cox: 342.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Frank Allaun: 68.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £3,155,066,000, 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 1980, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 54.

Defence Supplementary Estimates, 1978-79.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day, That a further Supplementary sum, not exceeding £248,547,000, 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 1979 for expenditure on Defence Services, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 52;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Joseph Dean: 335.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Ron Thomas: 69.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That a further Supplementary sum, not exceeding £248,547,000, 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 1979 for expenditure on Defence Services, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 52.

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 1979 and 1980: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 43].

Strangers,—Notice being taken that Strangers were present, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 115 (Withdrawal of Strangers from House), put forthwith the Question, That Strangers do withdraw;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. John Lee: 2.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Peter Snape: 223.

So the Question was negatived.

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Common Agricultural Policy (Agricultural Produce) (Protection of Community Arrangements) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1660), a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved.—(Mr. Alf Bates):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Camden and elsewhere, for the allowing into the United Kingdom of Mr. Missah, a resident of Hamburg in the Federal Republic of Germany, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 7th December 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise.—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th November 1978, entitled the Customs Duties (Deferred Payment) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1725) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 102, 1978).—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on 8th December 1977, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Swiss Federal Council for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to taxes on income [by Command] [Cmnd. 7400].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

National Health Service (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th November 1978, entitled the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1762) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:


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

Distribution of German Enemy Property.—Account of the sums received and paid by the Administrator of German Enemy Property for the two years ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 103].
MEMORANDUM

Thursday 7th December 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 Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Water Charges Equalisation Order 1978; and Mr. J. D. Spence Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Cosmetic Products Regulations 1978.

Friday, 8th December, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Prices.—The Order made on 29th November, That the Indication of Prices (Beds) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1716) do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Private Bills.—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That in accordance with Standing Order 81 relating to Private Business (Division of Bills between this House and the House of Lords) he had conferred with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and they had determined that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:

- Cane Hill Cemetery,
- Dartmoor Commons,
- Greater Manchester,
- Greater Manchester Passenger Transport,
- Higher Avon Navigation,
- Isle of Wight,
- South Yorkshire,
- Tyne and Wear,
- University College London,
- Van Diemen's Land Company;

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

- Aberfan Disaster Fund,
- British Railways (No. 2),
- City of London (Various Powers),
- Felixstowe Dock and Railway,
- Greater London Council (General Powers),
- Ipswich Port Authority,
- London Transport,
- Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society,
- Severn-Trent Water Authority,
- Yorkshire Woollen District Transport.

Policy of Her Majesty's Government towards Economic Sanctions against Southern Africa.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses its concern that Her Majesty's Government may be intending to support the imposition of economic sanctions against South Africa and believes that such sanctions, if imposed, would be likely to be unenforceable, would be resented by the black as well as the white community in South Africa, would severely damage the economies of other states in Southern Africa and would have serious consequences for employment in the United Kingdom—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind):—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft International Lead and Zinc Study Group (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, 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 African Development Bank (Privileges) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Sea Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits) Order 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Sea Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the White Fish Authority (Research and Development Grants) Order 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Sea Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement) (Grants) (Variation) Scheme 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 8th December 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

European Monetary System.—Copy of a Resolution of the European Council, agreed in Brussels on 5th December 1978, on the European Monetary System [by Command] [Cmd. 7419].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Income Tax.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malawi) Order 1978, and
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Norway) (No. 2) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Housing (Scotland).—Draft of an Order, entitled the Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1979 [by Act].

Housing (Scotland).—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1979 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 62].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:


Social Security.—Copies of Regulations, dated 27th November 1978, entitled—

(1) the Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1698), and
(2) the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1703)
[by Act].

Social Security.—Report of the National Insurance Advisory Committee on the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations (S.I., 1978, No. 1703), preceded by a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services [by Act]; to be printed [No. 76].
Mr. Secretary Shore:


Pensions.—Copies of Regulations, dated 29th November 1978, entitled—
(1) the Local Government Superannuation (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1739), and
(2) the Local Government Superannuation (Social Security Requirements for Contracting-out) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1738) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Prices.—Copies of Orders—
(1) dated 29th November 1978, entitled the Indication of Prices (Beds) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1716), and
(2) dated 8th December 1978, entitled the Bread Prices (No. 2) Order 1976 (Amendment) (No. 7) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1790) [by Act]

[No. 29.]


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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the British Railways Bill; and the same were agreed to.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boydén reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 11th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 61-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 11th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-i].

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 Kearton to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee B appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, and to the Lord Boyd-Carpenter to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee E appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries.—(Mr. Russell Kerr.)

Government Oil Policies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House recognises the need for stability in oil supplies and prices; welcomes the massive opportunities which have been offered by the discovery of oil reserves offshore and onshore the United Kingdom and their successful development so far which has been primarily by private enterprise; believes that nationalisation would be counter-productive when applied to areas of such high commercial risk; and therefore calls upon Her Majesty's Government (a) to provide an economic climate in which private enterprise can continue to make its contribution to oilfield development, (b) to end the uncertainty which has been caused by the Secretary of State for Energy's approval of a motion at the Labour Party Conference calling for further nationalisation of North Sea oil, and (c) to clarify their intentions with regard to British Petroleum in the light of the Secretary of State for Energy's remarks on that company made at the Labour Party conference,—(Mr. Peter Viggers);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. Nigel Forman: 159.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Ernest Perry: 197.

So the Question was negatived.

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Appropriation (No. 4) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, be approved.—(Mr. Ray Carter.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Shops (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved.—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.48 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on 8th December 1978 pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments), and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Smith:

Civil Aviation,—Copies of Schemes, dated 8th December 1978, entitled—

(1) the Gatwick Airport—London Noise Insulation Grants (Second Amendment) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1797), and

(2) the Heathrow Airport—London Noise Insulation Grants (Second Amendment) Scheme 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1798)

[by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 11th December 1978:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th December 1978, entitled the Open cast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) (No. 4) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1802) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Fire Services,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd November 1978, entitled the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Scotland) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1727) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:


Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Census,—Copy of the Census 1971, relating to fertility tables—

(1) Volume I (One hundred per cent sample), and

(2) Volumes II and III (Ten per cent sample)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Smith:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th December 1978, entitled the Civil Aviation (Joint Financing) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1799) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the British Aerospace (Design, Development and Production of Civil Aircraft) (Payments) Order 1978 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Mason:


Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland),—Statements of Accounts of the Equal Opportunities Commission for Northern Ireland for—

1. the period 1st September 1976 to 31st March 1977, and

2. the year ended 31st March 1978 ;

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon [by Statutory Instrument] ; to be printed [Nos. 56 and 57].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:


Transport,—Copies of Orders, dated 4th December 1978, entitled—

1. the British Railways Board (Funding of Pension Schemes) (No. 6) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1743), and

2. the National Freight Corporation (Funding of Pension Schemes) (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1764)

[by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th December 1978, entitled the Colouring Matter in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1787) [by Act].

The Chairman of Ways and Means:

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure),—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Borough Council of Taff-Ely (Land at Central Park, Church Village) Appropriation Order 1978 [by Act].

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

Building Societies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st December 1978, entitled the Building Societies (Fees) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1752) [by Act].

[No. 30.]

Tuesday, 12th December, 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).

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 (Sixth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-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 A on 12th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 113-i].
Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34-vi].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Water Charges Equalisation Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 29th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 114].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Cunninghame District Council Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Monklands District Council Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the District Council of Renfrew Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

Nationalised Industries,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Kearton to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee B appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, and to the Lord Boyd-Carpenter to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee E appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, if their Lordships think fit.

Adjournment (Christmas and Winter).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House at its rising on Friday do adjourn till Monday 15th January and at its rising on Friday 23rd February do adjourn till Monday 5th March—(Mr. Michael Foot);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Tinn: 143.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Robert Adley: 23.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House at its rising on Friday do adjourn till Monday 15th January and at its rising on Friday 23rd February do adjourn till Monday 5th March.

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. John Evans.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1650) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Evans.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) Order 1977 (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1651) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Evans.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) Order 1977 (Variation) 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1652) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Evans.)

Water Services Charges (Rebates).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for rebates on water services (water rates) 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 (water rates) 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 19th January and to be printed [Bill 45].

Consolidated Fund Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund Bill;

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

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning:
Wednesday, 13th December, 1978:

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 Thomas Cox, Mr James Tinn: 152.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Hamilton, Mr. Robert McCrindle: 43.

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 a 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.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Havant Chapter Vigil Group and others for legislation to safeguard mental patients from electro-convulsive therapy was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Eleven o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 11 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 12th December 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Nepal,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 12th December 1978, concerning the gift of buildings to the Government of Nepal [by Command] [Cmnd. 7416].

Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 18th October 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 115].

Savings Banks,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Trustee Savings Banks (Amendment) Regulations 1979 [by Act].

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 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 6].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 103, 1978),—Copy of the European Agreement concerning the work of crews of vehicles engaged in international road transport (AETR), signed at Geneva between 1st July 1970 and 31st March 1971 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7401].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th March 1976, entitled the County Council of Avon (Moorlands Junior School, Bath) Compulsory Purchase Order 1976; with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Education and Science under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copies of the Reports on the Censuses of Production 1974 and 1975, relating to—

1. animal and poultry foods,
2. engineers' small tools and gauges, and
3. mining machinery

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th November 1978, entitled the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 363) [by Statutory Instrument].

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

National Research Development Corporation,—Statement of Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 116].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 12th December 1978

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. A. P. Costain an additional Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Social Security Bill in place of Mr. Peter Doig.

[No. 31.]

Wednesday, 13th December, 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).

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 Wages Councils Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to a Report, which they 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. 127].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 127].

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 Agricultural Statistics 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. 128].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 128].

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. 10-vii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-vii].

House of Commons (Services).—Mr. Michael Foot reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 119].

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 Catering Sub-Committee on 19th July 1978 in the last Session of Parliament: 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. 120].

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 13th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 117].

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 December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 121-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 Genetic Engineering Sub-Committee on 13th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 123-i].

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

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Cosmetic Products Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1354), referred to a Committee on 30th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 122].

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 13th December to be printed [No. 118-i].

Criminal Justice Act 1967 (Amendment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Criminal Justice Act 1967 by restricting the reporting of criminal proceedings in magistrates' courts; and for connected purposes—(Mr Nicholas Fairbairn);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Patrick Cormack : 183.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael English, Mr. George Gardiner : 163.

So the Question was agreed to.
Ordered, That Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. William Craig, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Mr. John Ryman, and Mrs. Renée Short, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Criminal Justice Act 1967 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Criminal Justice Act 1967 by restricting the reporting of criminal proceedings in magistrates' courts; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 19th January and to be printed [Bill 46].

The Government's Fight against Inflation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the achievement of the Government and the country in reducing the rate of inflation and supports the Government's objective of bringing it down further as a means of reducing unemployment, increasing industrial activity and improving real living standards—(Mr. Secretary Hattersley);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "while stressing the need to achieve a further reduction in the present high rate of inflation, 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", instead thereof.—(Mr. James Prior.)

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

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

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

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 279.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 283.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House, while stressing the need to achieve a further reduction in the present high rate of inflation, 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.

European Currency Unit and the European Monetary Co-operation Fund,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of EEC Document No. R/2790/1/78 on the European Currency Unit and the European Monetary Co-operation Fund—(Mr. Robert Sheldon);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words "welcomes the Prime Minister's refusal to tie the United Kingdom to the European Monetary System of exchange rate control; and welcomes the views of the Prime Minister expressed in this House on 6th December last concerning the control by Government and Parliament of the economic and financial affairs of the nation.—(Mr. Douglas Jay.)

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 Thursday morning:

Thursday, 14th December, 1978:

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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. John Evans: 111.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar, Dr. Colin Phipps: 33.

So the Question was agreed to.
And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC Document No. R/2790/1/78 on the European Currency Unit and the European Monetary Co-operation Fund; welcomes the Prime Minister's refusal to tie the United Kingdom to the European Monetary System of exchange rate control; and welcomes the views of the Prime Minister expressed in this House on 6th December last concerning the control by Government and Parliament of the economic and financial affairs of the nation.

Implications for the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Monetary System.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of EEC Document No. R/3126/78 on the Implications for the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Monetary System—(Dr. Gavin Strang);

The Question was amended, at the end, by adding the words “but urges Her Majesty's Government in discussing the application of the European Monetary System to the Common Agricultural Policy to press for the adoption of a more representative unit for the expression of common agricultural prices.”—(Mr. Brian Gould.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC Document No. R/3126/78 on the Implications for the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Monetary System, but urges Her Majesty's Government in discussing the application of the European Monetary System to the Common Agricultural Policy to press for the adoption of a more representative unit for the expression of common agricultural prices.

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

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

[Adjourned at 2.23 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 13th December 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Youth Custody and Supervision,—Copy of a Paper by the Home Secretary, entitled Youth Custody and Supervision: a New Sentence [by Command] [Cmnd. 7406].

Mr. Secretary Owen:


Mr. Secretary Booth:

International Labour Conference,—Copy of a Statement of proposed action by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on two Conventions and two Recommendations adopted at the 63rd Session (1977) of the International Labour Conference [by Command] [Cmnd. 7420].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Population Censuses and Surveys,—Copies of the Reviews of the Registrar General on—

1) births and patterns of family building,
2) deaths, and
3) deaths (childhood and maternity)
in England and Wales, for 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Continental Shelf,—Report by the Secretary of State for Energy under the Continental Shelf Act 1964 for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 37].


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Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Price Commission.—Copy of the Report of the Price Commission for the period 1st August 1978 to 31st October 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 109].

Mr. Attorney General:
Law Commissions.—Copy of a Report by the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission on the Customs and Excise Management Bill [by Command] [Cmnd. 7418].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Law Commissions.—Report by the Law Commission on the territorial and extraterritorial extent of the criminal law [by Act]; to be printed [No. 75].
Law Commissions.—Report of the Law Commission for the year ended 31st October 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 87].
National Radiological Protection Board.—Account of the National Radiological Protection Board for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 126].

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. Patrick Mayhew (nominated in respect of the Merchant Shipping Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Antony Buck.

[No. 32.]

Thursday, 14th December, 1978.

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

PRAYERS.

Private Bills [Lords] (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, originating in the Lords and referred after the First Reading thereof, the Standing Order not previously inquired into, which is applicable thereto, has been complied with, viz.:
West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords]
Bill to be read a second time.

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.:
West Yorkshire Bill [Lords]
County of Merseyside Bill [Lords]
Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords]
Bills to be read a second time.

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund Bill, without Amendment.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the transfer of certain records in the custody of the Registrar General to the Public Record Office; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Public Records Amendment Bill [Lords].

Royal Assent.—Mr. Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified Her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:
Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

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 the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 91].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 91].

Social Security Bill.—Mr. Michael English reported from Standing Committee D, that they had gone through the Social Security Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 48].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 131].

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, that they had considered the Criminal Justice (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. 130].

Countryside Bill.—Mr. Secretary Shore, supported by Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. John Silkin, Mr. Denis Howell, and Dr. Gavin Strang, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the conversion into agricultural land of moor and heath in National Parks, to provide for the diversion of footpaths and bridleways crossing land on which bulls are kept and otherwise to amend the law relating to National Parks and the Countryside: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 47].

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, at this day's sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business), the Motions relating to the Rate Support Grant Order 1978, the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1978, the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1978, and the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2) Order 1978 and the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1978, may be proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock but Mr. Speaker shall put any Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on those Motions not later than four hours after the Motion relating to the Rate Support Grant Order 1978 has been entered upon—(Mr. Michael Foot); An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 4, after the first "1978" to insert the word "and".—(Mr. Peter Emery)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Peter Emery: 177.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Evans, Mr. James Hamilton: 217.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business), the Motions relating to the Rate Support Grant Order 1978, the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1978, the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1978, and the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1978, may be proceeded with, though opposed, after Ten o'clock but Mr. Speaker shall put any Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on those Motions not later than four hours after the Motion relating to the Rate Support Grant Order 1978 has been entered upon.

Confidence in Her Majesty's Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House expresses its confidence in Her Majesty's Government and in its determination to strengthen the national economy, control inflation, reduce unemployment and secure social justice—(The Prime Minister);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 300.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 290.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That this House expresses its confidence in Her Majesty's Government and in its determination to strengthen the national economy, control inflation, reduce unemployment and secure social justice.

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Rate Support Grant Order 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Shore):

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

Friday, 15th December, 1978:

And it being four hours after the Motion had been entered upon, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 125.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Mr. John MacGregor: 103.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant Order 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved.

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day, That the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Order 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Shore):—It was agreed to.

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day, That the Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2) Order 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Shore):—It was agreed to.

Local Government (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to the Order this day, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1st December, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Millan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Joseph Dean: 127.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 104.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1st December, be approved.

Social Security.—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Mariners) Amendment Regulations 1978, which were laid before this House on 1st December, be approved.—(Mr. Eric Deakins).

Saint Lucia.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Saint Lucia Termination of Association Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved—(Mr. Ted Rowlands);

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 Saint Lucia Termination of Association Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 5th December, be approved.

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 1978, which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved—(Mr. John Evans):—It was agreed to.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes to Five o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 4.37 a.m.]
APPENDIX
Thursday 14th December 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Value Added Tax,—Copy of a Report by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise, entitled a Review of Value Added Tax [by Command] [Cmnd. 7415].

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 29th November 1978, entitled—
(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 3) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1741), and
(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1742)
[by Act].

Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund,—Supplementary Statements showing details of the transactions on the Consolidated Fund in the year ended 31st March 1978; 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. 107].

Income Tax,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Jordan) Order 1978,
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Venezuela) Order 1978, and
(3) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Luxembourg) Order 1978
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Dangerous Drugs,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd November 1978, entitled the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (Scotland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1761) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Defence,—Copy of the United States Mutual Defence Assistance Programme Equipment Disposal Deposit Account for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7414].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training,—Copy of the Report and Statement of Accounts of the Shipbuilding Industry Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
National Health Service,—Report on the use of National Health Service hospital accommodation and services in England for the private practice of medicine during 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 110].

Mr. Secretary Smith:
Cinematograph Films,—Report of the Cinematograph Films Council for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 3].

Civil Aviation,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Aviation Security Fund (Amendment Regulations 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Morris:
New Towns,—Report of the Cwmbran Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 78].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland Appropriation Accounts,—Northern Ireland Appropriation Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1978 with the Consolidated Fund Services Account; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon, and on the Revenue Accounts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 79].
Legal Aid and Advice.—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th November 1978, entitled the Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 367) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission.—Report of the Price Commission on Air Products Limited—Merchant Industrial Gases [by Act]; to be printed [No. 124].

Price Commission.—Report of the Price Commission on prices, costs and margins in the production and distribution of toothpaste [by Act]; to be printed [No. 125].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

House of Commons Offices.—Report of the Commissioners for regulating the Offices of the Houses of Commons, for the year ended 31st March 1978.

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

Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund.—Accounts of payments into and out of the National Loans Fund in the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 106].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 14th December 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 Merchant Shipping Bill; and Mrs. Lena Jeger Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Education Bill.

[No. 33.]

Friday, 15th December, 1978.

The House met at Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

East Kilbride District Council Bill.—A Bill to enact provisions with respect to the transfer to East Kilbride District Council of the interest of East Kilbride Development Corporation in dwellings and of any associated property, rights, liabilities and obligations in the new town of East Kilbride; and for connected purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

House of Commons Commission.—Ordered, That Mr. Robert Cooke and Mr. Cledwyn Hughes be appointed members of the House of Commons Commission under the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes to Four o’clock, adjourned till Monday 15th January, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 12th December.

[Adjourned at 3.50 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 15th December 1978

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Pensions.—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 13th December 1978, entitled the Parliamentary Pensions (Purchase of Added Years) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1837), and


[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation.—Copy of the Report of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for 1977 [by Command].
Mr. Michael Foot:


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

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—First Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1978-79 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 111].


Supreme Court (Accounts).—Account of the receipts and expenditure of the High Court and the Court of Appeal for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 112].

Taxes.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

1. the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and on Gifts) (Republic of South Africa) Order 1978, and
2. the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and on Gifts) (United States of America) Order 1978 [by Act].

[No. 34.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of the Right honourable Sir Arthur Irvine, Q.C., Member for Liverpool, Edge Hill, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the Right honourable Member.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, 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 part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee C on 13th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 142].

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

Forestry Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Forestry Bill [Lords] be referred to Second Reading Committee. [Mrs. Ann Taylor.]

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

The Civil Service.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Eleventh Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1976-77, the Twelfth Report last Session, and the related Government Observations (Command Paper No. 7117) on the Civil Service. [Mr. James Boyden.]

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Justice (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 Tinn]—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make new provision for Scotland with respect to police powers of detention, to amend the law relating to bail and the interim liberation of accused persons, and to provide for grants...
to local authorities in respect of expenditure incurred by them in providing hostel accommodation for persons under supervision, 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 residential accommodation wholly or mainly for the persons mentioned in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of section 27(1)(b) of that Act;

(b) under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1967;

(c) by way of rate support grant.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

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. Tom Litterick and inserting Mr. Allen McKay.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (Presentation of Command Papers), and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Public Boards,—Copy of a list, with salaries, of members of public boards of a commercial character, as at 1st December 1978, together with a list of those holding more than one appointment [Cmnd. 7417].

Greece (No. 1, 1979).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Athens on 31st August 1978 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Hellenic Republic, in respect of the regulation of the taxation of road vehicles in international traffic (the Agreement is not in force) [Cmnd. 7409].


School Governing Bodies,—Copy of Government proposals on the composition of school governing bodies [Cmnd. 7430].


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 (Non-Contributory Invalidity Pension) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1845) [Cmnd. 7427].

Science and Technology,—Copy of Government Observations on the Fourth Report from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 1977-78, on the “Eleni V” [Cmnd. 7429].

Monopolies and Mergers,—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the supply of petrol in the United Kingdom by wholesale [Cmnd. 7433].

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

15th December 1978

18th December 1978

Gas,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th December 1978, entitled the Gas (Consumers' Deposits) (Rate of Interest) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1848) [by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th December 1978, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1794) [by Act].

19th December 1978


Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th December 1978, entitled the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) (Paper, Paperboard and Printed Products) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1866) [by Act].

20th December 1978

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th December 1978, entitled the Local Authorities (Allowances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1816) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 11th December 1978, entitled—
(1) the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1811), and
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Fees) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1810)
[by Act].

21st December 1978

Customs and Excise,—Copies of Orders, dated 20th December 1978, entitled—
(1) the Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No. 1) Order 1968 (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1883), and
(2) the Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No. 1) Order 1975 (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1882)
[by Act].

Charities,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th December 1978, entitled the Charities (Methodist Church) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1836) [by Act].


Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th December 1978, entitled the Brucellosis (Scotland) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1875) [by Act].

22nd December 1978

Criminal Law,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th December 1978, entitled the Prosecution of Offences (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1846) [by Act].

Food and Drugs,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th December 1978, entitled the Welfare Food (Amendment No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1876) [by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 7th December 1978, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1832), and
(2) 12th December 1978, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval and Approval Marks) (Fees) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1831)
[by Act].

27th December 1978

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st December 1978, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Quota and Other Reliefs) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1933) [by Act].

28th December 1978

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd December 1978, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (Amendment No. 5) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1941) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th December 1978, entitled the Morecambe Bay Mussel Fishery Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1854) [by Act].

29th December 1978

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th December 1978, entitled the Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1847) [by Act].


Merchandise Marks.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th December 1978, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1870) [by Act].

Food and Drugs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st December 1978, entitled the Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1927) [by Act].

2nd January 1979


3rd January 1979

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th December 1978, entitled the Local Authorities (Allowances) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1879) [by Act].


Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th December 1978, entitled the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 4) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1950) [by Act].


Fugitive Criminal.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 20th December 1978, entitled—

(1) the Extradition (Genocide) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1886),
(2) the Extradition (Hijacking) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1887),
(3) the Extradition (Protection of Aircraft) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1888),
(4) the Extradition (Tokyo Convention) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1889), and
(5) the Fugitive Offenders (Designated Commonwealth Countries) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1905) [by Act].

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 20th December 1978, entitled—

(1) the Dockyard Port of Chatham Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1880), and
(2) the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1881) [by Act].


Pensions.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 20th December 1978, entitled the Naval, Military and Air Forces, etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Amendment Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1902) [by Act].


(1) the South Africa (Prohibited Exports and Transactions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1894),
(2) the South Africa (United Nations Arms Embargo) (Prohibited Transactions) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1895),
(3) the South Africa (United Nations Arms Embargo) (Prohibited Transactions) (Guernsey) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1896),
(4) the South Africa (United Nations Arms Embargo) Prohibited Transactions (Isle of Man) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1897), and
4th January 1979

Merchant Shipping.—Copies of Rules, dated 19th December 1978, entitled—
(1) the Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1873), and
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) (Amendment) Rules 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1874)
[by Act].

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th December 1978, entitled the Drivers' Hours (Keeping of Records) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1878) [by Act].

5th January 1979

National Debt.—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th December 1978, entitled the Savings Certificates (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1855) [by Act].

Consumer Protection.—Copy of an Order, dated 4th January 1979, entitled the Petrol Prices (Display) (Amendment) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 4) [by Act].

Road Traffic.—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 20th December 1978, entitled the Minibus (Designated Bodies) (Amendment) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1930), and
[by Act].

8th January 1979

Protection of Wrecks.—Copy of an Order, dated 4th January 1979, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Revocation) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 6) [by Act].


Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th December 1978, entitled the Drivers' Hours (Keeping of Records) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I. 1978, No. 1938) [by Act].

9th January 1979

Pensions.—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th December 1978, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1926) [by Act].

Social Security.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th January 1979, entitled the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Consequential Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 9) [by Act].

10th January 1979

Public Health.—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd January 1979, entitled the Motor Fuel (Lead Content of Petrol) (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 1) [by Act].

11th January 1979

Pensions.—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd January 1979, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 2) [by Act].

12th January 1979

Civil Aviation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd January 1979, entitled the Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers' Licensing) (Third Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 5) [by Act].


Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 15th January 1979:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Malta.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 15th January 1979, concerning the gift of assets to the Government of Malta [by Command] [Cmd. 7437].

Bank Notes.—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated—
(1) 19th, 20th, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th and 31st October and 1st November 1978,
(2) 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th November 1978,
(3) 15th, 16th and 17th November 1978,
(4) 28th November and 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th December 1978, and
(5) 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 27th December 1978
relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 143 to 147].

Civil Appropriation Accounts,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by
Parliament for Civil Services, for the year ended 31st March 1978 (Classes II and III); with
the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain
Store Accounts, Classes II and III [by Act]; to be printed [No. 137].

Coal Industry,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 26th October 1978
on loans proposed to be raised by the National Coal Board [by Act]; to be printed
[No. 148].

Defence Accounts,—Accounts of the Defence Services for the year ended 31st March
1978, comprising—
(1) Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Defence
Services, Class I, and
(2) Production Accounts and Balance Sheets as at 31st March 1978 of Her
Majesty’s Dockyards and other establishments
[by Act]; to be printed, together with the Civil Appropriation Accounts for the year
ended 31st March 1978 [No. 137].

Duchy of Lancaster,—Account of the receipts and disbursements of the Duchy of
Lancaster in the year ended 29th September 1978; with a separate Account of the
capital of the said Duchy to the same date [by Act].

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 1978; with the
Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].

National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th
October 1978 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act];
to be printed [No. 149].

New Towns,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th October and
3rd November 1978 on loans raised by certain Development Corporations [by Act];
to be printed [Nos. 150 to 154].

Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th October 1978
on a loan raised by the British Railways Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 155].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.,—Copy of the Report of the Registrar
General for Scotland for 1977—
(1) Part I, mortality statistics, and
(2) Part II, population and vital statistics
[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 1978 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Pensions,—Copy of a List of exceptional awards of pensions and allowances sanctioned by the Treasury to disabled members and the dependants of deceased members of the armed forces during the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Smith:
Airports Authority,—Copies of statements of determination of the pensions payable
to two former members of the British Airports Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production,—Copies of the Reports on the Censuses of Production 1974
and 1975, relating to—
(1) abrasives,
(2) aerospace equipment, manufacturing and repairing,
(3) aluminium and aluminium alloys,
(4) brewing and malting,
(5) British wines, cider and perry,
(6) broadcast receiving and sound reproducing equipment,
(7) brushes and brooms,
(8) carpets,
(9) coal mining,
(10) corsets and miscellaneous dress industries,
(11) cutlery, spoons, forks and plated tableware, etc.,
(12) electrical appliances primarily for domestic use,
(13) electrical machinery,
(14) electricity,
(15) fertilisers,
(16) fur,
(17) gas,
(18) glass,
(19) gramophone records and tape recordings,
(20) hand tools and implements,
(21) hosiery and other knitted goods,
(22) household textiles and handkerchiefs,
(23) industrial engines,
(24) iron castings, etc.,
(25) lace,
(26) leather goods,
(27) linoleum, plastics floor covering, leathercloth, etc.,
(28) locomotives, railway track equipment, railway carriages, wagons and trams,
(29) margarine,
(30) mechanical handling equipment,
(31) metal furniture,
(32) metal hollow-ware,
(33) metal-working machine tools,
(34) milk and milk products,
(35) miscellaneous manufacturing industries,
(36) miscellaneous stationers' goods,
(37) miscellaneous wood and cork manufactures,
(38) narrow fabrics,
(39) office machinery,
(40) overalls and men's shirts, underwear, etc.,
(41) paint,
(42) petroleum and natural gas,
(43) pharmaceutical chemicals and preparations,
(44) photographic chemical materials,
(45) pottery,
(46) printing, bookbinding and paper goods machinery,
(47) printing ink,
(48) pumps, valves and compressors,
(49) radio, radar and electronic capital goods,
(50) refrigerating machinery, space-heating, ventilating and air-conditioning equipment,
(51) rope, twine and net,
(52) rubber,
(53) scales and weighing machinery and portable tools,
(54) scientific and industrial instruments and systems,
(55) shipbuilding and marine engineering,
(56) soft drinks,
(57) spirit distilling and compounding,
(58) sports equipment,
(59) starch and miscellaneous foods,
(60) telegraph and telephone apparatus and equipment,
(61) textile machinery and accessories,
(62) timber,
(63) toilet preparations,
(64) vegetable and animal oils and fats,
(65) wallcoverings,
(66) warp knitting,
(67) weatherproof outerwear,
(68) weaving of cotton, linen and man-made fibres, and
(69) women's and girls' tailored outerwear

[by Act].

Iron and Steel.—Statement of appointment of two full-time and seven part-time members, and re-appointment of two members, of the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

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

Mr. Secretary Mason:

County Courts.—Copies of Rules, dated—

(1) 8th December 1978, entitled the County Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 370),
(2) 14th December 1978, entitled the County Court (Blood Tests) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 378), and
(3) 14th December 1978, entitled the County Court (Mental Health Act) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 380)

[by Statutory Instrument].

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Magistrates’ Courts.—Copies of Rules, dated 13th December 1978, entitled—
(1) the Magistrates’ Courts (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 374),
(2) the Magistrates’ Courts (Blood Tests) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1978 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1978, No. 376), and

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:—
Price Commission,—Reports by the Price Commission on—
(1) the Dollond and Aitchison Group, prices, charges and margins for optical products, and
(2) Thermos Limited, vacuum ware

[by Act] ; to be printed [Nos. 134 and 135].

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th January 1979, entitled the Butter Prices (Amendment) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 34) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Foot:—

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, on 18th October 1978, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:—
Agriculture,—Copy of the Review of Agriculture for 1979 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7436].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Donald Anderson (nominated in respect of the Education Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Barry Jones.

[No. 35.]

Tuesday, 16th January, 1979.

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.:—

Aberfan Disaster Fund.
British Railways (No. 2).
Cane Hill Cemetery [Lords].
City of London (Various Powers).
Dartmoor Commons [Lords].
Felixstowe Dock and Railway.
Greater London Council (General Powers).
Greater Manchester [Lords].
Greater Manchester Passenger Transport [Lords].
Ipswich Port Authority.
Isle of Wight [Lords].
London Transport.
Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society.
Severn-Trent Water Authority.
South Yorkshire.
Tyne and Wear [Lords].
University College, London [Lords].
Van Diemen’s Land Company [Lords].
Yorkshire Woollen District Transport.
Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

East Kilbride District Council Bill,—Ordered, That the East Kilbride District Council Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

West Yorkshire Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the West Yorkshire Bill [Lords] 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).

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 16th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 158-i].

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 the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board and the South of Scotland Electricity Board and to functions of the Secretary of State in relation to the generation and distribution of electricity in Scotland with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Scottish Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Electricity (Scotland) Bill [Lords]].

House of Lords Offices,—The Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to give leave to Robert Gordon Cooke, Esquire, a Member of their House, and to Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Francis Thorne, the Serjeant at Arms attending their House, and to Donald William Limon, Esquire, a Clerk of their House, to attend to be examined as witnesses before the Administration Sub-Committee of the Select Committee appointed by the Lords on House of Lords Offices.

Electricity (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Electricity (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 50].

House of Lords Offices,—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message this day as requests the attendance of Robert Gordon Cooke, Esquire, a Member of this House, Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Francis Thorne, the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, and Donald William Limon, Esquire, a Clerk of this House, before the Administration Sub-Committee of the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on House of Lords Offices be now considered.

So much of the Lords Message considered accordingly.

Resolved, That Robert Gordon Cooke, Esquire, a Member of this House, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he thinks fit.

Resolved, That Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Francis Thorne, the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, and Donald William Limon, Esquire, a Clerk of this House, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Aviation Security Fund (Amendment) Regulations 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft British Aerospace (Design, Development and Production of Civil Aircraft) (Payments) 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) (Norway) (No. 2) 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) (Malawi) 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 (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Jordan) 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) (Luxembourg) 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 (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Venezuela) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Ghost Workers (Abolition).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it an offence both to pay, and to receive, wages paid out to workers in the newspaper industry who are retired or deceased; 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: 219.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Arnold Shaw: 177.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Andrew McKay, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. W. Benyon, and Mr. George Gardiner, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Ghost Workers (Abolition) Bill.—Mr. Nicholas Ridley accordingly presented a Bill to make it an offence both to pay, and to receive, wages paid out to workers in the newspaper industry who are retired or deceased; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th February and to be printed [Bill 49].

Supply [4th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

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

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 301.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Housing (Scotland).—Resolved, That the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 8th December, be approved.—(Mr. Hugh D. Brown.)

Ways and Means.—Banking.—Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to confer functions on the Bank of England with respect to the control of institutions carrying on deposit-taking businesses and to give further protection to persons who are depositors with such institutions, it is expedient that charges to income tax and corporation tax be imposed by provisions relating to the treatment for the purposes of the Tax Acts of payments made to institutions by the Deposit Protection Board established by that Act.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

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

Wednesday, 17th January, 1979:

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

[Adjourned at 12.17 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Tuesday 16th January 1979

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) (Canada) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Charities.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Charities (Sackville College East Grinstead) Order 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
Canada (No. 1, 1979).—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on 8th September 1978 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Canada, 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] [Cmnd. 7413].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Superannuation.—Report by the Government Actuary on the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme (England and Wales) for the years 1971 to 1976 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 136].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Defence (Royal Navy).—List of exceptions to the Queen's Regulations as to pay, non-effective pay and allowances during the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Health Service Commissioner.—First Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1978-79 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 98].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production.—Copies of the Reports on the Censuses of Production 1974 and 1975, relating to—
(1) building bricks and non-refractory goods,
(2) cardboard boxes, cartons and fibre-board packing cases,
(3) formulated adhesives, gelatine, etc.,
(4) inorganic chemicals,
(5) miscellaneous chemicals,
(6) sugar,
(7) surgical bandages, etc., and
(8) trailers, caravans and freight containers
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Acquisition of Land.—Copy of an Order, dated 24th February 1978, entitled the Lewes District Council (The Dripping Pan) Appropriation 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 Benn:
Nuclear Industry (Finance).—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Energy with the consent of the Treasury on 20th December 1978 on a loan facility arranged by British Nuclear Fuels Limited [by Act]; to be printed [No. 132].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport.—Third Report of the British Railways Board on organisation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 2].

Mr. John Silkin:
Eggs Authority.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Eggs Authority for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
National Land Fund.—Account of the National Land Fund for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 140].

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill to the First Scottish Standing Committee; the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978, the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) Order 1977 (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1978 and the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) Order 1977 (Variation) Order 1978 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Aviation Security Fund (Amendment) Regulations 1979 and the draft British Aerospace (Design, Development and Production of Civil Aircraft) (Payments) Order 1978 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Norway) (No. 2) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malawi) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Jordan) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Luxembourg) Order 1978 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Venezuela) 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. R. Bonner Pink an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill.

[No. 36.]


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 (Eighth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-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 Environment Sub-Committee on 17th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 99-ii].

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

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 97-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 17th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 100-ii].

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 January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 121-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 Genetic Engineering Sub-Committee on 17th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 123-ii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Water Industry (Consumer Council).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a consumer council for the water industry—(Mr. Tony Durant);

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. Tony Durant, Mr. Ian Gow: 89.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. A. W. Stallard: 106.

So the Question was negatived.

House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Increase of number of constituencies in Northern Ireland).

Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 1, line 10, to leave out the words "18 or less than 16" and insert the words "24 or less than 21".—(The Reverend Ian Paisley.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising;
And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

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

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr. Peter Snape);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates: 162.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Ron Thomas: 32.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.

House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Increase of number of constituencies in Northern Ireland).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 3) be made:—Debate arising;
Mr. Walter Harrison rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Joseph Dean: 150.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Stan Thorne: 27.

Question put accordingly, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, The Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr. James Kilfedder: 0.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Evans: 179.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 10, to leave out "18" and insert "16".—(Mr. Kevin McNamara.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Eddie Loyden: 17.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Thomas Cox: 151.
Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed, in page 1, line 18, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Kevin McNamara)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. George Rodgers: 19.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. James Hamilton: 113.

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 Amendments proposed thereto, put forthwith 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. Peter Snape, Mr. Joseph Dean: 114.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Stan Thorne: 18.

Clause No. 2 (Citation).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Ted Graham: 113.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Tom Litterick: 18.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph Dean 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 proposed, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Mr. A. W. Stallard);

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. 53 (Re-committal of Bills).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Miss Jo Richardson: 18.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Bryan Davies: 112.

So the Question was negatived.

Strangers,—Notice being taken that Strangers were present, Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 115 (Withdrawal of Strangers from House), put forthwith the Question, That Strangers do withdraw.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Gerry Fitt, Mr. Tom Litterick: 7.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. John Evans: 112.

So the Question was negatived.

House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. John Evans: 104.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. John Ellis: 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.10 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Public Expenditure.—Copy of a Paper, entitled the Government's Expenditure Plans, 1979-80 to 1982-83 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7439].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 18th and 19th December 1978, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 156].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th January 1979, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Footwear, Leather and Fur Skin) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 11) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Acquisition of Land.—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd August 1978, entitled the Calderdale (Tar Hill, Halifax) Appropriation 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].

Housing.—Copy of the Report of the Housing Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
1. the Judgments Enforcement and Debts Recovery (Northern Ireland) Order 1979, and
2. the Judgments Enforcement (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Consumer Protection.—Copy of an Order, dated 16th January 1979, entitled the Balloon-Making Compounds (Safety) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 44) [by Act].

Weights and Measures.—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th January 1979, entitled the Measuring Instruments (Intoxicating Liquor) (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 41) [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 Aylesbury Vale District Council (The Green, Soulbury) Compulsory Purchase Order 1975 [by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on—
1. the Petition [2nd August] from Taunton and district for the establishment of a local radio station in Taunton, and
2. the Petition [7th December] from residents of Camden and elsewhere for the allowing into the United Kingdom of Mr. Missah, a resident of Hamburg in the Federal Republic of Germany [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the Petition [28th November] from Upton, Dorset, for the retention of the sixth form at Lytchett Minster Upper Comprehensive School [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Mike Noble (nominated in respect of the Education Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Gerry Fowler.
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 Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. Donald Dewar, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Tom McMillan, Mr. Ronald King Murray, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. James White, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

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 Forestry Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. John Parker, Mr. John Peyton, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, Dr. Gavin Strang, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. John Watkinson, 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 Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 3) Order 1978, the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) Order 1977 (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1978, the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) Order 1977 (Variation) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Ellis, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Sidney Tierney, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Patrick Wall, and Mr. Hamish Watt.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Aviation Security Fund (Amendment) Regulations 1979 and the draft British Aerospace (Design, Development and Production of Civil Aircraft) (Payments) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. R. E. Bean, Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Clinton Davies, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Jo Grimond, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Leslie Huckfield, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Ron Thomas, Mr. Neville Trotter, and Mr. Kenneth Warren.

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) (Norway) (No. 2) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malawi) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Jordan) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Luxembourg) Order 1978, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Venezuela) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. Anthony Newton, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. John Roper, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. John Wakeham, Mr. Michael Ward, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the powers conferred by section 52(c) of the National Health Service Act 1977 and to amend certain provisions of that Act relating to the Public Health Laboratory Service Board ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Public Health Laboratory Service Bill [Lords].

Public Health Laboratory Service Bill [Lords].—The Public Health Laboratory Service Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 51].
Industry Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industry Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word “ That ” to the end of the Question and add the words “ this House, while accepting the usefulness of a significant part of the work of the Scottish and Welsh Development Agencies, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which is based on totally inadequate documentary evidence of the performance and prospects of the National Enterprise Board ”, instead thereof.—(Sir Keith Joseph.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising;
And if 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. Alf Bates.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 18th January 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Forestry,—Accounts of the Forestry Commission Forestry Enterprise for the year ended 31st March 1978, 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 1978 [No. 108].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Miscellaneous (No. 1, 1979),—Copy of the Report of the Gilbert Islands Constitutional Conference, held at London between 21st November and 7th December 1978 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7445].


Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Children,—Copy of a Report by the Secretaries of State for Social Services and for Wales on particulars of the number of children in care of local authorities, the manner of their accommodation, and the estimated cost of maintenance; and the number of children in registered voluntary homes or boarded out by voluntary organisations [by Act]; to be printed [No. 129].

Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th January 1979, entitled the Food Hygiene (Ships) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 27) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Smith:

Protection of Aircraft,—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade of the number of notices served by him under section 8 and the number of directions given by him under sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Protection of Aircraft Act 1973, during 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. John Silkin:

Forestry,—Copy of the Report of the Forestry Commissioners for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act]; to be printed, together with the accounts of the Forestry Commission Forestry Enterprise for the year ended 31st March 1978. [No. 108].

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 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 162].
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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 Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill; Mr. David Watkins an additional Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Companies Bill; Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Forestry Bill [Lords]; and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Norway) (No. 2) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malawi) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Jordan) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Luxembourg) Order 1978, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Venezuela) Order 1978.

Friday, 19th January, 1979.

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 draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1978 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. 4) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1950) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Official Information Bill,—The Official Information 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).

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;

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 2nd February.

Handicapped and Deprived Children (Abolition of Corporal Punishment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Handicapped and Deprived Children (Abolition of Corporal Punishment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 2nd February.

Films Bill,—The Films Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee upon Friday next.

Water Services Charges (Rebates) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Services Charges (Rebates) Bill;

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

Criminal Justice Act 1967 (Amendment) Bill,—The Criminal Justice Act 1967 (Amendment) 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).

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-seven minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

Adjourned at 4.33 p.m.
APPENDIX I
Friday 19th January 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Portugal,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 19th January 1979, concerning the gift of military equipment to the Government of Portugal [by Command] [Cmd. 7444].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Medicines,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th January 1979, entitled the Medicines (Prescriptions Only) Amendment Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 36) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Smith:
Protection of Wrecks,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th January 1979, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 1) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 31) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production,—Copies of the Reports on the Censuses of Production 1974 and 1975, relating to—
1. bacon curing, meat and fish products,
2. shop and office fittings, and
3. wooden containers and baskets
[by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:
Medical Profession,—Copy of an Order of Council, dated 11th January 1979, entitled the General Medical Council (Review Board for Overseas Qualified Practitioners Rules) Order of Council 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 29) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Agriculture,—Copies of Regulations, dated 10th January 1979, entitled—
1. the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968 (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 25), and
2. the Cereals Marketing Act 1965 (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 26)
[by Act].

Medicines,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th January 1979, entitled the Medicines (Exemptions from Restrictions on the Retail Sale or Supply of Veterinary Drugs) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 45) [by Act].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 4) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Ellis, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Patrick Wall, and Mr. Hamish Watt.

MEMORANDUM
Friday 19th January 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 4) Order 1978 to the First 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 (see Appendix I).

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee. That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 163].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 165].

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 January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 61-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 22nd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-ii].

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

Adjournment (Effect of industrial unrest),—Mr. William Shelton, Member for Lambeth, Streatham, 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 increasing hardship and privation caused to the citizens of this country by the present industrial unrest; 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 Seven o'clock this evening.

Weights and Measures Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Weights and Measures 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 Hamilton: 198.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Clement Freud: 41.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Adjournment (Effect of industrial unrest),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. William Shelton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 281.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Bryan Davies: 305.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to weights and measures, it is expedient to authorise—
(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums required to defray the expenses of any body established by or under that Act, the administrative expenses of the Secretary of State under that Act and any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided;

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums received by the Secretary of State by virtue of that Act and any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable by virtue of any other Act into that Fund.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.48 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 22nd January 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Smith:
Companies,—Copies of Regulations, dated 19th January 1979, entitled—
(1) the Companies (Annual Return) (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 54), and
(2) the Companies (Registers and other Records) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 53)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production,—Copies of Reports on the Censuses of Production 1974 and 1975, relating to—
(1) ball, roller, plain and other bearings,
(2) biscuits,
(3) cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery,
(4) motor vehicle manufacturing,
(5) spinning and doubling on the cotton and flax systems, and
(6) textile finishing
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Morris:
Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st October 1978, entitled The County of Mid Glamorgan (Aberkenfig By-Pass) (No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order 1978; with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Wales under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Supreme Court of Judicature,—Copy of Rules, dated 12th January 1979, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment) 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 35) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee E Mrs. Ann Taylor (nominated in respect of the Education Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Caerwyn Roderick.
MEMORANDUM

Monday 22nd January 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Spence Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978, the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) Order 1977 (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1978, the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) Order 1977 (Variation) Order 1978 and the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 4) Order 1978.

[No. 40.]


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

PRAYERS.

Aberfan Disaster Fund Bill.—A Bill to provide for the repayment to the Aberfan Disaster Fund Management Committee of money contributed by them towards the cost of removing tip waste; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

British Railways (No. 2) 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 empower the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Board and the Company; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

City of London (Various Powers) Bill.—A Bill to empower the Conservators of Epping Forest to grant to the Secretary of State interests or rights in land for road purposes; to provide for the alteration of the site of Billingsgate Market; to empower the Board of Governors of the Museum of London to make charges for admission; to make further provisions with respect to Tower Bridge and Spitalfields Market; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill.—A Bill to empower the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company to construct works; to authorise the raising of additional capital and to provide for the capitalising of reserves and other funds; to extend and alter the limits of the dock; to confer further powers on the Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

Ipswich Port Authority Bill.—A Bill to extend the time for the completion of the works authorised by the Ipswich Dock Act 1971; to increase the borrowing powers of the Ipswich Port Authority; and for connected purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

London Transport Bill.—A Bill to empower the London Transport Executive to construct works and to acquire lands; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain lands; to confer further powers on the Executive; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society Bill.—A Bill to repeal the Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society’s Act 1902 and to make new provision for the regulation and management of the Society; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Severn-Trent Water Authority Bill.—A Bill to repeal the Dudley Sewage Act 1879; to confer powers on the Severn-Trent Water Authority; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Yorkshire Woollen District Transport Bill.—A Bill to release the Yorkshire Woollen District Transport Company Limited from liability to make payments to the Councils of the City of Wakefield and the Borough of Kirklee under the Yorkshire (Woollen District) Transport Act 1931 and the Dewsbury and Ossett Passenger Transport Act 1933; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords];

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

County of Merseyside Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of Merseyside Bill [Lords];

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

East Kilbride District Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Kilbride District Council Bill;

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

West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords];

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

West Yorkshire Bill [Lords].—The West Yorkshire Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix 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 23rd January and Memoranda laid before them : And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report). Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-x]. Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-xi].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 23rd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 166].

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 (Seventh Report). Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34-viii].

Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill.—Mr. Richard Crawshaw reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 53]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 167].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Lead Content of Petrol.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce the permitted lead content of petrol; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Andrew MacKay, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. George Robertson, and Mr. J. W. Rooker, do prepare and bring it in.

Lead Content of Petrol Bill.—Mr. Archie Hamilton accordingly presented a Bill to reduce the permitted lead content of petrol; 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 52].
Industry Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment proposed to be made to the Question proposed on 18th January, That the Industry Bill be now read a second time;

Which Amendment was, to leave out from the word “That” to the end of the Question and add the words “this House, while accepting the usefulness of a significant part of the work of the Scottish and Welsh Development Agencies, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which is based on totally inadequate documentary evidence of the performance and prospects of the National Enterprise Board”, 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;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 295.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 39 (Amendment on second or third reading);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Joseph Dean: 294.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 275.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision with respect to the limits on sums borrowed by, or paid by, Ministers of the Crown to the National Enterprise Boards, the Scottish Development Agency and the Welsh Development Agency and subsidiaries of theirs, on sums paid by the Treasury in pursuance of guarantees of loans to the Board or either of those Agencies and on loans guaranteed by the Board or either of those Agencies or subsidiaries of the Scottish Development Agency, 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 provisions of that Act increasing to the new amount the limit imposed by the Industry Act 1975 (“the Industry Act”), the Scottish Development Agency Act 1975 (“the Scottish Act”) and the Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 (“the Welsh Act”) on the amount outstanding, otherwise than by way of interest, in respect of the relevant sums specified in those Acts respectively.

(1) For the purposes of this resolution the new amount of any such limit is—

(a) in the case of the relevant sums specified in the Industry Act, £4,500 million;

(b) in the case of the relevant sums specified in the Scottish Act, £800 million;

(c) in the case of the relevant sums specified in the Welsh Act, £400 million.

(2) For the purposes of this resolution the following are relevant sums in the case of any of those Acts, that is to say—

(a) the general external borrowing (as defined in that Act) of the National Enterprise Board, the Scottish Development Agency or the Welsh Development Agency, as the case may be, and their respective subsidiaries;

(b) sums issued by the Treasury in fulfilment of guarantees in respect of sums borrowed by the Board or either of those Agencies from a person other than the Secretary of State;

(c) in the case of the Industry Act, sums paid to the Board as public dividend capital (as defined in that Act);
(d) in the case of the Scottish Act, sums paid to the Scottish Development Agency by the Secretary of State less repayments to the Secretary of State by the Agency (other than payments made by the Agency in consideration of receiving public dividend capital) and less sums paid in respect of the administrative expenses of the Agency;

(e) in the case of the Welsh Act, sums paid to the Welsh Development Agency by the Secretary of State less repayments to him by the Agency and less sums paid in respect of the administrative expenses of the Agency; and

(f) in the case of each of those Acts, loans guaranteed by the Board or either of those Agencies otherwise than in the exercise of powers conferred on the Secretary of State under section 7 or 8 of the Industry Act 1972 as applied by that Act and loans guaranteed by a subsidiary of the Scottish Development Agency—(Mrs. Ann Taylor);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. James Tinn: 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 255.

So the Question was agreed to.

Social Security Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Social Security Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Special Child Allowance)—(Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones)—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 (Power to abolish earnings rules)—(Mr. Patrick Jenkin)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—
Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of Social Security (Invalid Care Allowance) Regulations 1976)—(Mr. Tony Newton)—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 Social Security Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joseph Dean.)

Social Security Bill.—Question again proposed, That the Clause (Amendment of Social Security (Invalid Care Allowance) Regulations 1976) be read a second time:—Debate resumed.

Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 18, at the end, to insert the words "in respect of both a re-award of the attendance allowance and an award of a higher rate allowance to a person already in receipt of an attendance allowance at the lower rate".—(Mr. John Hannam.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 19, at the end, to insert the words—
"(7) For the purposes of determining the entitlement to attendance allowance of any person who—
(a) has been refused payment of an allowance, or
(b) has had an allowance withdrawn,

section 35 of the principal Act shall be deemed always to have had effect as amended by this section, but payment shall be made at the appropriate rate out of the National Insurance Fund."—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 3, 4 and 11 to 15) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
House of Commons Commission.—Ordered, That Mr. A. J. Beith be appointed a member of the House of Commons Commission under the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978.-(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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

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

Wednesday, 24th January, 1979:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.6 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 23rd January 1979

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 1978 (Classes IV and VI to IX); with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 138].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Broadcasting.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 2, 1979).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Singapore on 26th July 1978 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Singapore, amending the Agreement of 1st December 1971 regarding assistance for the armed forces of Singapore and the arrangements for a United Kingdom force in Singapore [by Command] [Cmnd. 7410].

Treaty Series (No. 3, 1979).—Copy of a Reciprocal Fisheries Agreement, signed at Washington on 24th June 1977, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America [by Command] [Cmnd. 7411].

Treaty Series (No. 4, 1979).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Lagos on 8th June 1978, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Federal Military Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for air services between and beyond their respective territories [by Command] [Cmnd. 7412].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production.—Copies of the Reports on the Censuses of Production 1974 and 1975, relating to—

(1) canvas goods and sacks and other made-up textiles,
(2) furniture and upholstery,
(3) general printing and publishing,
(4) grain milling,
(5) hats, caps and millinery,
(6) iron and steel (general),
(7) organic chemicals, and
(8) radio and electronic components
[by Act].
Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th January 1979, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 42) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 15th January 1979, entitled the Poole Fishery (Variation) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 38) [by Act].

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

Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks) Fund,—Account of the Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks) Fund for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed together with the Civil Appropriation Accounts, Classes IV and VI to IX [No. 138].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Forestry Bill [Lords] Dr. Gavin Strang; and had appointed in substitution Mr. E. S. Bishop.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 23rd January 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Weights and Measures Bill to Standing Committee B; the Official Information Bill and the Criminal Justice Act 1967 (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee C; and the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1978 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 41.]


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

PRAYERS.

Inverclyde District Council Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Millan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Inverclyde District Council: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 56].

Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (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 Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Tuesday next and to be printed [Bill 55].

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

Northern Ireland,—The Order made on 19th June in the last Session of Parliament, That the draft Road Traffic (Seat Belts) (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

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).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 10-ix].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-ix].
Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 24th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 97-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 January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 173-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 E on 24th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 169-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 24th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 121-iii].

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 January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-iii].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, 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. 172].

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 Genetic Engineering Sub-Committee on 24th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 123-iii].

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

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Norway) (No. 2) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malawi) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Jordan) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Luxembourg) Order 1978 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Venezuela) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 16th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 168].

Forestry Bill [Lords],—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Forestry Bill [Lords], That they had come to a Resolution, which they had directed her to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows: That the Committee recommend that the Forestry 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. 170].

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 Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Act 1976 to restore to persons residing in the United Kingdom who are spouses of members of the forces the right to be registered otherwise than as service voters; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill [Lords]].

Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill [Lords],—The Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 62].
Price Commission (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Hattersley, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Booth, Mr. Secretary Smith, and Mr. Robert Maclean, presented a Bill to limit the application of section 9 of the Price Commission Act 1977: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 54].

Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Rodgers, supported by Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Secretary Owen, Mrs. Secretary Williams, Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Ennals, and Mr. John Horam, presented a Bill to confer power to make regulations requiring the wearing of seat belts in motor vehicles 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 57].

Vaccine Damage Payments Bill,—Mr. Secretary Ennals, supported by Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Stanley Orme, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Alfred Morris, and Mr. Eric Deakins, presented a Bill to provide for payments to be made out of public funds in cases where severe disablement occurs as a result of vaccination against certain diseases or of contact with a person who has been vaccinated against any of those diseases, to make provision in connection with similar payments made before the passing of this Act; 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 58].

National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to bring within the present scheme those old workmen's compensation cases who are not covered by the present Acts, including latents: And that Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. George Grant, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Alex Woodall, Mr. Alan Fitch, Mr. Tom Urwin, Mr. Leslie Spriggs, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Roy Hughes, and Mr. Sydney Tierney, do prepare and bring it in.

National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Michael McGuire accordingly presented a Bill to bring within the present scheme those old workmen's compensation cases who are not covered by the present Acts, including latents: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th February and to be printed [Bill 59].

Public Lending Right Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Public Lending Right Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Annual report)—(Mr. Roger Moate)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Debate arising;

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

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Evans, Mr. James Tinn: 214.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Roger Moate: 19.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 7, after the word "on" to insert the word "live".—(Mr. Iain Sproat.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Roger Moate: 7.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. James Hamilton: 163.

And it being Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

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

Public Lending Right Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Public Lending Right Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 7, after the word "authors" to insert the words "who are resident in the United Kingdom".—(Mr. Iain Sproat.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
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Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 7, after the word "authors", to insert the words "joint authors, editors, compilers, illustrators, or other such persons who were wholly or largely responsible for the creation of a book".—(Mr. Iain Sproat.)

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

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered this day.

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. Bryan Davies and inserting Mr. Bruce Grocott.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

Regina v. Henn and Darby.—A Petition of John Howarth, the Solicitor representing Maurice Donald Henn and John Frederick Ernest Darby in an Appeal to be heard in due course by the Appeals Committee of the House of Lords, was presented and read; setting forth that reference is desired to be made to the Official Report of Debates of the House for the 16th day of June 1977 (H.C. Deb. 933, cols. 539-540); and praying that the House will be graciously pleased to give leave for reference to be made to the said Report and to the proper Officers of the House to attend the hearing and formally to prove the same according to their competence.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie upon the Table.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.46 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 24th January 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copy of an Order, dated 11th January 1979, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Nurses and Midwives.—Copy of an Instrument, dated 18th January 1979, entitled the Nurses and Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules Approval Instrument 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 49) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production.—Copy of the Report on the Censuses of Production 1974 and 1975, relating to dyestuffs and pigments [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Port of London Authority.—Copy of a Minute, dated 24th January 1979, concerning an undertaking, given by the Secretary of State for Transport with the consent of the Treasury, to certain bankers in respect of the borrowing facility of the Port of London Authority [by Command] [Cmnd. 7450].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Counter-Inflation.—Copy of an Order, dated 24th January 1979, entitled the Prices and Charges (Notification of Increases) (Amendment) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 60) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Agricultural Marketing.—Report on Agricultural Marketing Schemes for the period 1976-77 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 141].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Industry Bill, viz.: Mr. Nick Budgen, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Michael Gyllis, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. Leslie Huckfield, Mr. David Lamble, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, Mr. George Park, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. John Sever, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Alan Williams, and Mr. George Younger.

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Weights and Measures Bill, viz.: Mr. Iolo Evans, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. A. G. F. Hall-Davis, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Michael O’Halloran, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Gwilym Roberts, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Timothy Smith, and Mr. Michael Ward.

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 Official Information Bill, viz.: Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Alan Haselhurst, Sir Michael Havers, Mr. Sydney Irving, Mr. Brynnor John, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Charles Morris, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. J. W. Rooker, and Mr. Ray Whitney.

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 Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. David Atkinson, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Tom Bradley, Sir Bernard Braine, Mrs. Joyce Butler, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mrs. Jill Knight, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Peter Snape, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Mr. George Thompson, Mr. John Tilley, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, and Mr. John Watkinson.

MEMORANDUM

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

[No. 42.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 25th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 61-v].

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. 159].

Race Relations and Immigration,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 25th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 73-iv].
First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Spence reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 3) (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1650), the Fishing Boats (Specified Countries) Designation (No. 3) Order 1977 (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1651), the Sea Fishing (Specified Foreign Boats) Licensing (No. 3) Order 1977 (Variation) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1652), and the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation (No. 4) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1950), referred to a Committee on 12th December and 19th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 174].

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 wages councils and statutory joint industrial councils; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Wages Councils Bill [Lords].

Wages Councils Bill [Lords].—The Wages Councils Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 64].

National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 9th February, the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 16th February.

Crown Agents Bill.—Mrs. Judith Hart, supported by Mr. Secretary Owen, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Secretary Smith, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Charles Morris, presented a Bill to reconstitute as a body corporate, and make other provision with respect to, the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations, including the establishment of a Board to realise certain of their assets: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 61].

Mercenaries Bill.—Mr. Frank Hooley presented a Bill to prohibit the engagement in warfare or armed conflict by United Kingdom citizens save only as members of the Armed Forces of the Crown, or in pursuance of specific treaty or international obligations entered into by Her Majesty's Government; to make unlawful the procurement, recruitment, enlistment or training by private persons of other citizens for the purpose of engaging in armed conflict or warfare; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 60].

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 Steel Industry with the substitution of half-past Twelve o'clock or two and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, for the provisions in paragraph (b) of the Standing Order.—(The Prime Minister.)

Supply [5th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

Economic Situation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, being deeply concerned at the deteriorating economic and industrial situation, calls upon Her Majesty's Government to fulfil its responsibilities to the nation by bringing forward measures which will restrain expenditure, encourage output, secure the citizen's right to work and restore the authority of Parliament—(Sir Geoffrey Howe);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "recognises the deep concern felt throughout the country about the current industrial situation and supports the Government's determination to maintain essential supplies, control inflation and protect the supreme interest of the community and the legitimate rights of all sections of it", instead thereof.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Bryan Davies: 289.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 273.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:
Resolved, That this House recognises the deep concern felt throughout the country about the current industrial situation and supports the Government's determination to maintain essential supplies, control inflation and protect the supreme interest of the community and the legitimate rights of all sections of it.

The Steel Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of EEC Documents Nos. R/1135/78, R/1221/78, R/1292/78 and R/3454/78 on the Steel Industry—(Mr. Frank Judd);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, at the end, to add the words "but cannot accept proposals which would curtail assistance to and investment in the iron and steel industry and would damage employment in that industry."—(Mr. Frank Hooley.)

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

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

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And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Jim Marshall: 35.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Robert Rhodes James: 5.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC Documents R/1135/78, R/1221/78, R/1292/78 and R/3454/78 on the Steel Industry but cannot accept proposals which would curtail assistance to and investment in the iron and steel industry and would damage employment in that industry.

Regina v. Henn and Darby.—Ordered, That leave be given for the proper Officers of the House to attend the hearing of an appeal by Maurice Donald Henn and John Frederick Ernest Darby against their convictions and to produce the Report of the Debate to which reference is desired to be made and formally to prove the same according to their competence, as prayed for in the Petition relating to the said appeal presented to this House yesterday, and that leave be given for reference to be made to the said Report.—(Mr. John Evans.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. John Evans):—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 Two o'clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.31 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 25th January 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

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

Treaty Series (No. 5, 1979).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at London on 25th and 27th September 1978 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, amending the Treaty for the Mutual Surrender of Fugitive Criminals, signed at London on 14th May 1872, as amended by the Agreement signed at Bonn on 23rd February 1960 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7421].

Treaty Series (No. 6, 1979).—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 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7422].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Pensions.—Copy of a Royal Warrant, dated 13th September 1978, amending the Schedule attached to the Royal Warrant of 17th June 1977, governing the non-effective pay of the Army [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Local Government.—Copy of Government Proposals, entitled Organic Change in Local Government [by Command] [Cmd. 7457].

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

Police.—Account of the Police Complaints Board for the period 8th December 1976 to 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 175].

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Industry Bill; Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Official Information Bill; Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Aviation Security Fund (Amendment) Regulations 1979 and the draft British Aerospace (Design, Development and Production of Civil Aircraft) (Payments) Order 1978; and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1978.

[No. 43.]

Friday, 26th January, 1979.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 24th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 160-ii].

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

Credit Unions Bill.—Mr. Denzil Davies, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Secretary Hattersley, and Mr. Robert Sheldon, presented a Bill to enable certain societies in Great Britain to be registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 as credit unions; to make further provision with respect to societies so registered; to make provision with respect to the taxation of societies so registered and of Northern Ireland credit unions; to enable reciprocal arrangements to be made in relation to Northern Ireland credit unions; to facilitate the amendment of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1969; 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 63].

Indecent Displays (Control) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Indecent Displays (Control) Bill:

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

Mr. Hugh Rossi 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.

The Reverend Robert Bradford and Mr. Patrick Cormack were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.
And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—
It was agreed to.

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

Homeworkers (Protection) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Homeworkers (Protection) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

National Heritage Fund Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Heritage Fund Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Public Bodies (Appointments) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Bodies (Appointments) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Access to Commons and Open Country Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to Commons and Open Country Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Companies (Disclosure of Auditors' Shareholdings) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies (Disclosure of Auditors' Shareholdings) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 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.

Water Services Charges (Rebates) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Services Charges (Rebates) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Lead Content of Petrol Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lead Content of Petrol Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Income Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Norway) (No. 2) Order 1978, which draft was laid before this House on 8th December, 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.

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) (Malawi) Order 1978 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 8th December—(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 the Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Jordan) Order 1978 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 14th December—(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. In the House of Commons, Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), was read; and it was ordered—That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Luxembourg) Order 1978, which draft was laid before this House on 14th December, 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.

Income Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Venezuela) Order 1978 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 14th December—(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.

Forestry Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Forestry 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. 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.]

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**APPENDIX I**

*Friday 26th January 1979*

**Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:**

The Prime Minister:

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of Government Observations on the Fourth Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1977-78 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7449].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Ancient Monuments,—Copy of the Thirty-seventh Interim Report of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions of England, relating to the ancient monuments of York V [by Command] [Cmnd. 7435].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th January 1979, entitled the Teachers' Superannuation (Policy Schemes) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 47) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Ennals:
National Health Service,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th January 1979, entitled the National Health Service (Preservation of Boards of Governors) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 51) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Smith:
Export Guarantees,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) Order 1979 [by Act].

Protection of Wrecks,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th January 1979, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 1 and No. 4 Orders 1978) (Amendment) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 56) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th January 1979, entitled the Ellington Mine (No. 3 Shaft) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 67) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport,—Statement of determination of the salary payable to the part-time Vice-Chairman of the British Railways Board and the part-time Chairman of the National Freight Corporation [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. A. G. F. Hall-Davis (nominated in respect of the Weights and Measures Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Tim Sainsbury.

[No. 441


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

PRAYERS.

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 29th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 61-vi].

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

Co-ownership of Flats Bill,—Ordered, That the Co-ownership of Flats Bill be read a second time upon Friday.

Price Commission (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Price Commission (Amendment) Bill;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 263.

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.)

Committee to-morrow.
Telegraphs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Wireless Telegraphy (Broadcast Licence Charges and Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1680), dated 23rd November 1978, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24th November 1978, be annulled—(Mr. Alexander Lyon);

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 12 midnight.

APPENDIX

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Frederick Wilely reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Peter Hordern (nominated in respect of the Industry Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Richard Page.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 29th January 1979

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

[No. 45.]

Tuesday, 30th January, 1979.

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

PRAYERS.

Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Aberfan Disaster Fund Bill,—The Title of the Aberfan Disaster Fund Bill being read;

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to the provisions of the Bill, which were, in his opinion, such as should have been embodied in a Public instead of a Private Bill.

Order for Second Reading read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—Ordered, That the British Railways (No. 2) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

City of London (Various Powers) Bill,—Ordered, That the City of London (Various Powers) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill,—Ordered, That the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—Ordered, That the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Ipswich Port Authority Bill,—The Ipswich Port Authority Bill was read a second time and committed.
London Transport Bill,—Ordered, That the London Transport Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society Bill,—The Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Severn-Trent Water Authority Bill,—The Severn-Trent Water Authority Bill was read a second time and committed.

Yorkshire Woollen District Transport Bill,—The Yorkshire Woollen District Transport Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords];

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

County of Merseyside Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of Merseyside Bill [Lords];

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

East Kilbride District Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Kilbride District Council Bill;

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

West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords];

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

Inverclyde District Council Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Inverclyde District Council Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday.

Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee 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 (Eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-xii].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee D on 30th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 177-i].

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

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34-viii].

Banking Bill,—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Banking Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 66].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 180].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 19th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 178].
Housing (Shorthold Tenancies).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the letting of properties on fixed terms; and for purposes connected therewith—(Sir Brandon Rhys Williams);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Kenneth Baker: 165.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Dennis Canavan: 160.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, 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, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill.—Sir Brandon Rhys Williams accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision for the letting of 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 and to be printed [Bill 65].

Countryside Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Countryside Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question and add the words "this House, whilst reaffirming its commitment to the principle and practice of protecting and conserving moorland in the National Parks, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which focuses attention on a limited area where existing provisions are adequate to deal with existing problems, but where legislation may damage existing relationships to the detriment of the national interest in the Parks", instead thereof.—(Mr. Michael Alison.)

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:—It was agreed to.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 145.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 165.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, at this day's sitting, the Estate Agents Bill and the Public Lending Right Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend the law relating to the conversion into agricultural land of moor and heath in National Parks, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(1) any administrative or other expenses incurred by the Secretary of State or the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under that Act; and

(2) any increase attributable to the provisions of that Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under any other enactment.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
Estate Agents Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Estate Agents Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 5) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, to leave out lines 30 to 32.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 7, at the end, to insert the words "or other sum of money".—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 7 to 11) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Public Lending Right Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Public Lending Right Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, to leave out the words "local library authorities" and insert the word "libraries", instead thereof.—(Mr. Michael English.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 36, to leave out the words "£2 million" and insert the words "£1 million", instead thereof.—(Mr Iain Sproat.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 39) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 12, at the end, to insert the words—

"(4A) It shall not be lawful for any author in any proceedings whatsoever to claim that a library or any member of its staff has discriminated against him in any way his book or books have been or are made available to the public".—(Mr. Richard Buchanan.)

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

An Amendment (No. 71) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 53) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, to leave out lines 13 to 31.—(Mr. Roger Moate.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 61) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 62) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, to leave out line 32.—(Mr. Roger Moate.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 63 and 65 to 68) 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.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order made on 2nd November relating to Business of the House, the ballot for Private Members' Notices of Motions which are to have precedence on Friday 16th March shall be held on Thursday 22nd February.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.25 a.m.]
APPENDIX
Tuesday 30th January 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes, dated 20th, 21st, 22nd, 27th, 28th and 29th December 1978 and 2nd and 3rd January 1979, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 179].
Public Works Loans,—Copy of the Report of the Public Works Loans Board, for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
Treaty Series (No. 104, 1978),—Copy of the Third Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 1978 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7432].
Treaty Series (No. 15, 1979),—Copy of a Treaty, signed at Rome on 25th March 1957, establishing the European Economic Community, as amended by subsequent treaties (with a Merger Treaty of 8th April 1965 and a Decision of 20th September 1976 concerning direct elections to the European Assembly) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7460].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
Census of Production,— Copies of the Reports on the Censuses ofProduction 1974 and 1975, relating to—
(1) dresses, lingerie, infants' wear, etc.,
(2) fruit and vegetable products,
(3) polishes, and
(4) refractory goods
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Morris:
National Health Service,—Report on the use of National Health Service accommodation and services in Wales for the private practice of medicine during 1977 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 133].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd January 1979, entitled the Local Government (General Grant) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1979, No. 4) [by Act].


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).

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 Customs and Excise Management Bill [Lords], the Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Bill [Lords], the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Bill [Lords], the Tobacco Products Duty Bill [Lords], the Matches and Mechanical Lighters Duties Bill [Lords], the Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) Bill [Lords], and the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, were referred, That they had gone through the Customs and Excise Management Bill [Lords], and had made Amendments thereunto, and had gone through the Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Bill [Lords], the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Bill [Lords], the Tobacco Products Duty Bill [Lords], the Matches and Mechanical Lighters Duties Bill [Lords], the Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) Bill [Lords], and the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Bill [Lords], 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. 171].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 171].

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. 10-x].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-x].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the General Sub-Committee on 31st January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 182-i].

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 General Sub-Committee.

Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 183].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 31st January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 97-iv].

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 31st January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 173-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 E on 31st January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 169-ii].

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 31st January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 121-iv].

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

Access to Commons and Open Country Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Access to Commons and Open Country Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday next.

Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Housing (Shorthold Tenancies) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday next.

Supply of Goods (Amendment) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Supply of Goods (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Equal Opportunities for Men,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require employers to accord equal retirement rights to men and women; to provide for paternity leave; and to ban sundry other discriminatory employment practices—(Mr. Greville Janner);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who moved 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).
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The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Janet Fookes, Mrs. Margaret Bain : 150.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Michael Spicer : 115.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Miss Janet Fookes, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Eric Heffer, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. David Mudd, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. John Sever, and Mr. Michael Stewart, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Equal Opportunities for Men Bill.—Mr. Greville Janner accordingly presented a Bill to require employers to accord equal retirement rights to men and women ; to provide for maternity leave ; and to ban sundry other discriminatory employment practices: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 4th May and to be printed [Bill 67].

Price Commission (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Price Commission (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee)


Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 1, line 10, after the word "examinations)", to insert the words "or, in the case of companies supplying foods and essential services, in order to earn profits to maintain their supply".—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Sir George Young : 256.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Ted Graham : 270.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 1, line 10, after the word "examinations)", to insert the words "and except as regards any notification given by the Commission in pursuance of subsection (1) of section 4 of that Act in respect of any increase of which notice has been given to the Commission in pursuance of an Order under section 5 of the 1973 Act where the said notice is given more than twelve months after the previous such notice".—(Mr. John Pardoe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Richard Wainwright : 256.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Bryan Davies : 270.

Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed, in page 1, line 10, after the word "examinations)", to insert the words "and section 4(5) of that Act".—(Mr. Cecil Parkinson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Carol Mather : 251.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Evans : 271.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed, in page 2, line 25, to leave out subsection (7).—(Mrs. Sally Oppenheim.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Mr. Jim Lester : 254.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates : 273.

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. John Evans 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 Price Commission (Amendment) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)
Price Commission (Amendment) Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Price Commission (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.
Clause No. 2 agreed to.
A Clause (Duration of Act)—(Mrs. Margaret Bain)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jim Marshall 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, That the Bill be now read the third time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Ted Graham: 272.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Jim Lester: 256.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fifteen minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 31st January 1979

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 (Classes X to XV and XVII) for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Revenue and Store Accounts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 139].

Development Fund,—Accounts of the Development Fund, showing—
(1) the receipts into, and issues out of, the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1978, and
(2) the loans outstanding on 31st March 1978;
with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 185].

Prisons (Northern Ireland),—Trading Accounts and Balance Sheet of prison industries in Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 186].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Representation of the People,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the European Assembly Elections Regulations 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (ECSC Decision on Supplementary Revenues) Order 1979 [by Act].
Mrs. Secretary Williams:
Acquisition of Land.—Copy of an Order, dated 1st March 1978, entitled the Kent County Council (Ightharn County Primary School) Compulsory Purchase Order 1978; with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Education and Science under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Representation of the People.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the European Assembly Elections (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Weights and Measures.—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th January 1979, entitled the Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 80) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Agricultural Research Council.—Statement of Account of the Agricultural Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed, together with the Civil Appropriation Accounts (Classes X to XV and XVII) [No. 139].

British Library.—Statement of Account of the British Library for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed, together with the Civil Appropriation Accounts (Classes X to XV and XVII) [No. 139].

Medical Research Council.—Statement of Account of the Medical Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed, together with the Civil Appropriation Accounts (Classes X to XV and XVII) [No. 139].

Natural Environment Research Council.—Statement of Account of the Natural Environment Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed, together with the Civil Appropriation Accounts (Classes X to XV and XVII) [No. 139].

Science Research Council.—Statement of Account of the Science Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed, together with the Civil Appropriation Accounts (Classes X to XV and XVII) [No. 139].

Social Science Research Council.—Statement of Account of the Social Science Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed, together with the Civil Appropriation Accounts (Classes X to XV and XVII) [No. 139].

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 Forestry Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Edward Bishop, Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Thomas Cox, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Stephen Hastings, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. John Parker, Mr. Reg Prentice, Mr. Caerwyn Roderick, Mr. John Strading Thomas, Mr. George Thompson, and Mr. John Watkinson.
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 Countryside Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. John Parker, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, and Dr. Charles Strang.

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 Criminal Justice Act 1967 (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. William Craig, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Andrew MacKay, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies, Mr. Malcolm Riffkind, Mr. John Rynan, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mrs. Renee Short, 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 Indecent Displays (Control) Bill, viz.: Mr. Vivian Benda ll, Rev. Robert Bradford, Mr. Peter Brooke, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Hugh Jenkins, Mr. Brynmor John, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Ernest Perry, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Hugh Rossi, Mr. Terry Walker, and Mr. John Watkinson.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 31st January 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Forestry Bill [Lords] and the Countryside Bill to Standing Committee A.

[No. 47]

Thursday, 1st February, 1979.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill;

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

Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords];

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

City of London (Various Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the City of London (Various Powers) Bill;

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

County of Merseyside Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of Merseyside Bill [Lords];

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

East Kilbride District Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Kilbride District Council Bill;

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

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill;

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

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
London Transport Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the
London Transport Bill;

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

West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next at Seven o'clock.

Inverclyde District Council Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order,
proceeded to consider the Inverclyde District Council Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill.—The
House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Solicitors in the Supreme Courts
of Scotland (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time 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
directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Environment
Sub-Committee on 31st January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 99-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 D on 1st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 177-ii].

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

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 187].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 187].

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, on the interruption of business at this day's sitting,
any Amendment selected by Mr. Speaker to the Prime Minister's first Motion relating
to Special Commission on Oil Sanctions (Joint Committee) may be moved, and Mr.
Speaker shall thereupon put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the proceed-
ings on the said Motion and any such Amendment, if not previously concluded, and
shall then proceed to put forthwith any Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings
on the remaining Motions and any Amendments selected by Mr. Speaker which may
be moved thereto.-(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Nurses and Enrolled Nurses (Amendment)
Rules Approval Instrument 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 49) be referred to a Standing Committee
on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Special Commission on Oil Sanctions (Joint Committee).—A Motion was made, and the
Question being proposed, That it is desirable that a Joint Committee of both Houses to
be known as "the Special Commission on Oil Sanctions" be appointed to consider,
following the Report of the Bingham Inquiry, the part played by those concerned in the
development and application of the policy of oil sanctions against Rhodesia with a view
to determining whether Parliament or Ministers were misled, intentionally or otherwise,
and to report.—(Mr. Attorney General);

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word
"That" to the end of the Question and add the words "a Committee of ten members of
this House be appointed to consider the part played by those concerned in the
development and application of the policy of oil sanctions against Rhodesia with a view
to determining: (1) the role played by industrialists, civil servants and Ministers,
(2) their relationship with each other and foreign governments and (3) whether Parlia-
ment or Ministers were misled, intentionally or otherwise, and to report:

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records and to
obtain such specialist advice or help as they think fit; to sit notwithstanding any
adjournment of the House; and to report from time to time:
That the proceedings in so far as they involve the examination of witnesses shall be held in public save in so far as the Committee shall determine that it would be against the interests of national security to do so:

That all the evidence including relevant Cabinet papers and departmental files shall be published as an Appendix to the Committee's report", instead thereof.—(Mr. Brian Sedgemore.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Brian Sedgemore: 33.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Robert Rhodes James: 177.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being after Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the first Motion relating to Special Commission on Oil Sanctions (Joint Committee).

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Evans: 146.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Robert Rhodes James: 67.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That it is desirable that a Joint Committee of both Houses to be known as "the Special Commission on Oil Sanctions" be appointed to consider, following the Report of the Bingham Inquiry, the part played by those concerned in the development and application of the policy of oil sanctions against Rhodesia with a view to determining whether Parliament or Ministers were misled, intentionally or otherwise, and to report.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the remaining Motions relating to Special Commission on Oil Sanctions (Joint Committee).

Ordered, That a Select Committee of five Members be appointed to join with such Committee as the Lords may appoint to consider the said matters and to report accordingly.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records; to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House; and to report from time to time—(Mr. Attorney General);

An Amendment ((e)) was proposed to the Question, in line 2, after the word "persons", to insert the words "(including Members of the House of Commons)".—(Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Ivor Clemitson: 67.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Thomas Cox: 89.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

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

Ordered, That Two be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to hear Counsel to such extent as they shall see fit.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Attorney General shall give such assistance to the Special Commission as may be appropriate—(Mr. Attorney General);

An Amendment ((f)) was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out the word "appropriate" and add the words "required by the Special Commission", instead thereof.—(Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Roderick MacFarquhar: 57.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Joseph Dean: 84.

So the Question was negatived.
And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General shall give such assistance to the Special Commission as may be appropriate.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to appoint persons to carry out such work relating to the Special Commission's inquiry as the Special Commission may determine.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That no person not being a member of the Special Commission shall be present during any of the proceedings of the Special Commission unless required by the Special Commission to be present for the purposes of their inquiry—(Mr. Attorney General);

An Amendment ((th)) was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question and add the words "the proceedings of the Special Commission shall be open to the public unless the Commission from time to time decides otherwise ", instead thereof.—(Mr. Dennis Canavan)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. W. W. Hamilton : 47.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Bryan Davies : 105.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That no person not being a member of the Special Commission shall be present during any of the proceedings of the Special Commission unless required by the Special Commission to be present for the purposes of their enquiry.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction that all papers submitted to the Special Commission shall first be examined by their Chairman who shall determine, if necessary after consultation with other members of the Special Commission, which of the papers should be seen by the members of the Special Commission for the purposes of the inquiry and which of the said papers and records should be shown to parties interested or their Counsel or agents, or to witnesses, and which of such papers and records may be retained by members of the Special Commission or such parties, Counsel, agents or witnesses, and which of such papers and records shall be included in or referred to in any report—(Mr. Attorney General);

An Amendment ((tk)) was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out the words " if necessary ".—(Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop : 68.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates : 78.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Ted Graham and Mr. Thomas Cox were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

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Ordered, That a Select Committee of five Members be appointed to join with such Committee as the Lords may appoint to consider the said matters and to report accordingly.

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Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Dangerous Drugs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 14th December, be approved—(Mr. John Evans)—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.31 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Hillingdon Centre of the Royal College of Nursing concerning the pay and conditions of service of nurses 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 Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 31st January and 1st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 160-iii and iv].

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

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill.—The Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (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).

Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 19th January, That the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;

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 Friday next.

Handicapped and Deprived Children (Abolition of Corporal Punishment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Handicapped and Deprived Children (Abolition of Corporal Punishment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th April.

Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th February.

 Mercenaries Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mercenaries Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 23rd February.

Homeworkers (Protection) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Homeworkers (Protection) Bill;

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

National Heritage Fund Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Heritage Fund Bill;

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

Public Bodies (Appointments) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Bodies (Appointments) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 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 Friday 23rd February.

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-seven minutes to Five o’clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.33 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Friday 2nd February 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 8, 1979),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 15th November 1978, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the People's Republic of China on scientific and technological cooperation [by Command] [Cmnd. 7440].


Mr. Secretary Millan:

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd January 1979, entitled the Haddock (West of Scotland and Rockall) Licensing Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 71) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation,—Accounts of the Greenwich Hospital and Travers' Foundation for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 191].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Statistics of Trade,—Copy of a Report on consumer credit grantors in 1976 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of Statutes, made by the University of Oxford, on

(1) 9th November 1978, and
(2) 9th November 1978,
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 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 5th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 61-vii].

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

Adjournment (Effects of the current industrial unrest),—Mr. Patrick Cormack, Member for Staffordshire, South West, 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 effects of the current industrial unrest in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and in particular the threats presented to the welfare of hospital patients and the disruption of local authority services; 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 Seven o'clock this evening.
Local Government Finance Bill.—Mr. Secretary Shore, supported by Mrs. Secretary Williams, Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. Guy Barnett, presented a Bill to make further provision in respect of rates and in respect of grants to local authorities or to bodies providing services for local authorities; to amend certain enactments relating to fees charged by local authorities; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 68].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Vaccine Damage Payments Bill.—The Vaccine Damage 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.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for payments to be made out of public funds in cases where severe disablement occurs as a result of vaccination against certain diseases or of contact with a person who has been vaccinated against any of those diseases, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State—
   (a) in making payments of £10,000 to or for the benefit of persons suffering such disablement, or to their personal representatives;
   (b) in paying remuneration, travelling and other allowances to persons appointed to serve on tribunals under that Act;
   (c) in paying fees to medical practitioners who provide information or other evidence in connection with claims under that Act;
   (d) in paying travelling and other allowances—
      (i) to persons required under that Act to undergo medical examinations,
      (ii) to persons required to attend before tribunals under that Act, and
      (iii) to any person who accompanies a disabled person to such a medical examination or tribunal;

(2) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the administrative expenses of the Secretary of State attributable to that Act; and

(3) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums repaid to the Secretary of State by virtue of that Act.—(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 Seven o'clock, and leave having been given to move the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 9 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration), further proceeding stood postponed.

Adjournment (Effects of the current industrial unrest).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Patrick Cormack);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman : 270.

So the Question was negatived.

Edward Milne v. The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers.—A Petition of David Frederick Charlton was presented and read; setting forth, first, that the Petitioner is the solicitor representing Edward Milne, a former Member of this House; secondly, that an action has been brought in the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, against the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers by the said Edward Milne, the number of the action being 1975, M. No. 3454; thirdly, that in the said action the Plaintiff claims an injunction and damages for breach of contract; fourthly, that in the said action issues arise as to the conduct of the Plaintiff in his capacity as the Member of this House for Blyth from 1960 to 1974, the relationship between Members of Parliament who are sponsored by trade unions and their sponsoring unions, and the standards of conduct in public life, especially in local government.
and in particular in the North-East of England; fifthly, that the Plaintiff received Written Answers to Questions on the dates set out below, and printed in the following Reports of Debates:

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seventhly, that the Committee of Privileges produced a Report on a complaint concerning a Resolution of the Yorkshire Area Council of the National Union of Mineworkers: this Report was ordered to be printed by the House of Commons on 14th October 1975 [H.C. No. 634]; eighthly, that on 13th July 1977 the House of Commons ordered to be printed a Report from the Select Committee on the Conduct of Members [H.C. No. 490]; ninthly, that the above Reports of Debates and Reports printed as aforesaid relate directly to the issues referred to in paragraph 4 hereof, and reference is desired to be made by your Petitioner in the action referred to in paragraph 2 hereof to the said Reports of Debates and Reports; and praying that reference may be made in the action presently proceeding in the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, referred to herein, to the said Reports of Debates and Reports and that leave be given to the proper Officers of this House to attend the trial of the said action and formally to produce and to prove the same according to their competence.

Ordered, That leave be given for reference to be made to the said Reports of Debates and Reports and for the proper Officers of this House to attend the trial of the said action and formally to produce and to prove the same according to their competence.—(Dr. Oonagh McDonald.)
Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. John Evans):—Debate arising:

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

Adjourned at 10.51 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 5th February 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Police.—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th January 1979, entitled—

(1) the Police Cadets (Pensions) (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 75), and

(2) the Special Constables (Pensions) (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 76)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production.—Copies of the Reports on the Censuses of Production 1974 and 1975, relating to—

(1) cement,
(2) miscellaneous metal manufacture,
(3) primary and secondary batteries,
(4) production of man-made fibres,
(5) soap and detergents, and
(6) woollen and worsted

[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 Lewes District Council (The Dripping Pan) Appropriation 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 the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Weights and Measures Bill to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee B).

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Forestry Bill [Lords] to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee A).

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated the Members appointed to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Countryside Bill to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of that Bill (transferred from Standing Committee A).

MEMORANDUM

Monday 5th February 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Weights and Measures Bill (transferred from Standing Committee B) to Standing Committee A; the Forestry Bill [Lords] (transferred from Standing Committee A) and the Countryside Bill (transferred from Standing Committee A) to Standing Committee B; and the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill and the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee C.
Tuesday, 6th February, 1979.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill.—The Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) 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).

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 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. 33-xiii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-xiv].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee A on 6th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 113-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 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 (Ninth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34-ix].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34-x].

Freedom of Information and Privacy Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 16th February, the Freedom of Information and Privacy Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act 1976 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1939) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Bryan Davies.)

Picketing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to clarify the law on picketing; and for connected purposes—(Mr. John Cope);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Patrick Cormack: 209.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Ward, Mr. John Sever: 207.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. John Cope, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, and Mr. Ian Gow, do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Picketing Bill.—Mr. John Cope accordingly presented a Bill to clarify the law on picketing; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th February and to be printed [Bill 69].

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. Michael Roberts: 270.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Evans: 276.

So the Question was negatived.

West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords].—The West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause 39—(Mr. A. J. Beith):—Debate arising;

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motion in the name of Mr. Emlyn Hooson and the second Motion in the name of Mr. J. W. Rooker relating to the West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Eleven o'clock or for one hour after the first Motion has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords].—The Question being again proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause 39:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate;

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

Mr. A. J. Beith 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 it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause 39;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Emlyn Hooson: 119.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Andrew MacKay: 95.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to leave out Clause 39.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Order of 2nd November relating to Business of the House shall have effect with the omission from paragraph (3) of Friday 2nd March and from paragraph (4) of Monday 26th February, and the substitution of further days to be appointed by the House.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 6th February 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

evasion with respect to taxes on income (with amending Exchange of Notes at Singapore dated 23rd May and 23rd July 1977) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7443].

Treaty Series (No. 22, 1979),—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 30th October 1978, allocating to that Community supplementary revenues for 1978 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7464].

United States (No. 1, 1979),—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on 19th October 1978 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America, for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on estates of deceased persons and on gifts [Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged] [by Command] [Cmnd. 7442].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Law Commissions,—Report of the Scottish Law Commission for the year ended 15th June 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 157].

Mr. Secretary Smith:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th February 1979, entitled the Anti-Dumping Duty (Revocation) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 104) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copies of the Reports on the Censuses of Production 1974 and 1975, relating to—
1. agricultural machinery (except tractors),
2. miscellaneous textile industries,
3. packaging products of paper and associated materials,
4. photographic and document copying equipment,
5. plastics products, and
6. steel tubes
[by Act].

Post Office,—Statement of the appointment of a full-time member of the Post Office [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford on 19th October 1978, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th January 1979, entitled the Grants for Guarantees of Bank Loans (Extension of Period) Order 1979 [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 Calderdale (Tar Hill, Halifax) Appropriation Order 1978 [by Act].

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

Employment Protection,—Accounts of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, the Certification Officer, and the Central Arbitration Committee for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 192].


Sea Fish Industry,—Accounts of the Herring Industry Board, the Herring Marketing Fund, and the White Fish Authority for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 193].

Sugar,—Account of the Home Grown Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Fund for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 194].
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. Patrick Mayhew and Mr. Walter Clegg (nominated in respect of the Indecent Displays (Control) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Roger Sims and Mr. W. R. Rees-Davies.

[No. 51.]

Wednesday, 7th February, 1979.

PRAYERS.

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

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 (Eleventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 10-xii].

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

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 10-xiii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-xii].

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 17th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 66-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 Environment Sub-Committee on 7th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 99-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 7th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 97-v].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 7th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 160-v].

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 7th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 173-xii].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, that they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee E on 7th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 169-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 Genetic Engineering Sub-Committee on 7th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 123-xiv].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Aviation Security Fund (Amendment) Regulations 1979 and the draft British Aerospace (Design, Development and Production of Civil Aircraft) (Payments) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 16th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 197].

British Nationality (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the British Nationality (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill.—Mr. Secretary Rees, supported by Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Solicitor General, and Dr. Shirley Summerskill, presented a Bill to confer power on the Independent Broadcasting Authority to equip themselves to transmit a television broadcasting service additional to those of the British Broadcasting Corporation and to that provided by the Authority under the Independent Broadcasting Authority Act 1973: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 72].

Social Security Pensions (Privacy) Bill.—Mr. J. W. Rooker, supported by Mrs. Audrey Wise, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Neil Kinnock, and Mr. Andrew Bennett, presented a Bill to provide for individual privacy for those workers who have had to give an incorrect age to their employers in order to obtain employment; to prevent excess benefit being earned by such workers; to ensure that companies are not penalised by safeguards for privacy; 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 71].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and on Gifts) (United States of America) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Canada) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and on Gifts) (Republic of South Africa) Order 1978 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (ECSC Decision on Supplementary Revenues) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. James Hamilton.)

Workers' Freedom.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect the rights of workers by regulating picketing and the closed shop—(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 : 179.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Ron Thomas : 178.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. John Cope, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Antony Buck, Mr. Iain Sproat, and Mr. Neil Marten, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Workers' Freedom Bill.—Mr. Ian Gow accordingly presented a Bill to protect the rights of workers by regulating picketing and the closed shop: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 70].

Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Joint Committees of Council and Boards)—(Mr. Stan Thorne)—brought up, and read the first time.

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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 14, to leave out the word
"nominated" and insert the word "elected", instead thereof.—(Mr. Robin Hodgson.)

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

An Amendment (No. 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 27, at the end to
insert the words—
"(3A) The Council shall by means of rules provide guidance for the members
of the nursing, midwifery and health visiting profession on standards of professional
conduct."—(Dr. Gerard Vaughan.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, to leave out line 1.—
(Mr. Robin Hodgson.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 7 and 8) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 8, at the end, to
insert the words " and there shall also be two members of the general public at least one
of whom must be a woman".—(Mr. Robin Hodgson.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 149.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. James Tinn: 121.

Another Amendment (No. 10 to 16 and 18 to 20) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 18, to leave out
from the word " visiting " to the end of line 22, and insert the words " and the
Committee shall, on behalf of each of the Boards, discharge the functions of the Boards
in relation to health visitors ", instead thereof.—(Mr. David Penhaligon.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Geraint Howells: 12.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Thomas Cox: 122.

Another Amendment (No. 29 and 30) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 31) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 19, to leave out
the word " standards", and insert the word " levels", instead thereof.—(Mr. Robin
Hodgson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 32) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 22, to leave out
the word " standards", and insert the word " levels", instead thereof.—(Mr. Robin
Hodgson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 23, to leave out
the words " a fully qualified nurse ", and insert the words " State Registered Nurse
(SRN) or State Registered Practical Nurse (SRPN)", instead thereof.—(Dr. Gerard
Vaughan.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 24, at the end, to
insert the words—
" (9) The Central Council shall make regulations for the temporary registration
of nurses, midwives and health visitors having recognised overseas qualifications."—(Dr. Gerard Vaughan.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 35 to 42 and 44) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Qualifications of Auditors)—(Mr. Roland Moyle)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 46 to 49) 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. 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. Peter Snape.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.8 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 7th February 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Customs and Excise,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Customs and Excise for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7455].

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Arms and Ammunition,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th January 1979, entitled the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 86) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Smith:
Hovercraft,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Hovercraft (Civil Liability) Order 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries (Northern Ireland) Order 1979, and
(2) the Rates Amendment (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) Order 1979, viz.: Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. Peter Emery, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Walter Johnson, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Kenneth Lewis, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. William Shilton, Mr. Terry Walker, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act 1976 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. R. E. Bean, Mr. William Benyon, Mr. H. Boardman, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Michael O’Halloran, Mr. Stephen Rov, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, and Mr. John Wakeham.
Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Nurses and Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules Approval Instrument 1979, viz.: Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Charles Irving, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Michael Mates, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. David Pennaligon, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Stan Thorne, and Dr. Gerard Vaughan.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 7th February 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) Order 1979 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act 1976 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 1978 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Nurses and Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules Approval Instrument 1979 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 52.]

Thursday, 8th February, 1979.

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 Petition for the following Bill the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz. :

Higher Avon Navigation Bill.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill ;

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

Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords] ;

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

City of London (Various Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the City of London (Various Powers) Bill ;

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

County of Merseyside Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of Merseyside Bill [Lords] ;

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

East Kilbride District Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Kilbride District Council Bill ;

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

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill,—The Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill ;

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

London Transport Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Transport Bill ;

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

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).
Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before Sub-Committee D on 8th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 177-iii].

Industry Bill.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the 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. 201].

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 excise duties on spirits, beer, wine, made-wine and cider together with certain other enactments relating to excise; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Alcoholic Liquor Duties Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to reliefs and exemptions from customs and excise duties, section 7 of the Finance Act 1968 and certain other related enactments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the collection and management of the revenues of customs and excise and in some cases to other matters in relation to which the Commissioners of Customs and Excise for the time being perform functions, 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 [Customs and Excise Management Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the provisions of section 9 of and Schedules 3 and 4 to the Finance Act 1961 with the provisions amending them; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the excise duties on hydrocarbon oil, petrol substitutes, power methylated spirits and road fuel gas; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the excise duties on matches and mechanical lighters; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Matches and Mechanical Lighters Duties Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the excise duty on tobacco products; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Tobacco Products Duty Bill [Lords].

The Lords have agreed to the Price Commission (Amendment) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do not concur with the Commons in the Resolution communicated by the Commons on Monday last, viz.: That it is desirable that a Joint Committee of both Houses to be known as “the Special Commission on Oil Sanctions” be appointed to consider, following the Report of the Bingham Inquiry, the part played by those concerned in the development and application of the policy of oil sanctions against Rhodesia with a view to determining whether Parliament or Ministers were misled, intentionally or otherwise, and to report.

Price Commission (Amendment) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Price Commission (Amendment) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 74].

Customs and Excise Management Bill [Lords].—The Customs and Excise Management Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 81].

Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Bill [Lords].—The Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 80].

Alcoholic Liquor Duties Bill [Lords].—The Alcoholic Liquor Duties Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 79].

Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Bill [Lords].—The Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 76].
Matches and Mechanical Lighters Duties Bill [Lords].—The Matches and Mechanical Lighters Duties Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 75].

Tobacco Products Duty Bill [Lords].—The Tobacco Products Duty Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 78].

Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) Bill [Lords].—The Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 77].

Access to Commons and Open Country Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Access to Commons and Open Country Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 9th March.

Trade Descriptions Bill.—Mr. Martin Flannery, supported by Miss Joan Maynard, and Mr. Frank Hooley, presented a Bill to extend the operation of section 1 of the Trade Descriptions Act 1972: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 73].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Haddock (West of Scotland and Rockall) Licensing Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 71) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the New Towns (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Crown Agents Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Agents Bill;

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

Mrs. Judith Hart acquainted the House, That she had it in Command from the Queen to acquaint the House that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, had consented to place her prerogative and interest, so far as they are affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

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

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

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to reconstitute the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations as a body corporate ("the Crown Agents") and make other provision with respect to them, including the establishment of a Board ("the Board") to realise certain of their assets, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of any sums required to enable the Minister of Overseas Development ("the Minister") to make loans to the Crown Agents or the Board, subject to the following limits:—

(a) the aggregate of—

(i) the amounts outstanding in respect of the principal of the Crown Agents' commencing capital debt and of other money borrowed by them otherwise than from their wholly owned subsidiaries; and

(ii) such other liabilities as, by virtue of the said Act, are to be taken into account for the purposes of the limit on the Crown Agents' indebtedness, shall not at any time exceed £50 million (or up to £80 million by Order);

(b) the aggregate of—

(i) the amounts outstanding in respect of the principal of money borrowed by the Board otherwise than from their subsidiaries; and

(ii) the amounts outstanding in respect of the principal of money borrowed by any subsidiary of the Board otherwise than from the Board or another subsidiary of the Board, shall not at any time exceed £275 million (or up to £325 million by Order);

(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required to fulfil guarantees given by the Treasury in respect of sums borrowed by the Crown Agents or the Board or in respect of financial liabilities of the Board;
(3) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(a) any sums required to enable the Minister to make grants to the Crown Agents or the Board;
(b) any sums required to be paid out of money so provided for the purposes of any order dissolving or winding up the affairs of the Board; and
(c) the administrative expenses of the Minister;
(4) the remission of—
(a) the liability of the unincorporated Agents to make, at the direction of the Minister, repayments in respect of the sums totalling £175 million paid to them by way of recoverable grant; and
(b) any obligation of the unincorporated Agents to pay their revenues into the Consolidated Fund;
(5) the payment of any sums into the National Loans Fund or the Consolidated Fund;
and for the purpose of this Resolution "the unincorporated Agents" means the persons from time to time holding office under the Crown as the persons appointed to act as agents or trustees for overseas governments and administrations.—(Mr. John Evans.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.20 p.m.]

**APPENDIX**

_Thursday 8th February 1979_

_Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:_

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Colonial Loans,—Statement of implementation of a Guarantee given by the Treasury on 16th September 1976 of a loan made to the Caribbean Development Bank by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development [by Act]; to be printed [No. 200].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
Hungary (No. 1, 1979),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Budapest on 1st November 1978, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Hungarian People’s Republic on co-operation in the field of medicine and public health [the Agreement is not in force] [by Command] [Cmnd. 7446].

Treaty Series (No. 11, 1979),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Washington on 29th September 1978 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America, on the use by the United States of certain defence areas in the Turks and Caicos Islands [by Command] [Cmnd. 7447].

Treaty Series (No. 14, 1979),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Tel Aviv and Jerusalem on 20th September 1978 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the State of Israel, on the extension to Hong Kong of the Convention providing for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil matters signed on 28th October 1970 (with United Kingdom notification of extension) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7448].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Arms and Ammunition,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th January 1979, entitled the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 91) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Smith:
Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd February 1979, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Repatriation) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 97) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:
MEMORANDUM

Thursday 8th February 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Weights and Measures Bill; Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Forestry Bill (Lords); Mr. David Watkins an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Education Bill; Mr. J. D. Spence Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) Order 1979; Mr. Ior Davies Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act 1976 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 1978; and Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments &c., in respect of the Nurses and Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules Approval Instrument 1979.

[No. 53.]

Friday, 9th February, 1979.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Clitheroe 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 Clitheroe, in the room of Alan David Walder, Esquire, E.R.D., deceased. (Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

Knutsford 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 Knutsford, in the room of the Right Honourable John Emerson Harding Davies, M.B.E., who since his election for the said County Constituency hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York. (Mr. Humphrey Atkins.)

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

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

Ghost Workers (Abolition) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Ghost Workers (Abolition) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (Amendment) Bill;

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

Mr. Ray Whitney 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. Roger Sims, Mr. Ray Whitney: 91.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Michael Ward: 23.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided in the Affirmative because it was not supported by the majority prescribed by Standing Order No. 31 (Majority for Closure).

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday next.
Heritage Aid Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Heritage Aid Bill;

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

Tobacco Products (Control of Advertising, Sponsorship and Sales Promotion) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tobacco Products (Control of Advertising, Sponsorship and Sales Promotion) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 23rd February.

Homeworkers (Protection) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Homeworkers (Protection) Bill;

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

National Heritage Fund Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Heritage Fund Bill;

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

Public Bodies (Appointments) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Bodies (Appointments) Bill;

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

Workers' Freedom Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workers' Freedom Bill;

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

Trade Descriptions Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Descriptions Bill;

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

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 (Amendment) Regulations 1979, which were laid before this House on 14th December, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Christopher Price : 19.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Wells, Mr. Philip Holland : 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.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries.—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 British Aerospace (Design, Development and Production of Civil Aircraft) (Payments) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 11th 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):—Debate arising;

And the Question having been proposed after Four o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nine minutes to Five o'clock, till Monday next.

Adjourned at 4.51 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Friday 9th February 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Milian:

Local Government (Scotland).—Copies of Orders, dated 29th January 1979, entitled—

(1) the Dundee Corporation Order Confirmation Act 1969 (Application of Provisions) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 92), and

(2) the Greenock Corporation Order Confirmation Act 1952 (Application of Provisions) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 93)

[by Act].
Pensions.—Copy of Rules, dated 30th January 1979, entitled the Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 94) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Prices.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th February 1979, entitled the Distribution of Footwear (Prices) (Amendment) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 129) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:


Mr. Attorney General:

West Yorkshire Bill [Lords],—Supplemental 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. Tim Sainsbury (nominated in respect of the Weights and Measures Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Patrick Cormack.

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. E. S. Bishop (nominated in respect of the Forestry Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Dr. Gavin Strang.

[No. 54.]


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 12th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 61-viii].

Procedure.—Sir Thomas Williams reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 12th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 206].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Tamar Bridge Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Confirmation to Small Estates (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, supported by Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, Mr. Neil Carmichael, Mr. Ian Campbell, and Mr. James Witte, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to small estates in Scotland; 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 82].

Sittings of the House.—Resolved, That, at this day’s sitting, this House shall not adjourn until Mr. Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Act which has been agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)
Credit Unions Bill.—The Credit Unions Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Commitment of Bills).

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present session to enable certain societies in Great Britain to be registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 as credit unions, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the said Act of the present session in the administrative expenses of the chief registrar of friendly societies and any assistant registrar of friendly societies; and

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any fees received by any such registrar by virtue of that Act.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

Ways and Means.—Credit Unions.—Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable certain societies in Great Britain to be registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 as credit unions, it is expedient that charges to corporation tax be imposed by provisions relating to the taxation of societies registered as credit unions in Great Britain or under the corresponding Northern Ireland legislation.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

Price Commission (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Price Commission (Amendment) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Civil Aviation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Aviation Security Fund (Amendment) Regulations 1979, which were laid before this House on 14th December, be approved—(Mrs. Ann Taylor):—It was agreed to.

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

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


Adjournment.—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—

Debate arising;

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-six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Adjourned at 10.26 p.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 12th February 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Weights and Measures.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th February 1979, entitled the Alcohol Tables Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 132) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute made by the University of Oxford on 19th October 1978, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

The Chairman of Ways and Means:

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).—Report by the Chairman of the Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the County of Mid-Glamorgan (Aberkenfig By-Pass) (No. 1) Compulsory Purchase Order 1978 [by Act].
MEMORANDUM

Monday 12th February 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Wells an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Weights and Measures Bill.

[No. 55.]

Tuesday, 13th February, 1979.

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

PRAYERS.

Private Bills (Standing Order not previously inquired into complied with).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Order not previously inquired into, which is applicable thereto, has been complied with, viz.:

Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society Bill.
Yorkshire Woollen District Transport Bill.

Bills 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 (Tenth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-xvi].

Weights and Measures Bill,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Weights and Measures Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 84].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 209].

Forestry Bill [Lords],—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Forestry 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. 207].

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 agricultural statistics; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Agricultural Statistics Bill [Lords].

Agricultural Statistics Bill [Lords],—The Agricultural Statistics Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 85].

Trade Descriptions Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Trade Descriptions Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 23rd February.

National Heritage Fund Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the National Heritage Fund Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.
Resolution of Trades Disputes (Life and Death Services).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to resolve trades disputes in industries or services where industrial action causes emergencies affecting life and death; to set up arbitration procedures which come into effect after the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service has certified that all normal negotiating procedures have been exhausted; to make provisions for an independent arbitration tribunal; and to define circumstances in which the decisions of this tribunal may, by prior agreement, be binding on the parties thereby withdrawing the trade unions' right to call a strike; and to give guidelines to the tribunal as to the criteria it should take into account, when making an award including special recognition for the agreed withdrawal of the right to strike—(Mr. Jonathan Aitken);

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. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Patrick Cormack: 209.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Ivor Clemitson: 207.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Andrew Mackay, and Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Resolution of Trades Disputes (Life and Death Services) Bill.—Mr. Jonathan Aitken accordingly presented a Bill to resolve trades disputes in industries or services where industrial action causes emergencies affecting life and death; to set up arbitration procedures which come into effect after the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service has certified that all normal negotiating procedures have been exhausted; to make provisions for an independent arbitration tribunal; and to define circumstances in which the decisions of this tribunal may, by prior agreement, be binding on the parties thereby withdrawing the trade unions' right to call a strike; and to give guidelines to the tribunal as to the criteria it should take into account when making an award including special recognition for the agreed withdrawal of the right to strike: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next and to be printed [Bill 83].

Supply [7th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

The State of British Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the Government's disastrous industrial policies which have stifled enterprise, destroyed the hope of new and worthwhile jobs, and left the nation poor and divided—(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 "welcomes the general objectives of Her Majesty's Government's industrial strategy and in particular the fostering of growth industries such as micro-electronics, the measures to ease the difficulties of industries like steel, textiles and ship-building which face cyclical and structural problems, and the promotion of industrial ventures on a national and regional basis through the National Enterprise Board and its regional boards, the Scottish Development Agency, the Welsh Development Agency and the Northern Ireland Development Agency", instead thereof.

—(Mr. Secretary Varley.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 261.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House welcomes the general objectives of Her Majesty's Government's industrial strategy and in particular the fostering of growth industries such as micro-electronics, the measures to ease the difficulties of industries like steel, textiles and ship-building which face cyclical and structural problems, and the promotion of industrial ventures on a national and regional basis through the National Enterprise Board and its regional boards, the Scottish Development Agency, the Welsh Development Agency and the Northern Ireland Development Agency.

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

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to repeal section 2 of the Official Secrets Act 1911, it is expedient to authorise—

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(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(i) any expenses incurred by a Minister of the Crown or a Government department in consequence of the provisions of that Act of this Session;
(ii) the expenses of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration under that Act of this Session; and
(iii) any increase attributable to that Act of this Session in sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment;

(b) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any fees received under that Act of this Session.—(Mr. John Evans.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.49 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 13th February 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:
Expenditure,—Copy of Government Observations on the Third Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1977-78, on the National Land Fund; with Government proposals for the establishment of a National Heritage Fund [by Command] [Cmnd. 7428].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Bank Notes,—Copy of Treasury Minutes dated 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 16th January 1979, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 208].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
Portugal (No. 1, 1979),—Copy of a Convention on Social Security, signed at London on 15th November 1978, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Portugal (with Protocol concerning medical treatment) (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7459].

Treaty Series (No. 19, 1979),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 24th August 1978, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Spain on the regulation of the taxation of road vehicles engaged in international transport [by Command] [Cmnd. 7451].

Treaty Series (No. 20, 1979),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Havana on 18th October 1978, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Cuba, on compensation for losses suffered by certain United Kingdom nationals as a result of the implementation of Cuban nationalisation, expropriation and similar laws and measures since 1st January 1959 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7452].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Food and Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th January 1979, entitled the Colouring Matter in Food (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 107) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
(1) electrical equipment for motor vehicles, cycles and aircraft,
(2) electric lamps, electric light fittings, wiring accessories, etc.,
(3) lubricating oils and greases,
(4) mineral oils refining,
(5) precision chains and other mechanical engineering,
(6) surgical instruments and appliances; and
(7) tobacco
[by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders),—Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of his proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Acts 1861 to 1915 during the year ended 31st January 1979 [by Act].
[No. 56.]

Wednesday, 14th February, 1979.

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 26th January relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness the Princess Anne; and that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness the Princess Anne had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

We, Counsellors of State, to whom have been delegated certain Royal Functions as specified in Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm dated 8th February 1979, have received your Addresses praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Venezuela) Order 1978, the Double Taxation Relief (Shipping and Air Transport Profits) (Jordan) Order 1978 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Malawi) Order 1978 be made in the form of the drafts laid before your House.

On Her Majesty's behalf we will comply with your request.

Income Tax,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of 26th January relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness the Princess Anne; and that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness the Princess Anne had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

We, Counsellors of State, to whom have been delegated certain Royal Functions as specified in Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm dated 8th February 1979, have received your Addresses praying that on the ratification by the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg of the Protocol set out in the Schedule to the draft Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Luxembourg) Order 1978 and on the ratification by the Government of the Kingdom of Norway of the Protocol set out in the Schedule to the draft Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Norway) (No. 2) Order 1978, which drafts were laid before your House, Orders may be made in the form of those drafts.

On Her Majesty's behalf we will comply with your request.

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

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of the Right Honourable Reginald Maudling, Member for Barnet, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the Right Honourable Member.

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 Capital Gains Tax Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 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 (Thirteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 10-xiii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-xiv].
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 7th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 214-i].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 14th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 61-ix].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee on 14th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 97-vi].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 14th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 160-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 C on 14th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 215].

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 E on 14th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 169-iv].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Genetic Engineering Sub-Committee on 14th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 123-v].

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

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Export Guarantees (Extension of Period) Order 1979, referred to a Committee on 5th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 211].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act 1976 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1939), referred to a Committee on 6th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 213].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Nurses and Enrolled Nurses (Amendment) Rules Approval Instrument 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 49), referred to a Committee on 1st February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 212].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments the Deer Act 1963; to prevent the poaching of deer; to control the sale and purchase of venison; and for purposes connected with those matters; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Deer Bill [Lords].

House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 14th February to be printed [No. 118-ii].

Secondary Picketing (Abolition),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make illegal the picketing of any premises during an industrial dispute other than those directly connected with the said dispute; and for purposes connected therewith—(Mr. Peter Temple-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. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. Roger Moate: 187.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. George Rodgers: 170.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. W. R. Benyon, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. John Hannam, and Mr. Roger Moate, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Secondary Picketing (Abolition) Bill.—Mr. Peter Temple-Morris accordingly presented a Bill to make illegal the picketing of any premises during an industrial dispute other than those directly connected with the said dispute; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 86].

Banking Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Banking Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

"or

e notwithstanding Schedule 1 of the Bill, the business is the National Giro."—(Mr. Peter Emery.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Peter Morrison: 126.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 140.

Amendments (Nos. 2 to 8 and 11) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 25, line 2, to leave out the word "five" and insert the word "two", instead thereof.—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 13 and 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 3, at the end, to insert the words "which amount shall be increased to ninety per centage of the protected deposit if the deposit was made by an individual or a partnership."—(Mr. Peter Emery.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 16 to 18) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 38, line 8, to leave out the words "or is carrying on a banking business".—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed to the Bill, in page 38, line 32, to leave out the second word "the", and insert the word "such", instead thereof.—(Mr. Ian Stewart.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 22) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 39, line 24, at the end, to insert the words—

"(7A) Subsection (1) above shall not prohibit a stockbroker or a dealer in securities licensed under the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act from describing himself as an investment banker or from describing his business as "investment banking" where in the context in which such description is used it refers or would reasonably be understood to refer to transactions concerning securities."—(Mr. John Moore.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 24 and 25) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 26) proposed to the Bill, in page 43, line 23, to leave out "£1,000", and insert "£5,000", instead thereof.—(Mr. Peter Emery.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 27) proposed to the Bill, in page 50, line 24, to leave out the word "immediate".—(Mr. Ian Stewart)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 29 to 31, and 33 to 38) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—Debate arising; And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Banking Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.51 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 14th February 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr Secretary Millan:
Hospital Endowments,—Report of the Scottish Hospital Trust for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 164].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Price Commission,—Report of the Price Commission on Butlin's Limited—tariffs of the main holiday centres in the United Kingdom [by Act]; to be printed [No. 181].

Mr. John Silkin:
Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th February 1979, entitled the Agricultural Levy Reliefs (Frozen Beef and Veal) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 121) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Maintenance of Dependants,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 6th February 1979, entitled the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (Designation of Reciprocating Countries) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 115) [by Act].

Medical Profession,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 6th February 1979, entitled the General Medical Council (Constitution) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 112) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 6th February 1979, entitled—
(1) the Merchant Shipping (Confirmation of Legislation) (South Australia) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 110), and
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Foreign Deserters) (Disapplication) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 120)
[by Act].

Pensions.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 6th February 1979, entitled the Naval, Military and Air Forces etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Amendment Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 113) [by Act].

Road Traffic.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 6th February 1979, entitled the Control of Off-Street Parking (Scotland) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 119) [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 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 218].

Local Government (Scotland).—Account of the Commission for Local Authority Accounts in Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 219].

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 Crown Agents Bill, viz.: Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, Mr. George Cunningham, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Geoffrey Dodsworth, Mrs. Judith Hart, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. James Killedder, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. George Robertson, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. John Tomlinson, and Mr. Peter Viggers.

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 Credit Unions Bill, viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Jim Craigie, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Harry Lamborn, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Anthony Newton, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. John Roger, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. John Tilley, Mr. John Wakeham, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Evelyn King (nominated in respect of the Countryside Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Edward du Cann.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and on Gifts) (United States of America) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Canada) Order 1978, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and on Gifts) (Republic of South Africa) Order 1978, viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Chruchill, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Bruce Grocott, Mr. Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Malcolm Rikkind, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. Kenneth Warren, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mr. Dafydd Wigley.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Haddock (West of Scotland and Rockall) Licensing Order 1979, viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Allck Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. James Dempsey, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. David Madd, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, 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 New Towns (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1979, viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Robert Corbett, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Ian Grist, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Evelyn King, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Stan Newens, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Anthony Steen, and Mr. Michael Ward.
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 European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (ECSC Decision on Supplementary Revenues) Order 1979, viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Ben Ford, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Neil Marten, Mr. Michael Marshall, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Tom Normanton, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. Jim Spicer, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. John Tomlinson, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 14th February 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Credit Unions Bill and the Crown Agents Bill to Standing Committee A; the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and on Gifts) (United States of America) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Canada) Order 1978 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and on Gifts) (Republic of South Africa) Order 1978 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Haddock (West of Scotland and Rockall) Licensing Order 1979 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Haddock (West of Scotland and Rockall) Licensing Order 1979 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the New Towns (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1979 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (ECSC Decision on Supplementary Revenues) Order 1979 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

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

[No. 57.]


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

PRAYERS.

Tamar Bridge Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Tamar Bridge Bill; and the same were agreed to.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill;

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

Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords];

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

City of London (Various Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the City of London (Various Powers) Bill;

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

County of Merseyside Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of Merseyside Bill [Lords];

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

East Kilbride District Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Kilbride District Council Bill;

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

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
London Transport Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Transport Bill:

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

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

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

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 177-iv].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Inverclyde District Council Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide a system of registration of interests in land in Scotland in place of the recording of deeds in the Register of Sasines and for indemnification in respect of registered interests in land; to simplify certain deeds relating to land and to provide as to the effect of certain other such deeds; to enable tenants-at-will to acquire their landlords' interests in the tenancies; to provide for the fixing of fees payable to the Keeper of the Registers of Scotland; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 90].

Arbitration Bill [Lords].—The Arbitration Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 89].

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 Shepherd to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee D appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries. (Mr. Russell Kerr.)

Leasehold Reform Bill.—Mr. Secretary Shore, supported by Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Reginald Freeson, and Mr. Ernest Armstrong, presented a Bill to provide further protection, for a tenant in possession claiming to acquire the freehold under the Leasehold Reform Act 1967, against artificial inflation of the price he has to pay: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 87].

Consents to Prosecutions Bill.—Mr. Attorney General, supported by Mr. Secretary Rees, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Arthur Davidson, presented a Bill to transfer, or facilitate the transfer of, certain functions relating to prosecutions and consents to prosecutions; 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 88].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the National Health Service (Preservation of Boards of Governors) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 51) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Grants for Guarantees of Bank Loans (Extension of Period) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Public Health Laboratory Service Bill [Lords].—The Public Health Laboratory Service 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).
Board, 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 the National Health Service Act 1977.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Payments to persons severely disabled by vaccination).

Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 1, line 12, to leave out the word “of” and insert the words “in proportion to the severity of the disablement and in accordance with the scales laid down in subsection (4), but not exceeding.”—(Mr. Jack Ashley.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed, in page 2, to leave out lines 24 to 26 and insert the words—

“(5) The Secretary of State shall not make an order or any regulations under this section unless a draft of the order or the regulations, as the case may be, shall have been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.”—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Conditions of entitlement).

Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 2, line 30, after the word “Man” to insert the words “or any other territory which is still administered by Her Majesty’s Government.”—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 2, to leave out line 31.—(Mr. Jack Ashley.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed, in page 2, line 42, to leave out from the word “he” to the word “was”.—(Mr. Jack Ashley.)

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

Clause No. 3 (Determination of claims).

Amendment (No. 14) proposed, in page 4, line 31, to leave out the words “on the balance of probability” and insert the words “as if the balance of doubt were in favour of the claimant.”—(Dr. Gerard Vaughan.)

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

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Reconsideration of determinations and recovery of payments in certain cases).

Amendment (No. 15) proposed, in page 6, line 23, at the end, to add the words—

“(6) Any reconsideration of determination and recovery of payment under this section shall be subject at the instance of the applicant or his relatives to appeal to the High Court.”—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

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

Clause No. 6 (Payments to or for the benefit of disabled persons).

Amendment (No. 16) proposed, in page 7, line 4, at the end, to add the words—

“(5) A payment to or in respect of any person under section 1(1) above and the right to receive such payment shall be disregarded in applying any enactment or instrument under which regard is had to, or may be had to, a person’s means.”—(Mr. Robin Hodgson.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 7 to 13 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. Jim Marshall.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.33 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 15th February 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 12, 1979),—Copy of the Tarbela Development Fund (Second Supplemental) Agreement 1978, signed at Washington on 14th September 1978 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7453].

Treaty Series (No. 13, 1979),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Islamabad on 16th October 1978, concerning a grant by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of Pakistan (the United Kingdom / Pakistan (Tarbela Number 10) Agreement 1978) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7454].

Mr. Secretary Milian:

New Towns (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th January 1979, entitled the New Town (Stonehouse) (Revocation of Designation) (Compensation) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 98) [by Act].

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


[No. 58.

Friday, 16th February, 1979.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Employment Opportunities (Small Businesses) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment Opportunities (Small Businesses) Bill;

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

Mr. A. W. Stallard 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. Michael Grylls 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. Richard Page, Mr. Ian Gow: 159.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. James Tinn: 37.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 40 (Commitment of Bills).

Licensed Premises (Exclusion of Certain Persons) Bill,—The Licensed Premises (Exclusion of Certain Persons) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Anthony Grant.)
Committee upon Friday next.

Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 9th March.

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 next.

Heritage Aid Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Heritage Aid Bill;

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

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

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

Public Bodies (Appointments) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Bodies (Appointments) Bill;

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

Workers’ Freedom Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workers’ Freedom Bill;

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

Confirmation to Small Estates (Scotland) Bill,—The Confirmation to Small Estates (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison.)
Committee upon Friday next.

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) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 26th 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, if being then sixteen minutes to Five o’clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 4.44 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 16th February 1979
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th February 1979, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) Anti-Dumping (Amendment) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 155) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Smith:
Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th February 1979, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Quota and Other Reliefs) (Amendment) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 153) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Housing (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Accounts of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the year ended 31st March 1977; with the Reports of the Local Government Auditor and the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon [by Command] [Cmnd. 7423].

Mr. Attorney General:
University College London Bill [Lords],—Report of the Attorney General on the University College London Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

MEMORANDUM
Friday 16th February 1979

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 Credit Unions Bill; Mr. David Watkins Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Countryside Bill; Mr. Richard Crawshaw an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Official Information Bill; Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and on Gifts) (United States of America) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Canada) Order 1978 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and on Gifts) (Republic of South Africa) Order 1978; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Haddock (West of Scotland and Rockall) Licensing Order 1979; and Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the New Towns (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1979.

[No. 59.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Hovercraft,—The Order made on 7th February, That the draft Hovercraft (Civil Liability) Order 1979 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

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. 34-xi].

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 Beswick to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee E appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, &c., in respect of the New Towns (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1979. (Mr. Russell Kerr.)

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

Nationalised Industries,—The Lords give leave to the Lord Beswick to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee E appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, and to the Lord Shepherd to attend to be examined as a witness before Sub-Committee D appointed by the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, if their Lordships think fit.
Deer Bill [Lords].—The Deer Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 92].

Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue Appeal Tribunals Bill.—Ordered, That the Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue Appeal Tribunals Bill be read a second time upon Friday.

Mercenaries Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Mercenaries Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 30th March.

House of Lords (Reform) Bill,—Mr. Kenneth Lomas presented a Bill to abolish the right of hereditary peers to vote; to provide for the eventual extinction of the hereditary peerage; to make other provision with respect to the functions of hereditary peers; to make provision with respect to the composition of the House of Lords and to the powers of the House of Lords with respect to legislation and its other functions; to provide for the payment of salaries to certain members of the House of Lords; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th April and to be printed [Bill 91].

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the business of Supply may be taken after Ten o'clock and that, if the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House is not disposed of by Ten o'clock, it shall not lapse at that hour and may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Bryan Davies.)

Supply [8th 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. Bryan Davies);

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.59 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 19th February 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 19th February 1979, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes for economic and financial administration—

(1) Exchequer and Audit Department (Class XIII, 5),
(2) Department of Trade (Class IV, 9),
(3) Office and General Accommodation Services (Class XIV, 1), and
(4) Stationery and Printing (Class XIV, 2)
[by Act].

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th November 1978 on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act]; to be printed [No. 224].

Housing,—Statement of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 20th November 1978 on loans raised by the Housing Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 225].

Water,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—

(1) 7th November 1978, and
(2) 7th November 1978
on loans raised by the National Water Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 226 and 227].
Mr. Secretary Rees:

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Mr. Secretary Smith:
Hovercraft,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Hovercraft (Civil Liability) Order 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Mr. Secretary Morris:
Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders),—Report by the Secretary of State for Wales of his proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Acts 1861 to 1915 during the period 1st April 1978 to 31st January 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 [by Act].

Rates,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st February 1979, entitled the Rates (Regional Rate and Reduction of Regional Rate on Dwellings) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1979, No. 20 [by Act].

Coroners,—Copy of Rules, dated 18th January 1979, entitled the Coroners (Salaries) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1979 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1979, No. 18) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport,—Copy of Government proposals on concessionary fares for elderly, blind and disabled people [by Command] (Cmnd. 7475).

Transport,—Statements of determination of the pensions payable to—
(1) a member of the National Freight Corporation, and
(2) members of the British Railways Board
[by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Seeds,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th February 1979, entitled the Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 133) [by Act].

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

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

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report,
which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the
Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 20th February and Memoranda laid
before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Eleventh Report).

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be
printed [No. 33-xvii].

Nationalised Industries.—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nation-
alised Industries, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence
taken before Sub-Committee A on 20th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 113-iii].

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

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34-xii].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order
1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 91) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments,
&c.—(Mr. Michael Foot).

Protection of Otters (Scotland).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make otters
a protected species in Scotland; and for connected purposes: And that Mrs. Margaret
Bain, Mr. Iain MacCormick, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Andrew Welsh, Mr. Eric S.
Heffer, and Mr. Robin Corbett, do prepare and bring it in.

Protection of Otters (Scotland) Bill.—Mrs. Margaret Bain accordingly presented a Bill to
make otters a protected species in Scotland; and for connected purposes: And the same
was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 23rd March
and to be printed [Bill 93].

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.22 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 20th February 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Inland Revenue.—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Inland
Revenue for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Command] [Cmd. 7473].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 21, 1979).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Georgetown on 26th
July 1977, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Govern-
ment of the Republic of Guyana on public officers’ pensions (the Public Officers’ Pensions
(Guyana) Agreement 1977) [by Command] [Cmd. 7465].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

National Health Service.—Copies of proposals made by the Health Services Board, relating to—

(1) the relocation of private practice facilities at National Health Service hospitals,
and

(2) the withdrawal of authorisations for the use of National Health Service hospital
accommodation and services by private patients
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 189 and 188].
Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland Trading and Other Accounts,—Northern Ireland Trading and other Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1978; 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. 161].

Human Rights,—Copy of the Report of the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights for the year ended 31st October 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 176].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th February 1979, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 138) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th February 1979, entitled the Rabies Virus Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 135) [by Act].

The Chairman of Ways and Means:

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure),—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Kent County Council (Ightham County Primary School) Compulsory Purchase Order 1978 [by Act].

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 20th February 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Employment Opportunities (Small Businesses) Bill to Standing Committee C.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. David Watkins an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Official Information Bill in the place of Mr. Richard Crawshaw.


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

PRAYERS.

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

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

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 10-xv].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-xv].

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. 237].

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

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 61-x].

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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 Environment Sub-Committee on 14th and 21st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 99-v and 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 21st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 97-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 21st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 97-vii].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Sub-Committee on 21st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 160-vii].

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 21st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 173-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 E on 21st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 169-v].

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. 230].

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. 231].

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 February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-iv].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Genetic Engineering Sub-Committee on 21st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 123-vi].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and on Gifts) (United States of America) Order 1978, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Incomes) (Canada) Order 1978, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and on Gifts) (Republic of South Africa) Order 1978, referred to a Committee on 7th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 234].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Michael English reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Haddock (West of Scotland and Rockall) Licensing Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 71), referred to a Committee on 8th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 233].
Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the New Towns (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1979, referred to a Committee on 8th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 235].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend paragraph (f)(iii) of the proviso to section 1 of the Criminal Evidence Act 1898 and corresponding enactments extending to Scotland and Northern Ireland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Criminal Evidence Bill [Lords].

Coal Mining (Subsidence)—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Coal-Mining (Subsidence) Act 1957; to establish an independent commission to take over certain responsibilities from the National Coal Board; and for connected purposes:

And that Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Stanley Cohen, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Dennis Skinner, and Mr. Edwin Wainwright, do prepare and bring it in.

Coal Mining (Subsidence) Bill.—Mr. Jack Ashley accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Coal-Mining (Subsidence) Act 1957; to establish an independent commission to take over certain responsibilities from the National Coal Board; 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 94].

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Rates Amendment (Northern Ireland) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 7th February, be approved.—(Mr Tom Pendry.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Judgements Enforcement and Debts Recovery (Northern Ireland) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 17th January, be approved.—(Mr. Arthur Davidson.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Judgements Enforcement (Consequential Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 17th January, be approved.—(Mr. Arthur Davidson.)

The Communities’ Budget.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of EEC Documents Nos. R/3185/78, R/3089/78, R/3090/78, R/3093/78, R/3146/78, R/3312/78 and 4012/79 on the Communities’ Budget—(Mr. Denzil Davies);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words “but notes the regressive and inequitable operation of the present system of financing the Community Budget and urges Her Majesty’s Government, in negotiating on any Commission proposals, to press for a system of financing the Budget which contributes to reducing the present disparities and to bringing the level of net national contributions into line with ability to pay”.—(Mr. Bryan Gould.)

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 Customs and Excise Management Bill [Lords], the Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Bill [Lords], the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Bill [Lords], the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Bill [Lords], the Matches and Mechanical Lighters Duties Bill [Lords], the Tobacco Products Duty Bill [Lords] and the Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

The Communities’ Budget.—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Motion (The Communities’ Budget):—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That this House takes note of EEC Documents Nos. R/3185/78, R/3089/78, R/3090/78, R/3093/78, R/3146/78, R/3312/78 and 4012/79 on the Communities’ Budget, but notes the regressive and inequitable operation of the present system of financing the Community Budget and urges Her Majesty’s Government, in negotiating on any Commission proposals, to press for a system of financing the Budget which contributes to reducing the present disparities and to bringing the level of net national contributions into line with ability to pay.

Customs and Excise Management Bill [Lords].—The Customs and Excise Management 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.)

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 178 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 7 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, without Amendment.

Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Bill [Lords].—The Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) 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.)

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 20 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 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, without Amendment.

Alcoholic Liquor Duties Bill [Lords].—The Alcoholic Liquor Duties 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.)

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 93 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 4 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, without Amendment.
Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Bill [Lords].—The Hydrocarbon Oil Duties 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.)

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 29 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 7 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, without Amendment.

Matches and Mechanical Lighters Duties Bill [Lords].—The Matches and Mechanical Lighters Duties 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.)

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 10 agreed to.
Schedule 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, without Amendment.

Tobacco Products Duty Bill [Lords].—The Tobacco Products Duty 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.)

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 12 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

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

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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.

Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) Bill [Lords].—The Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) 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.)

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. 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, without Amendment.

Expenditure.—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Expenditure Committee be amended, by leaving out Mr. Bryan Davies and inserting Mr. Donald Dewar.—(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 House having continued to sit till after Twelve o’clock on Thursday morning;

Thursday, 22nd February, 1979:

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 Twelve o’clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.11 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Wednesday 21st February 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 5, 1979).—Copy of a Statement on developments in the European Communities from 1st July to 31st December 1978 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7489].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—Copies of Regulations, dated 15th February 1979, entitled—

(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 1) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 156),
(2) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979, and
(3) the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1979 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence Estimates,—Copy of the Statement on the Defence Estimates for 1979 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7474].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission.—Report of the Price Commission on prices, costs and margins in the manufacture and distribution of portable electric tools [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 204].

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

Legal Aid and Advice.—Copies of Regulations, dated 19th February 1979, entitled—
(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 160),
(2) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979, and
(3) the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1979 [by Act].

National Loans Fund,—Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund for the year ended 31st March 1978 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 236].

[No. 62.]

Thursday, 22nd February, 1979.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 8th March.

Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords] ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 8th March.

City of London (Various Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the City of London (Various Powers) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 6th March at Seven o'clock.

County of Merseyside Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of Merseyside Bill [Lords] ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 8th March.

East Kilbride District Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Kilbride District Council Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 8th March.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 8th March.

London Transport Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Transport Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 8th March.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Films 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:


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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 22nd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 61-xi].

Official Information Bill,—Mr. David Watkins reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Official Information Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 6th April ; and to be printed [Bill 96].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 238].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend certain enactments relating to legal aid and legal advice and assistance ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of his House [Legal Aid Bill [Lords]].

Legal Aid Bill [Lords].—The Legal Aid Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 98].

Criminal Evidence Bill [Lords].—The Criminal Evidence Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th March and to be printed [Bill 97].

Local Government Grants (Ethnic Groups) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Rees, supported by Mrs. Secretary Williams, Mr. Secretary Shore, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Secretary Ennals, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. Brynmor John, 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 payment to local authorities in Great Britain of grants towards expenditure attributable to the presence of ethnic groups within their areas 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 95].

Review of the Mental Health Act 1959,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the White Paper on the Review of the Mental Health Act 1959 (Command Paper No. 7320).—(Mr. Secretary Ennals.)

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.27 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 22nd February 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr. Robert Sheldon :

Northern Ireland,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th February 1979, entitled the General Betting Duty (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 (S.R. & O. (N.1.), 1979, No. 146) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Owen:

Treaty Series (No. 23, 1979),—Copy of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961, as amended by Command [Cmnd. 7466].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Marriage,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th February 1979, entitled the Marriage Fees (Scotland) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 144) by Act.
Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th February 1979, entitled the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 143) by Act.

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.—Copy of an Order, dated 15th February 1979, entitled the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 149) by Act.

Mr. Secretary Smith:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd February 1979, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) Provisional Anti-Dumping Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 181) by Act.

Mr. Secretary Mason:


Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Counter-Inflation,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st February 1979, entitled the Prices and Charges (Notification of Increases) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 178) by Act.

Price Commission,—Report of the Price Commission on BOC Limited—compressed permanent gases and dissolved acetylene sold in cylinder, cylinder rentals and fixed charges by Act; to be printed [No. 223].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders),—Report by the Secretary of State for Transport of his proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Act 1861 by Act.

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

Foreign Compensation,—Accounts of the Egyptian, Egyptian Nationalised Property and Romanian Funds for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Controller and Auditor General thereon by Act; to be printed [No. 239].

Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund,—Accounts of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon by Act; to be printed [No. 240].

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [2nd February] from the Hillingdon Centre of the Royal College of Nurses on the pay and conditions of service of nurses by Standing Order; to be printed.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 22nd February 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 (Amendment) Bill; and Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (ECSC Decision on Supplementary Revenues) Order 1979.
23rd February 1979

[No. 63.]

Friday, 23rd February, 1979.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Chief Superintendent Ronald Day v. United Newspapers Publications Limited, Barry Askew, Robert Satchwell, David Graham, F. B. V. Hargreaves and Len Whiteside,—A Petition of Peter Frederick Carter-Ruck, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature, was presented and read; setting forth, first, that the Petitioner is the Solicitor representing United Newspapers Publications Limited, proprietors and publishers of the Lancashire Evening Post and of the West Lancashire Evening Gazette, Barry Askew, the Editor, and Robert Satchwell, the Assistant Editor, of the Lancashire Evening Post, David Graham, a journalist, F. B. V. Hargreaves, the Editor of the West Lancashire Evening Gazette, and Len Whiteside, a journalist; secondly, that an action for libel has been brought in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice against the said United Newspapers Publications Limited, Barry Askew, Robert Satchwell, David Graham, F. B. V. Hargreaves and Len Whiteside by Chief Superintendent Ronald Day in respect of an article published on 25th February 1977 in the Lancashire Evening Post and written by Robert Satchwell and David Graham which described allegations made against the Plaintiff in a report by Sir Douglas Osmond, the number of the action being 1977 D. No. 886; thirdly, that on 2nd March 1977, as reported in the Reports of Debates Volume 927, No. 60, columns 372, 373 and 374, Mr. Kilroy-Silk sought the leave of the Speaker to move an adjournment of the House to discuss the conduct of the Chief Constable of Lancashire as outlined in the said report by Sir Douglas Osmond but leave was refused; fourthly, that on 31st March 1977, as reported in the Reports of Debates Volume 929, No. 81, columns 550, 551 and 552, the Secretary of State for the Home Department made certain statements in response to questions from Members concerning the allegations in the said report; fifthly, that on 16th May 1977, as reported in the Reports of Debates Volume 932, No. 107, columns 179, 180, 181 and 182, Mr. George Rodgers and Mr. Roger Sims expressed disquiet at the lack of further investigation into the allegations concerning the said Chief Superintendent Day; sixthly, that reference is desired to be made in the case referred to in paragraph 2 hereof to the said parts of the Official Report; and praying that reference may be made in the action being heard in the High Court of Justice referred to herein to the said Reports of Debates and that leave be given to the proper Officers of the House formally to produce and to prove the same according to their competence.

Chief Superintendent Ronald Day v. Express Newspapers Limited, Arthur Firth and Donald Blankley,—A Petition of Peter David Scandrett, a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature, was presented and read; setting forth, first, that the Petitioner is the Solicitor representing Express Newspapers Limited, Arthur Firth, the Editor of the Manchester edition of the Daily Express newspaper, and Donald Blankley, a journalist; secondly, that an action for libel has been brought in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice against the said Express Newspapers Limited, Arthur Firth and Donald Blankley by Chief Superintendent Ronald Day in respect of an article published on 26th February 1977 in the Manchester edition of the Daily Express and written by Donald Blankley which described allegations made against the Plaintiff in a report by Sir Douglas Osmond, the number of the action being 1977 D. No. 887; thirdly, that on 2nd March 1977, as reported in the Reports of Debates Volume 927, No. 60, columns 372, 373 and 374, Mr. Kilroy-Silk sought the leave of the Speaker to move an adjournment of the House to discuss the conduct of the Chief Constable of Lancashire as outlined in the said report by Sir Douglas Osmond but leave was refused; fourthly, that on 31st March 1977, as reported in the Reports of Debates Volume 927, No. 60, columns 372, 373 and 374, Mr. Kilroy-Silk sought the leave of the Speaker to move an adjournment of the House to discuss the conduct of the Chief Constable of Lancashire as outlined in the said report by Sir Douglas Osmond but leave was refused; fourthly, that on 31st March 1977, as reported in the Reports of Debates Volume 929, No. 81, columns 550, 551 and 552, the Secretary of State for the Home Department made certain statements in response to questions from Members concerning the allegations in the said report; fifthly, that on 16th May 1977, as reported in the Reports of Debates Volume 932, No. 107, columns 179, 180, 181 and 182, Mr. George Rodgers and Mr. Roger Sims expressed disquiet at the lack of further investigation into the allegations concerning the said Chief Superintendent Day; sixthly, that reference is desired to be made in the case referred to in paragraph 2 hereof to the said parts of the Official Report; and praying that reference may be made in the action being heard in the High Court of Justice referred to herein to the said Reports of Debates and that leave be given to the proper Officers of the House formally to produce and to prove the same according to their competence.

Ordered, That leave be given for reference to be made to the said Reports of Debates and to the proper Officers of the House to attend the hearings and formally to produce and to prove the same according to their competence.—(Mr. Leon Brittan.)

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1927) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the General Medical Council (Review Board for Overseas Qualified Practitioners Rules) Order of Council 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 29) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the General Medical Council (Constitution) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 112) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Licensing (Amendment) Bill,—The Licensing (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee upon Friday 6th April.

Children Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was negatived.

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).

Tobacco Products (Control of Advertising, Sponsorship and Sales Promotion) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tobacco Products (Control of Advertising, Sponsorship and Sales Promotion) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 9th March.

Trade Descriptions Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Descriptions Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 9th March.

Resolution of Trade Disputes (Life and Death Services) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Resolution of Trade Disputes (Life and Death Services) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 4th May.

Licensed Premises (Exclusion of Certain Persons) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Licensed Premises (Exclusion of Certain Persons) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Suspension order).
Amendments (Nos. 1 to 4) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 2 (Notice of suspension order).
Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill, put and negatived.
Clause No. 3 (Penalty for non-compliance with suspension order).
Amendments (Nos. 6 and 7) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 4 (Penalty for non-compliance with suspension order).
Amendments (Nos. 8 and 9) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 5 agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Anthony Grant 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.
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 6th April.

Workers’ Freedom Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workers’ Freedom Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th April.

Confirmation to Small Estates (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Confirmation to Small Estates (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill to be reported, without Amendment.

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

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

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

Deer Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Deer Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 23rd March.

Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue Appeal Tribunals Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue Appeal Tribunals Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 4th May.

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 on Gifts) (Republic of South Africa) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 15th December, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Taxes,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons and on Gifts) (United States of America) Order 1978, which was laid before this House on 15th December, be approved—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—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 Canada of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the draft Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Canada) Order 1978, which draft was laid before this House on 16th 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.

New Towns,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the New Towns (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1979, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st January, 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-two minutes to Five o’clock, adjourned till Monday 5th March, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 12th December.

[Adjourned at 4.38 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Friday 23rd February 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Defence (Votes A), 1979-80,—Estimates of the maximum number of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces for the year ending 31st March 1980 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 190].

Supply Estimates (Supplementary Estimates, Class I: Defence), 1978-79,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1979 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 198].

Supply Estimates (Supplementary Estimates, Class IV, Vote 8: Civil), 1978-79,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1979 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 221].

Supply Estimates (Supplementary Estimates, Classes II-XVII: Civil), 1978-79,—Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1979 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 199].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Supply Estimates (Excesses), 1977-78,—Statement of the sums required to be voted in order to make good excesses on certain grants for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 229].

Mr. Secretary Smith:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th February 1979, entitled the Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) (Second Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 154) [by Act].

[No. 64.]


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 Thomas Henry Swain, Esquire, Member for North East Derbyshire, 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).

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 5th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 121-v].

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 5th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-v].

New Members sworn,—

David Charles Waddington, Esquire, Member for Clitheroe, was sworn.

John Bruce-Gardyne, Esquire, Member for Knutsford, was sworn.

Outlawries (No. 2) Bill,—Mr. Ronald Bell, supported by Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Hugh Fraser, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, and Mr. Patrick Wall, presented a Bill to vary the application of section 2 of the Southern Rhodesia Act 1965; to clarify the meaning of section 2 of the Immigration Act 1971; and for the better prevention of clandestine outlawries: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 30th March and to be printed [Bill 99].
5th March 1979

Arbitration Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Arbitration Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Consents to Prosecutions Bill.—Ordered, That the Consents to Prosecutions Bill be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Supply [9th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

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

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 290.

So the Question was negatived.

Hovercraft.—Resolved, That the draft Hovercraft (Civil Liability) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved.—(Mr. Clinton Davis.)

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

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

Adjourned at 11.27 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (Presentation of Command Papers), and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Treaty Series (No. 24, 1979).—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 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7469].

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 Mobility Allowance Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 172) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7491].

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:

26th February 1979

Social Security.—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th February 1979, entitled the Family Income Supplements (General) Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 169) [by Act].

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd February 1979, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) Provisional Anti-Dumping (No. 2) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 191) [by Act].

Control of Fuel and Electricity.—Copy of an Order, dated 26th February 1979, entitled the Paraffin (Maximum Retail Prices) (Third Amendment) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 193) [by Act].

27th February 1979

Magistrates' Courts.—Copy of Rules, dated 16th February 1979, entitled the Magistrates' Courts (Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders) (Amendment) Rules 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 170) [by Act].

28th February 1979

Prevention of Terrorism.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th February 1979, entitled the Prevention of Terrorism (Supplemental Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 169) [by Act].
Social Security,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 21st February 1979, entitled the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (Commencement No. 13) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 171), and
(2) Regulations, dated 21st February 1979, entitled the Mobility Allowance Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 172)
(by Act).


2nd March 1979

Ecclesiastical Law,—Copies of Orders, dated 23rd February 1979, entitled—
(1) the Parochial Fees Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 194), and
(2) the Payments to Redundant Churches Fund Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 195)
(by Act).

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 5th March 1979:

Mr. Secretary Owen:
British Council,—Statement on indemnities for borrowed objects (British Council) [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Law Society of Scotland on the Legal Aid Scheme for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Defence,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th February 1979, entitled the Royal Air Force Terms of Service (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 215) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Industrial Training,—Copies of Orders, dated—
(1) 21st February 1979, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Knitting, Lace and Net) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 184), and
(2) 28th February 1979, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Petroleum) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 185)
(by Act).

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Mr. Secretary Smith:
Trade,—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 7th December for a Return of statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during the year 1979, for
January.

Mr. Secretary Varley:
(1) bread and flour confectionery, and
(2) coke ovens and manufactured fuel
(by Act).

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Fair Employment (Northern Ireland),—Statement of Accounts of the Fair Employment Agency for Northern Ireland for—
(1) the period 1st September 1976 to 31st March 1977, and
(2) the year ended 31st March 1978;
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 202 and 203].
Mr. Secretary Benn:


Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines,—Statement relative to a Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Energy on 16th March 1976 on a loan facility arranged by Tricentrol Thistle Development Limited [by Act]; to be printed [No. 216].

Mr. Michael Foot:

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

1. The Governing Body of Jesus College, Oxford, on 29th November 1978, amending the Statutes of the College, and

2. The University of Oxford on 20th December 1978, amending the Statutes of the University

[by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:

Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 26th February 1979, entitled—

1. The Sri Lanka Public Officers’ Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1979, and

2. The Sri Lanka Public Officers’ Widows’ and Orphans’ Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1979

[by Act].

Tuesday, 6th March, 1979.

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 on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Order not previously inquired into, which is applicable thereto, has been complied with, viz.:

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill.

Bill committed.

City of London (Various Powers) [Money], Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to City of London (Various Powers) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to empower the Conservators of Epping Forest to grant to the Secretary of State interests or rights in land for road purposes it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State—

(a) in reinstating certain lands which form part of the subject matter of the said grant on completion of the purpose for which they are temporarily occupied by the Secretary of State;

(b) in laying out and providing a new cricket ground and pavilion and other conveniences for the Epping Foresters Cricket Club;

(c) in reimbursing the Conservators 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 that Act relating to the said grant; and

(d) in indemnifying the Conservators against actions, costs, claims and demands brought or made against or incurred by the Conservators which are caused by or arise out of the said grant and which are not attributable to the wrongful act, neglect or default of the Conservators or their contractors, agents, workmen or servants.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

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

Representation of the People.—The Order made on 31st January, That the draft European Assembly Regulations do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.
Representation of the People.—The Order made on 31st January, That the draft European Assembly Regulations (Northern Ireland) 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 the Report was brought up and read (Twelfth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-xviii].

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boydén reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 23rd January and 6th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 158-ii and iii].

Credit Unions Bill.—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Credit Unions Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 101].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 248].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Public Lending Right Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate Part III of the Finance Act 1965 with related provisions in that Act and subsequent Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Capital Gains Tax Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Countryside (Scotland) Act 1967 by empowering planning authorities to make byelaws in relation to public paths, long-distance routes and public rights of way; by allotting to planning authorities carrying out district planning functions certain powers and duties in relation to public rights of way; and by providing a new designation for officers engaged in certain activities; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Countryside (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords]].

Capital Gains Tax Bill [Lords].—The Capital Gains Tax Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 192].

Northern Ireland.—Ordered, That the matter of Rates and Rating in Northern Ireland, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to he Northern Ireland Committee.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Protection of Prostitutes.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Sexual Offences Act 1956 and the Street Offences Act 1959; to provide for the better protection of prostitutes from exploitation and victimisation; and for connected purposes—(Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. George Rodgers, Mr. Stan Thorne: 130.

Tellers for the Noes, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman: 50.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Christopher Price, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Tom Litterick, Miss Joan Lestor, Mr. Stan Thorne, and Mr. George Rodgers, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Protection of Prostitutes Bill.—Mrs. Maureen Colquhoun accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Sexual Offences Act 1956 and the Street Offences Act 1959; to provide for the better protection of prostitutes from exploitation and victimisation; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th May and to be printed [Bill 100].

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Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Independent Broadcasting Authority 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. Thomas Cox: 203.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Michael English: 25.

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. John Evans.)

Committee to-morrow.

City of London (Various Powers) Bill.—The City of London (Various Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

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 confer power on the Independent Broadcasting Authority to equip themselves to transmit a television broadcasting service additional to those of the British Broadcasting Corporation and to that provided by the Authority under the Independent Broadcasting Authority Act 1973, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of advances to the Authority for the purpose of enabling the Authority to equip themselves to transmit any such additional service; and

(b) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums required to be so paid by virtue of that Act;

but the aggregate amount outstanding by way of principal in respect of any such advances shall not at any time exceed £18 million.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords] be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

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

And it being 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 three minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.3 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 6th March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Copy of Treasury Minutes dated 17th, 18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 25th and 26th January 1979, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 249].

Colonial Loans.—Statement of implementation of a Guarantee, given by the Treasury on 16th September 1976, of a loan made to the Caribbean Development Bank by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development [by Act]; to be printed [No. 250].

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Broadcasting.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Independent Broadcasting Authority for the year ended 31st March 1978 [by Act].

Immigration.—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th February 1979, entitled the Immigration (Registration with Police) (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 196) [by Act].

Representation of the People.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the European Assembly Elections Regulations 1979 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Millan:
Electricity,—Draft of an Order, entitled the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) Order 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Smith:
Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Cinematograph Films (Limits of Levy) Order 1979 [by Act].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th March 1979, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) Provisional Anti-Dumping (No. 3) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 231) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Town and Country Planning,—Report by the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Wales for the year ended 31st March 1978 on the control of office development [by Act]; to be printed [No. 217].

Water,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
1. the Anglian Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979,
2. the Northumbrian Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979,
3. the North West Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979,
4. the Severn-Trent Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979,
5. the Southern Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979,
6. the South West Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979,
7. the Thames Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979,
8. the Wessex Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, and
9. the Yorkshire Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Representation of the People,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the European Assembly Elections (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Price Commission,—Report of the Price Commission on The Daily Telegraph Limited—cover price of The Daily Telegraph [by Act]; to be printed [No. 241].

Prices,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th March 1979, entitled the Prices and Charges (Safeguard for Basic Profits) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 229) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport,—Copy of the Report of the Transport Tribunal for 1978 [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:
Agriculture,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Meat and Livestock Commission Levy Scheme (Confirmation) Order 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
Personal Injuries,—Copy of the Report of the Personal Injuries Litigation Procedure Working Party [by Command] [Cmnd. 7476].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Employment and Training,—Accounts of the Manpower Services Commission, the Employment Service Agency and the Training Services Agency for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 245].

MEMORANDA
Tuesday 6th March 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Public Health Laboratory Service Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A; the Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill to Standing Committee C; the Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations 1978 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Firearms (Variation of Fees)
In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Miss Janet Fookes an additional Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Companies Bill.

[No. 66.]

Wednesday, 7th March, 1979.

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 (Sixteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 10-xvi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-xvi].

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

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 252].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 252].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 97-viii].

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

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 160-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 E on 7th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 169-vi].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 11th December: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 232].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 232].

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 7th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-vi].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Genetic Engineering Sub-Committee on 7th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 123-vii].
Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (ECSC Decision on Supplementary Revenues) Order 1979, referred to a Committee on 7th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 253].

Family Violence (Scotland),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law of Scotland relating to protection from family violence, by providing for the making of orders excluding a person from the family home; by increasing the power of the court to grant interdicts; by removing the requirement of corroboration in relation to exclusions and interdicts against family violence and breaches of such interdicts; by making breaches of such orders and interdicts a criminal offence; and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. George Reid, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. Robert Hughes, and Mr. Russell Johnston, do prepare and bring it in.

Family Violence (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. George Reid accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law of Scotland relating to protection from family violence, by providing for the making of orders excluding a person from the family home; by increasing the power of the court to grant interdicts; by removing the requirement of corroboration in relation to exclusions and interdicts against family violence and breaches of such interdicts; by making breaches of such orders and interdicts a criminal offence; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 23rd March and to be printed [Bill 103].

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

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved,—(Mr. Tom Pendry.)

Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries (Northern Ireland) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 7th February, be approved—(Mr. J. D. Concannon);

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

Thursday, 8th March, 1979:

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 Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries (Northern Ireland) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 7th February, be approved.

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.29 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 7th March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Provisional Orders (Scotland).—Copy of a Report of the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under section 2 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the Provisional Orders for which Petitions were presented to one of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State on or before the 27th day of November 1978, namely, the Ardveenish Harbour Order, the Dumharion District Council Order, the City of Dundee District Council Order, the City of Glasgow District Council Order, the Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport Order, the Inverness District Council Order, the Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Council Order, the Lochaber District Council Order, the Ross and Cromarty (Coastal Waters Pollution) Order, the Scots Episcopal Fund Order, the Stirling District Council Order, the Strathkelvin District Council Order, and the West Lothian District Council Order, and are of opinion that the Orders should be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make thereon [by Act].
Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 19th February 1979, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) (New Town of Livingston) (Special Development) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 198) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Nursing.—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Enquiry into Mental Handicap Nursing and Care [by Command] [Cmd. 7468].

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons.—Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales on the residential care of handicapped persons under the age of 65 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 228].

Mr. Secretary Smith:

Civil Aviation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th March 1979, entitled the Civil Aviation (Canadian Navigation Services) (Second Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 237) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd February 1979, entitled the Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1979, No. 48) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Coal Industry.—Drafts of Orders, entitled—

1) the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1979, and

2) the Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1979

[by Act].

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

Government Research and Development.—Copy of a Review of the framework for Government research and development [by Command] [Cmd. 7499].

Companies.—Copy of Rules, dated 21st February 1979, entitled the Companies (Winding-up) (Amendment) Rules 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 209) [by Act].

Pensions.—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd February 1979, entitled the Judicial Pensions (Widows' and Children's Benefits) (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 210) [by Act].

Legal Aid and Advice (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of the Legal Aid (Northern Ireland) Fund in the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 184].

Police (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of the Police Complaints Board for Northern Ireland for the period 15th June 1977 to 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 254].

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 Public Health Laboratory Service Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. David Ginsburg, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Michael Hamilton, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Douglas Hoyle, Mr. Patrick Jenkin, Mr. Arthur Latham, Mr. Andrew MacKay, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Maurice Orbach, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Dafydd Thomas, and Sir George Young.

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 Mental Health (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Robert Kitroy-Silk, Mr. Neil Kinnoch, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Tom Litterick, Mr. Eric Moonman, Mr. Roland Moyle, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Geoffrey Pattle, Mr. Christopher Price, Sir David Renton, Mr. Stephen Ross, and Dr. Shirley Summerskill.
Northern Ireland Committee.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Twenty Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of Rates and Rating in Northern Ireland, viz.: Mr. John Bigg-Davidson, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, Mr. Tom Daiyell, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. Philip Goodhart, Mr. George Grant, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Airey Neave, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. A. W. Stallard, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Alan Lee Williams, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

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 Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Daniel Awdry, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Sir Frederick Bennett, Mr. John Biflen, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Burnaby Drayson, Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Sir John Rodgers, and Mr. Anthony Royle.

Second Reading Committee.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Arbitration Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Harold Boardman, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. James Killeen, Mr. Aileen McKay, Mr. George Morton, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. John Sever, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. John Stradling 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 Consents to Prosecutions Bill, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Gerard Morgan, Mr. Christopher Price, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. Anthony Sowen, and Mr. John Stradling 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 Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations 1978, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Patrick Corrigan, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Stanley Crowther, Sir William Elliott, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Gerard Howells, Mr. Michael Jopling, John Spence, Mr. Jim Spicer, Dr. Gavin Strong, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Tom Torney, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1979, viz.: Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Alrick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Hanish Gray, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Adam Hunter, Mr. Ian MacCormick, Mr. Harry Selby, 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 General Medical Council (Review Board for Overseas Qualified Practitioners Rules) Order of Council 1979 and the General Medical Council (Constitution) Order 1979, viz.: Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Robert Boscowen, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. John Cronin, Mr. Eric Deakin, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Anthony Newton, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. David Price, Mr. Peter Snape, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Mr. Terry Walker, and Mr. Ray Whitney.

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 Health Service (Preservation of Boards of Governors) Order 1979, viz.: Mr. Robert Boscowen, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Patrick Jenkins, Mr. Dan Jones, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Roland Meyle, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. Laurie Pavit, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. John Tilley, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Mr. Michael Ward, and Sir George 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 Grants for Guarantees of Bank Loans (Extension of Period) Order 1979, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Attkin, Mr. Robert Bean, Mr. Edward Bishop, Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. Douglas Crawford, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. John MacGillivray, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. John Roper, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Peter Viggers, and Mr. Terry Wiggin.
British Railways (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords] :
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

County of Merseyside Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of Merseyside Bill [Lords] :
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next at Seven o'clock.

East Kilbride District Council Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Kilbride District Council Bill :
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill :
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

London Transport Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Transport Bill :
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

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. 259].

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 D on 8th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 177-v].

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

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 105].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 257].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Social Security Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Social Security Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Social Security Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 106].

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this day, as soon as the House has entered upon the business of Supply, Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith the Questions which under the provisions of paragraph (11) of Standing Order No. 18 (Business of Supply) he is directed to put at Ten o'clock.—[Mr. Peter Snape];

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Ted Graham: 228.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tom Litterick, Mr. Stan Thorne: 68.

So the Question was agreed to.
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.

Supply [10th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put forthwith the Questions which he was directed to put at Ten o'clock by paragraph (11) of Standing Order No. 18 (Business of Supply).

Defence Estimates, 1979-80 (Navy)

Vote A

The Question being put, That during the year ending on 31st March 1980 a number not exceeding 78,000 Officers, Ratings and Royal Marines be maintained for Naval Service:—It was agreed to.

Defence Estimates, 1979-80 (Army)

Vote A

The Question being put, That during the year ending on 31st March 1980 a number not exceeding 182,100 all ranks be maintained for Army Service, a number not exceeding 60,000 for the Regular Reserve, a number not exceeding 83,000 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, 1979-80 (Air)

Vote A

The Question being put, That during the year ending on 31st March 1980 a number not exceeding 90,300 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 1,000 for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force:—It was agreed to.

Defence Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1978-79

The Question being put, That a further Supplementary sum not exceeding £141,122,000 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 1979, for expenditure on Defence Services, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 198;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Alf Bates: 276.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Stan Thorne: 50.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That a further Supplementary sum not exceeding £141,122,000 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 1979, for expenditure on Defence Services, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 198.

Civil Estimates, Supplementary Estimates, 1978-79

The Question being put, That a further Supplementary sum not exceeding £436,605,000 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 1979, for expenditure on Civil Services, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 199 and 221:—It was agreed to.

Defence and Civil Estimates, Excesses, 1977-78

The Question being put, That a sum not exceeding £29,504,147-67 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to make good excesses on certain grants for Defence and Civil Services for the year ended 31st March 1978, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 229:—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the three 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 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 104].
Supply.—The House again proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

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

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 282.

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 sixteen minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m]

APPENDIX

Thursday 8th March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Customs and Excise,—Copies of Regulations, dated 27th February 1979, entitled—
(1) the Customs Warehousing Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 207), and
(2) the Excise Warehousing Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 208)
[by Act].

Mr. George Strauss:

Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund,—Copy of the Report by the Government Actuary on the general financial position of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund as at 1st April 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 258].

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

Crown Estate,—Abstract Accounts of the Crown Estate Commissioners for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 255].

Tithes,—Accounts of—
(1) the sums received into and paid out of the Redemption Annuities Accounts, and
(2) the Redemption Stock Sinking Fund,
for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed (No. 256).

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 8th March 1979

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 Public Health Laboratory Service Bill [Lords]; Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Land Registration Bill [Lords], and of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1979; Mr. Arthur Blendisop Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Arbitration Bill [Lords]; Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Consents to Prosecutions Bill; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the National Health Service (Preservation of Boards of Governors) Order 1979; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Grants for Guarantees of Bank Loans (Extension of Period) Order 1979; and Mr. Richard Crawshaw an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Education Bill, in the place of Mr. David Watkins.
PRAYERS.

Liverpool, Edge Hill, 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 Liverpool, Edge Hill, in the room of the Right honourable Sir Arthur Irvine, Q.C., deceased.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Meat and Livestock Commission Levy Scheme (Confirmation) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.— (Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Cinematograph Films (Limits of Levy) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

The Budget, Public Expenditure and Housing,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that there is now the strongest possible case for stimulating growth in the economy by expanding housing, the health service, education, the other social services and war on want overseas, to cope with vital unmet needs, especially as this would provide more jobs for unemployed workers; seeks the development of new industries by the National Enterprise Board and the re-equipment of British industry accompanied by compulsory planning agreements; and asks the Government to proceed along these lines in framing the Budget, and by other means—(Mr. Frank Allaun):—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Middle East,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believing that peace and prosperity in the Middle East is of great importance also to the whole free world; notes with concern the trend of events in that area; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government, in concert with her friends in the region and elsewhere, to give urgent consideration to the development of policies calculated to preserve the independence of all the countries of the Middle East and the maintenance of peace between them—(Mr. Peter Tapsell):—Debate arising;

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

Access to Commons and Open Country Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to Commons and Open Country Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 30th March.

Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 23rd March.

Criminal Evidence Bill [Lords],—The Criminal Evidence Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to Committee of whole House.—(Mr. F. P. Crowder.)
Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—
The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Amendment to section 1 of Criminal Evidence Act 1898, etc., and transitional provision).

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

And it being after Four o'clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. F. P. Crowder 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, upon Friday next, again resolve itself into the Committee.

Tobacco Products (Control of Advertising, Sponsorship and Sales Promotion) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tobacco Products (Control of Advertising, Sponsorship and Sales Promotion) Bill;

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

Trade Descriptions Bill,—The Trade Descriptions 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).

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 9th March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Coroners,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th March 1979, entitled the Dorset (Coroners' Districts) (Amendment) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 254) [by Act].

Dangerous Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th February 1979, entitled the Misuse of Drugs (Licence Fees) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 218) [by Act].

Representation of the People,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1979, entitled the European Assembly Elections (Day of Election) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 219) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 28th February 1979, entitled—

(1) the Domestic Water Rate Product (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 235), and

(2) the Local Government (Rate Product) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 227)

[by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th February 1979, entitled—

(1) the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 213), and

(2) the Secretary of State's Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 214)

[by Act].
Mr. Secretary Smith:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th March 1979, entitled the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Second Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 267) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industrial Development,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th March 1979, entitled the Special Development Area (Falmouth) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 269) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Ecclesiastical Law,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Grants to Redundant Churches Fund Order 1979 [by Act].

Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th March 1979, entitled the Housing Finance (Rent Allowance Subsidy) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 234) [by Act].

Mines and Quarries,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1979, entitled the Ironstone Restoration Fund (Standard Rate) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 211) [by Act].

Water,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd March 1979, entitled the Water Authorities (Collection of Charges) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 228) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th March 1979, entitled the Cycle Racing on Highways (Special Authorisation) (England and Wales) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 233) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th March 1979, entitled the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 257) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th March 1979, entitled the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 256) [by Act].

Sugar,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd March 1979, entitled the Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 222) [by Act].

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

Law Commissions,—Statement of determination of the pension payable to a Law Commissioner [by Act].

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

[No. 69.]


PRAYERS.

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

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

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 Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee.

Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 262].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 61-xii.]
Procedure.—Sir Thomas Williams reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, that they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: and the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 12th March to be printed [No. 267].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-vii].

Expenditure.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Baroness Vickers 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 Vickers to attend to be examined as a witness before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee appointed by the Expenditure Committee, her Ladyship consenting.

Science and Technology.—Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Technological Innovation Sub-Committee on 26th July 1978, in the last Session of Parliament, to be printed [No. 263-i].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Local Government Grants (Ethnic Groups) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Grants (Ethnic Groups) 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. John Evans: 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Nick Budgen: 7.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Local Government Finance Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

Local Government Grants (Ethnic Groups) [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Local Government Grants (Ethnic Groups) [Money]:

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to authorise the payment to local authorities in Great Britain of grants towards expenditure attributable to the presence of ethnic groups within their areas, it is expedient to authorise payment thereof to be made out of money provided by Parliament.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

Local Government Finance Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Finance Bill:

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision in respect of rates and in respect of grants to local authorities or to bodies providing services for local authorities, and to amend certain enactments relating to fees charged by local authorities, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(1) any sums required for the payment of grants—
   (a) to local authorities in respect of rebates under the Rating (Disabled Persons) Act 1978;
   (b) to local authorities in respect of expenditure under section 138(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 or under section 84(1) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973;
   (c) to the Local Authorities Management Services and Computer Committee or to other organisations having similar functions;
(2) any increase attributable to the said Act of the present Session in the sums payable out of money so provided under the Local Government Act 1974.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.26 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 12th March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Crown’s Nominee Account,—Abstract Account of receipts and payments by the Treasury Solicitor in 1978 in the administration of estates on behalf of the Crown [by Act].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th March 1979, entitled the Alcoholic Liquors (Amendment of Enactments Relating to Strength and to Units of Measurement) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 241) [by Act].

Value Added Tax,—Copies of—
   (1) an Order, dated 5th March 1979, entitled the Value Added Tax (Aids for the Disabled) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 243),
   (2) an Order, dated 5th March 1979, entitled the Value Added Tax (Donated Medical Equipment) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 242),
   (3) an Order, dated 5th March 1979, entitled the Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 243),
   (4) an Order, dated 5th March 1979, entitled the Value Added Tax (International Services) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 244),
   (5) an Order, dated 5th March 1979, entitled the Value Added Tax (Medical Goods and Services) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 246), and
   (6) Regulations, dated 5th March 1979, entitled the Value Added Tax (Supplies by Retailers) (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 224) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:
Miscellaneous (No. 15, 1978)—Copy of the Decisions, dated 30th June 1977 and 14th March 1978, of the Court of Arbitration between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the French Republic on the delimitation of the Continental Shelf [by Command] [Cmnd. 7438].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 9th March 1979, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Amendment Scheme 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 270) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd March 1979, entitled the Social Security (Hospital In-Patients) Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 223) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Smith:
Civil Aviation,—Statement of determination of the pension payable to a former member of the Civil Aviation Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Employment Subsidies,—Copy of a Statement by the Secretary of State for Employment on a temporary short-time working compensation scheme [by Act].

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Mr. Secretary Varley:


(1) food and drink processing machinery and packaging and bottling machinery,
(2) formulated pesticides, etc.,
(3) stone and slate quarrying and mining, and
(4) toys, games and children's carriages

[by Act].

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

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Third Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1978-79 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 247].

[No. 70.]

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

PRAYERS.

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

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

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-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 Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 13th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 158-iv].

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 Environment Sub-Committee.

Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 269].

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. 34-xiii].

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; and for connected purposes—(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 commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Andrew MacKay, Mr. Timothy Smith: 162.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mr. Stan Thorne: 200.

So the Question was negatived.
Supply [11th allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the business of Supply.

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

And it being Seven o’clock, and there being Private Business set down by the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 7 (Time for taking private business), further proceeding stood postponed.

County of Merseyside Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County of Merseyside Bill [Lords];

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

Mr. David Hunt 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. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Anthony Steen : 185.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. J. W. Rooker : 55.

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.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Capital Gains Tax Bill [Lords], the Agricultural Statistics Bill [Lords], the Wages Council Bill [Lords] and the Electricity (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Joseph Dean.)

Capital Gains Tax Bill [Lords].—The Capital Gains Tax Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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 160 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 8 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph Dean 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.

Agricultural Statistics Bill [Lords].—The Agricultural Statistics Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph Dean 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.

Wages Councils Bill [Lords].—The Wages Councils Bill (Lords) was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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 32 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph Dean 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.

Electricity (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Electricity (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. Joseph Dean.)

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 47 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 12 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph Dean 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.

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) (ECSC Decision on Supplementary Revenues) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.—(Mr. Joseph Dean):—It was agreed to.

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

[Adjourned at 10.54 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Tuesday 13th March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Aviation (Miscellaneous No. 4, 1979),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Brussels on 21st November 1978, for the amendment of the Additional Protocol to the Eurocontrol International Convention relating to co-operation for the safety of air navigation, dated 6th July 1970 (the United Kingdom has not ratified the Protocol) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7477].


Treaty Series (No. 26, 1979),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Abidjan and Niamey on 1st June 1976 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Niger, concerning the abolition of visas [by Command] [Cmnd. 7471].

Treaty Series (No. 27, 1979),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Lilongwe on 16th August and 10th October 1978 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Malawi, revising the Schedule to the Agreement for Air Services between and beyond their respective territories signed at Blantyre on 27th September 1968 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7472].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

National Health Service (Scotland),—Report on the use of National Health Service hospital accommodation and services in Scotland for the private practice of medicine for the period 1st January 1977 to 31st March 1978 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 210].

Mr. Secretary Smith:

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 1978 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 242].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Censuses of Production 1974 and 1975, relating to water supply [by Act].

Mr Secretary Mason:

Lands Tribunal,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th February 1979, entitled the Lands Tribunal (Salaries and Superannuation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 (S.R.&O. (N.I.), 1979, No. 50) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Prices,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th March 1979, entitled The Daily Telegraph Limited (Prices) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 278) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:


Mr. John Silkin:

Tractors,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th February 1979, entitled the Agricultural or Forestry Tractors and Tractor Components (Type Approval) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 221) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 13th March 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Leasehold Reform Bill and the Local Government Finance Bill to Standing Committee A ; the Trade Descriptions Bill to Standing Committee C ; the Local Government Grants (Ethnic Groups) Bill to Standing Committee D ; the draft
Meat and Livestock Commission Levy Scheme (Confirmation) Order 1979 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1979 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1979 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Cinematograph Films (Limits of Levy) Order 1979 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) Order 1979 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 711]

Wednesday, 14th March, 1979.

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

PRAYERS.

Income Tax,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 23rd February relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that on the ratification by the Government of Canada of the Convention set out in the Schedule to the draft Order entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Canada) Order 1978, which draft was laid before your House, an Order 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).

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee),—Sir Edward Brown reported from the Committee on the West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords], That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at Eleven o'clock.

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 Exchange Equalisation Account Bill [Lords] and the International Monetary Fund Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, were referred, That they had gone through the Bill; 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. 273].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 369].

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 Prosecution of Offences 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. 274].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 274].

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. 10-xvii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-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 14th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 97-ix].
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 14th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 160-ix].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had made progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 270].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 270].

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 E on 14th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 169-vii].

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 14th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 121-vii].

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. 246].

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 March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 251-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 14th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-viii].

Selection,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix 10).

Criminal Justice Act 1967 (Amendment) Bill (changed to Criminal Justice (Amendment) Bill),—Miss Janet Fookes reported from Standing Committee C, That they had gone through the Criminal Justice Act 1967 (Amendment) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 27th April; and to be printed [Bill 108].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 275].

Arbitration Bill [Lords],—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Arbitration 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 Arbitration 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. 276].

Consents to Prosecutions Bill,—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Consents to Prosecutions 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 Consents to Prosecutions Bill ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 277].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 91), referred to a Committee on 20th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 271].
Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Michael English reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the National Health Service (Preservation of Boards of Governors) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 51), referred to a Committee on 6th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 278].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Grants for Guarantees of Bank Loans (Extension of Period) Order 1979, referred to a Committee on 15th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 272].

Safety of Children in Cars,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the better safety of children in cars by prohibiting the carriage of children under thirteen years of age in the front seats of motor cars, providing for the fitting of rear seat safety belts adjustable for children on all new cars, and facilitating the use of rear seat child safety seats for children under three: And that Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mrs. Margaret Bain, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Toby Jessel, Dr. Oonagh MacDonald, Mr. Robert Moate, Mr. Mike Noble, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. John Sever, and Mr. Giles Shaw, do prepare and bring it in.

Safety of Children in Cars Bill,—Mr. Austin Mitchell accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the better safety of children in cars by prohibiting the carriage of children under thirteen years of age in the front seats of motor cars, providing for the fitting of rear seat safety belts for children on all new cars, and facilitating the use of rear seat child safety seats for children under three: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next and to be printed [Bill 107].

Industry Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Industry Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 1, to leave out “£3,000” and insert “£2,700”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Norman Lamont.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Roberts, Sir George Young: 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 273.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 2, at the end, to insert the words “such additional limit shall be subject to the laying before Parliament of the National Enterprise Board’s current cash flow forecast”.—(Mr. Norman Lamont.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Sir George Young: 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bryan Davies, Mr. Thomas Cox: 274.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 6, to leave out the words “£500 million” and “£800 million” and insert the words “£250 million” and “£350 million”, instead thereof.—(Mr. George Younger.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 7, at the end, to insert the words “such additional limit shall be subject to the laying before Parliament of the allocation between those funds required for investment purposes and those required for the remaining functions of the agency”.—(Mr. Alexander Fletcher.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Anthony Berry, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: 257.


Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 25, line 25, at the end, to insert the words—

“(8) In section 8(1)(d) for the words ‘otherwise than under section 3 above’ there shall be substituted the words ‘including under section 3 above’”.—(Mr. Michael Marshall.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. John Evans: 283.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr. Carol Mather: 260.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

Strangers,—Notice being taken that Strangers were present, Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 115 (Withdrawal of Strangers from House), put forthwith the Question, That Strangers do withdraw.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Lee, Mr. David Stoddart: 3.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Donald Coleman: 254.

So the Question was negatived.

Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft European Assembly Elections Regulations 1979, which were laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Rees);

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ted Graham: 124.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. Kevin McNamara: 73.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft European Assembly Elections Regulations 1979, which were laid before this House on 6th March, be approved.

Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft European Assembly Elections (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1979, which were laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr. James Tinn);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Thomas Cox: 108.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. David Stoddart: 64.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft European Assembly Elections (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1979, which were laid before this House on 6th March, be approved.

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

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

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes past Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.17 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 14th March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 14th March 1979, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Vote for Industrial Development [by Act]; to be printed [No. 279].
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Appropriations in Aid.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 14th March 1979, directing that certain receipts shall no longer be applied as appropriations in aid of the Vote for Records, Registrations and Surveys: Land Registry [by Act].

Securities.—Copy of an Order, dated 7th March 1979, entitled the Stock Transfer (Addition of Forms) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 277) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Museums and Galleries.—Draft of an Order, entitled the National Gallery (Lending outside the United Kingdom) Order 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Smith:

Civil Aviation.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Air Navigation (Noise Certification) Order 1979 [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Agriculture.—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th March 1979, entitled the Milk Marketing Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 249) [by Act].

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 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 265].

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines.—National Oil Account for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 264].

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 Leasehold Reform Bill, viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. Donald Coleman, Mr. Fred Evans, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Neil Kinnock, Mr. John Page, Mr. R. Graham Page, Mr. Ernest Perry, Mr. Keith Stainton, Mr. John Stradling Thomas, and Mr. Dafydd Thomas.

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 Local Government Finance Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. R. B. Cant, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Julian Critchley, Mr. Stanley Crawther, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Alec Jones, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Richard Page, Mr. George Park, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, and Mr. Cyril D. Townsend.

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Vivian Bendall (nominated in respect of the Indecent Displays Control Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Michael Alison.

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 Local Government Grants (Ethnic Groups) Bill, viz.: Mr. Sidney Bidwell, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Bryanor John, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. John Sever, Mr. Roger Sims, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Keith Speed, Mr. John Watkinson, Mr. Frederick Willey, and Sir George Young.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Meat and Livestock Commission Levy Scheme (Confirmation) Order 1979, viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. John Corrie, Sir William Elliott, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Stanley Newens, Mr. John Rooper, Mr. Jim Spicer, Mr. Sydney Tierney, and Mr. Tom Torney.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1979 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979, viz.: Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Arthur Davidson, Mr.
Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Edward Lyons, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Patrick Mayhew, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Ian Percival, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mr. Peter Temple-Morris, Mr. John Tilley, and Mr. van Straubenzee.

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 Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1979 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979, viz.: Miss Harvie Anderson, Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Jim Craig, Mr. James Dempsey, Mr. Donald Dewar, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Michael Clark Hutchison, Mr. Malcolm Rijken, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Teddy Taylor, 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 draft Cinematograph Films (Limits of Levy) Order 1979, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Bob Cryer, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Hugh Jenkins, Mr. Andrew MacKay, Mr. Michael Meacher, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Terry Walker, and Mr. Phillip Whitehead.

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 North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) Order 1979, viz.: Mr. Richard Buchanan, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Robin F. Cook, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Russell Fairgrieve, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Gregor Mackenzie, Mr. Tom McMillan, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Harry Selby, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. James White, Mr. Gordon Wilson, and Mr. George Younger.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 14th March 1979

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 Protection of Otters (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 72.]


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

PRAYERS.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 29th March.

Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords];

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

East Kilbride District Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Kilbride District Council Bill;

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

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill;

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

London Transport Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Transport Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 29th March.
Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one 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 D on 15th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 177-vi].

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

Public Health Laboratory Service Bill [Lords].—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Public Health Laboratory Service Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 112].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 284].

Countryside Bill.—Mr. David Watkins reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Countryside Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 110].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 281].

Merchant Shipping Bill.—Mr. A. P. Costain reported from Standing Committee D, That they had gone through the Merchant Shipping Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 111].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 283].

Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That they had considered the Land Registration (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 tomorrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 282].

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

The Lords have agreed to the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a bill, intituled, An Act to enable effect to be given to provisions of certain protocols signed at Montreal on 25th September 1975 which further amend the convention relating to carriage by air known as the Warsaw Convention as amended at The Hague 1955; to modify article 26(2) of the said convention both as in force apart from those protocols and as in force by virtue of them; to provide for the amendment of certain Acts relating to carriage by air or road in consequence of the revision of relevant conventions; and to replace references to gold francs in the Carriage of Goods by Road Act 1965 and the Carriage of Passengers by Road Act 1974 by references to special drawing rights; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Carriage by Air and Road Bill [Lords].

Carriage by Air and Road Bill [Lords].—The Carriage by Air and Road Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 114].

Countryside (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Countryside (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th April and to be printed [Bill 113].

Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Millan, supported by the Lord Advocate, and Mr. Harry Ewing, presented a Bill to provide for emergency arrangements for the administration of justice in Scotland; to suspend the operation of section 17 of the Stamp Act 1891; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 109].

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. James Hamilton.)
Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill:

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

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

Friday, 16th March, 1979:

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

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

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 93 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

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

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

Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—Ordered, That in respect of the Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) (Scotland) 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. Thomas Cox.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.40 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 15th March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Financial Institutions,—Copy of an Interim Report of the Committee to Review the Functioning of Financial Institutions, on the financing of small firms [by Command] [Cmnd. 7503].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 15th March 1979, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Vote for the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Brunei (Miscellaneous No. 5, 1979).—Copy of a Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation, signed at Bandar Seri Begawan on 7th January 1979, between Her Majesty in respect of the United Kingdom and His Highness Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan and Yang di Pertuan of Brunei, with Exchanges of Notes (the Treaty is not in force) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7496].
Thailand (No. 1, 1979),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 28th November 1978, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand for the promotion of the investment of capital and for the protection of investments (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7478].

Treaty Series (No. 28, 1979),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at London on 17th November 1977, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Austria amending the Convention for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income signed at London on 30th April 1969 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7479].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 5th March 1979, entitled the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act 1892 (Application of Provisions) (Motherwell District Council) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 239) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th March 1979, entitled the Scholarships and Other Benefits (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 260) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Smith:

Civil Aviation,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Second Amendment) Order 1979 [by Act].

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1979, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) Provisional Anti-Dumping (No. 4) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 314) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Benn:

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th March 1979, entitled the Hucknall Mine (No. 5 Shaft) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 288) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Monopolies and Mergers,—Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger of Lonrho and Scottish and Universal Investments and on the resulting merger situation between Lonrho and the House of Fraser Limited [by Act]; to be printed [No. 261].

Mr. John Silkin:

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 7th March 1979, entitled the White Fish Subsidy (Deep Sea Vessels) (Specified Ports) Scheme 1979 [by Act].

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

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th March 1979, entitled the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 263) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of selection, That they had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Michael Jopling (nominated in respect of the Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations 1978); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Peyton.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 15th March 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mrs. Joyce Butler Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Crown Agents Bill; Sir Donald Kaberry Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Indecent Displays (Control) Bill; Sir Thomas Williams Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Local Government Grants (Ethnic Groups) Bill; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of Rates and Rating in Northern Ireland; Mr. Michael English Chairman of the First Standing Committee
on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations 1978; Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Meat and Livestock Commission Levy Scheme (Confirmation) Order 1979; Mr. Arthur Jones Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1979 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979; Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1979 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979; and Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) Order 1979.

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 Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 73.]
Friday, 16th March, 1979.

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).

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the Alcoholic Liquors (Amendment of Enactments Relating to Strength and to Units of Measurement) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 241) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Aids for the Disabled) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 245) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Need to reform Trade Unions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, being of the opinion that the extent of the powers, privileges and immunities now granted by law to trade unions is excessive and incompatible with the general interest and unity of the British nation, believing that the organisation of many trade unions is undemocratic and unresponsive to the needs of their members, and being convinced that the present capability of certain trade unions to endanger life, to deprive citizens arbitrarily of their livelihood and to inflict hardship and misery upon the general public with impunity is unacceptable in a modern democratic state, therefore calls upon the Government to present legislative proposals designed to encourage the development of trade unions democratically controlled by their members, independent of political parties and operating within a fair and balanced framework of law—(Mr. Ivor Stanbrook):—Debate arising:

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

Criminal Evidence Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Criminal Evidence Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Amendment of section 1 of Criminal Evidence Act 1898, &c., and transitional provision).

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

Question put and agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. F. P. Crowder 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.

**Tobacco Products (Control of Advertising Sponsorship and Sales Promotion) Bill.—**The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tobacco Products (Control of Advertising, Sponsorship and Sales Promotion) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 4th May.

**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 Grants for Guarantees of Bank Loans (Extension of Period) Order 1979, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved.—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

**Consents to Prosecutions Bill.—**The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consents to Prosecutions 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).

**Arbitration Bill [Lords].—**The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Arbitration Bill [Lords];

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.32 p.m.]

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**APPENDIX**

*Friday 16th March 1979*

**Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:**

Mr. Joel Barnett

Supply Estimates, 1979-80 (Class I : Defence),—Estimates for Defence Services for the year ending 31st March 1980 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 244].

Supply Estimates, 1979-80 (Classes II-XVII : Civil),—Estimates for Civil Departments for the year ending 31st March 1980 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 266].

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes,—Treasury Minutes, dated 29th, 30th and 31st January and 1st, 2nd and 5th February 1979, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 285].

Hydro-Electric Development (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee, given by the Treasury on 21st November 1978, on loans proposed to be raised by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 286].

New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee, given by the Treasury on 28th November 1978, on loans raised by a development corporation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 287].

Post Office,—Statement of Guarantee, given by the Treasury on 21st November 1978, on loans proposed to be raised by the Post Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 288].

Water,—Statements of Guarantee, given by the Treasury on—

(1) 28th November 1978, and

(2) 28th November 1978,

on loans raised by the National Water Council [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 289 and 290].
Mr. Secretary Millan:

Housing (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 5th March 1979, entitled the Housing (Improvement of Amenities of Residential Areas) (Scotland) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 253) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Industrial Training.—Copy of an Order, dated 7th March 1979, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Wool, Jute and Flax) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 251) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security.— Copies of Regulations, dated 8th March 1979, entitled—
(1) the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 264), and
(2) the Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 265)
(by Act).

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Police (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Police Interrogation Procedures in Northern Ireland [by Command] [Cmnd. 7497].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:


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

Legal Aid and Advice.— Copies of Regulations, dated 12th March 1979, entitled—
(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 281), and
(2) the Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 280)
(by Act).

MEMORANDUM

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

[No. 74.]


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

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one 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 19th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 104-ix].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1979, No. 36) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joseph Dean.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Mobility Allowance Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 172) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joseph Dean.)

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Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Family Income Supplements (General) Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 160) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joseph Dean.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (Commencement No. 13) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 171) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joseph Dean.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 257) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Joseph Dean.)

Public Expenditure.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of “The Government’s expenditure plans, 1979-80 to 1982-83” (Command Paper No. 7439); and approves the Government’s policy of planning for improvement of public services in line with what the economy can sustain—(Mr. Joel Barnett);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word “House” to the end of the Question and add the words “declines to approve ‘The Government’s expenditure plans, 1979-80 to 1982-83’ (Command Paper No. 7439) which has already been overtaken by events and which in any case leaves inadequate scope for the cuts in personal taxation and interest rates essential to the creation of a prosperous 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: 265.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman: 305.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of “The Government’s expenditure plans, 1979-80 to 1982-83” (Command Paper No. 7439); and approves the Government’s policy of planning for improvement of public services in line with what the economy can sustain.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Social Security Bill may be proceeded with at this day’s sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Social Security Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Social Security Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2, in page 3, line 26, at end insert new Clause A (Amendment of provisions relating to earnings after retirement age).

“A.—(1) In section 30 of the principal Act (supplementary provisions about retirement pensions) the following subsection is inserted at the end—

‘(6) The Secretary of State may by order—

(a) substitute for the period of 5 years mentioned in section 27(5) of this Act and subsection (1) above a shorter period; and

(b) substitute for the ages of 65 and 70 mentioned in sections 26(1) and (3), 36(5), 37(6) and 79(2)(a) of this Act and subsection (3) above such lower ages as are appropriate in consequence of any provision made by virtue of paragraph (a) above.’

(2) In section 167 of the principal Act (Parliamentary control of orders and regulations)—

(a) in subsection (1) the following paragraph is inserted after paragraph (b) —“(c) no order shall be made under section 30(6)”; and

(b) in subsection (3) after the words “section 17(3)” there is inserted “30(6)”. “

(3) In Part II of Schedule 15 to the principal Act (regulations not requiring prior submission to National Insurance Advisory Committee) the following paragraph is inserted after paragraph 17—

“17A. Regulations contained in a statutory instrument which states that it contains only provisions in consequence of an order under section 30(6) of this Act.”
(4) Section 30 of the principal Act shall cease to have effect on 5th April 1984 and all references to that section in that Act or in any other enactment shall then likewise cease to have effect.”

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Stanley Orme.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates: 276.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir George Young, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant: 272.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 5 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 6 to 20 were agreed to.

Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Registration (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.—(The Lord Advocate):—It was agreed to.

Land Registration (Scotland) [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Land Registration (Scotland) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide a system of registration of interests in land in Scotland in place of the recording of deeds in the Register of Sasines and for indemnification in respect of registered interests in land, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Keeper of the Registers of Scotland in connection with the establishment of the said system of registration;

(2) any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under any other enactment; and

(3) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any fees received by the said Keeper in respect of the said system of registration.—(The Lord Advocate.)

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 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 one minute past Twelve o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.1 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 19th March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Broadcasting,—Copy of a Supplemental Licence and Agreement, dated 8th March 1979, between the Secretary of State for the Home Department and the British Broadcasting Corporation [by Command] [Cmnd. 7508].

Broadcasting,—Draft of a supplemental Royal Charter for the continuance of the British Broadcasting Corporation [by Command] [Cmnd. 7507].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th March 1979, entitled the Cod and Whiting (Licensing) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 268) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Varley:

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Mr. Secretary Benn:
Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th March 1979, entitled the Mines (Precautions against Inrushes) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 318) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport,—Statement of determination of the salaries payable to three members of the National Bus Company [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 19th March 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. David Watkins Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the General Medical Council (Review Board for Overseas Qualified Practitioners Rules) Order of Council 1979 and the General Medical Council (Constitution) Order 1979; and Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Cinematograph Films (Limits of Levy) Order 1979.

Tuesday, 20th March, 1979.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 20th March and Memoranda laid before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourteenth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-xx].

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

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Defence and External Affairs Sub-Committee on 20th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 158-v].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. R. Graham Page reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and 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. 34-xiv].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Arthur Jones reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1979 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979, referred to a Committee on 9th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 293].
Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) Order 1979, referred to a Committee on 12th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 294].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Grants to Redundant Churches Fund Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Trades Unions (Secret Ballots).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the organisation of secret ballots in connection with trades union activities—(Mr. Ray Whitney);

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. Ray Whitney, Mr. Toby Jessel: 194.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Dr. M. S. Miller: 189.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Ray Whitney, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, and Mr. Toby Jessel, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Trades Unions (Secret Ballots) Bill.—Mr. Ray Whitney accordingly presented a Bill to facilitate the organisation of secret ballots in connection with trades union activities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th April and to be printed [Bill 115].

Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) (Scotland) Bill;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Alf Bates: 162.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Andrew Bennett: 20.

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. John Evans.)

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Extension of time limits, etc.).

Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 1, line 17, to leave out the words “ one month after the expiry of the emergency period ” and add the words “ such period after the expiry of the emergency period which is equivalent to the length of the emergency period ”.—(Mr. Malcolm Rikkind.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Period of detention of unconvicted prisoners).

Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 2, line 3, at the end, to add the words—

“ (2) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (1) above, it shall be competent during the period of the emergency for an accused person detained in custody to whom subsection (1) applies, to intimate to the relevant court that he elects to be tried on indictment by a judge or sheriff sitting alone without a jury and such trial shall be held so soon as is practicable after such intimation.

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(3) In the event of such trial, the presiding judge or sheriff, before pronouncing his verdict, shall be required to review the evidence, to make findings in fact and findings in law, and to give reasons for his verdict."—(Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Prosecution of offences and criminal diets).

Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 2, line 12, to leave out the words "(which application need not be intimated to the accused person)".—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.)

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

Amendment (No. 10) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Arrangements for court proceedings during emergency period).

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 2, line 20, at the end, to insert the words "the Secretary of State after consultation with the Lord President of the Court of Session or Lord Justice General".—(Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 2, line 23, after the word "a" to insert the word "certified".—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.)

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

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jim Marshall 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 Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Jim Marshall.)

Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) (Scotland) Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 5 (Arrangements for court proceedings during emergency period).

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. John Evans: 116.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Cook, Mr. Robert Hughes: 22.

Clause No. 6 (Partial suspension of operation of s. 17 of Stamp Act 1891, etc.).

Amendment (No. 11) proposed, in page 2, line 40, at the end, to add the words "and any such deed accepted by the keeper shall be valid and effective for the purposes of loans made under the Building Societies Acts notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in such Acts".—(Mr. Gordon Wilson.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

A Clause (Referral from children's hearing)—(Lord James Douglas-Hamilton)—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 (Picketing of courts)—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph Dean 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.

Amendment made to the Bill, in page 2, line 21, after the word “may”, by inserting the words “with the consent of the Secretary of State”.

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.33 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 20th March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:
Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 15th March 1979, entitled—
(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 325), and
(2) the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Assessment of Resources) Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 324)[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:
(1) jewellery and precious metals,
(2) miscellaneous building materials and mineral products,
(3) printing and publishing of newspapers and periodicals, and
(4) synthetic resins and plastics materials and synthetic rubber [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport,—Statements of determination of the salaries payable to—
(1) a Chairman,
(2) a Chairman and members,
(3) a Deputy Chairman and a member, and
(4) members
of the National Bus Company [by Act].

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

Government Trading Funds.—Accounts of the Royal Mint Trading Fund for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 291].

Health and Safety.—Accounts of the Health and Safety Commission and the Health and Safety Executive for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 295].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 20th March 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Consents to Prosecutions Bill and the Arbitration Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B; the Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to the First Scottish Standing Committee; the Alcoholic Liquors (Amendment of Enactments Relating to Strength and to Units of Measurement) Order 1979 and the Value Added Tax (Aids for the Disabled) Order 1979 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Grants to Redundant Churches Fund Order 1979 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1979 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Mobility Allowance Amendment Regulations 1979, the Family Income Supplements (General) Amendment Regulations 1979 and the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (Commencement No. 13) Order 1979 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 76.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

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

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 10-xviii].

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

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 10-xix].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-xix].

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 21st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 66-iii].

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 21st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 97-x].

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 21st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 160-x].
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 21st March.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 296].

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 D on 21st March.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 177-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 E on 21st March.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 169-viii].

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 21st March.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-xi]

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

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Michael English reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1927), referred to a Committee on 23rd February.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 298].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Victor Goodhew reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Meat and Livestock Commission Levy Scheme (Confirmation) Order 1979, referred to a Committee on 9th March.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 301].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. David Watkins reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the General Medical Council (Review Board for Overseas Qualified Practitioners Rules) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 29) and the General Medical Council (Constitution) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 112), referred to a Committee on 23rd February.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 299].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Ifor Davies reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1979 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979, referred to a Committee on 9th March.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 297].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Cinematograph Films (Limits of Levy) Order 1979, referred to a Committee on 9th March.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 300].

House of Commons (Services)—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 21st February and 21st March to be printed [No. 118-iii].

Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill [Lords],—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Representation of the People (Armed Forces) Bill [Lords], was read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th April.

Short-Time Working Compensation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Booth, supported by Mr. Secretary Varley, Mr. Secretary Mason, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Stanley Orme, Mr. Alan Williams, and Mr. John Golding, presented a Bill to provide for compensation payments for employees for working days lost in certain circumstances and for the payment of rebates to employers; to make provision for and with respect to a Redundancy and Employment Fund incorporating the Redundancy Fund and the Maternity Pay Fund; 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 116].
Housing Bill.—Mr. Secretary Shore, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Secretary Millan, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Reginald Freeson, and Mr. Ernest Armstrong, presented a Bill to give security of tenure to tenants of local authorities and other bodies; to provide for consultation between certain public sector landlords and their tenants in matters of housing management; to make provision with respect to the allocation of housing by local authorities; to amend the law about house repairs and improvements, land transactions and housing finance in the public sector, home ownership, mortgages, leaseholds and housing association rents; 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 117].


Prevention of Terrorism.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976 (Continuance) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Rees);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. John Evans: 136.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Miss Jo Richardson: 33.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976 (Continuance) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 19th February, be approved.

Employment Subsidies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House authorises the Secretary of State to make payments between 1st April 1979 and 31st March 1980 exceeding £10,000,000 under a scheme established in accordance with section 1(1) of the Employment Subsidies Act 1978 for reimbursing employers from public funds for payments made by them to workers put on short-time as an alternative to redundancies—(Mr. John Golding);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House authorises the Secretary of State to make payments between 1st April 1979 and 31st March 1980 exceeding £10,000,000 under a scheme established in accordance with section 1(1) of the Employment Subsidies Act 1978 for reimbursing employers from public funds for payments made by them to workers put on short-time as an alternative to redundancies.

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

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

Thursday, 22nd March, 1979:

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.6 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 21st March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Local Government.—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st March 1979, entitled the Rate Support Grants (Adjustment of Needs Element) (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 337) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Smith:

Merchant Shipping.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1979 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

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

(1) a member of the National Freight Corporation,
(2) members of the National Freight Corporation,
(3) members of the National Ports Council,
(4) the Chairman and a member of the National Ports Council, and
(5) the Chairman of the National Freight Corporation

[by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Consents to Prosecutions Bill, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Gwynfor Evans, Sir Michael Havers, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Alexander Lyon, Mr. Edward Lyons, Mr. Carol Mathew, Mr. Geraint Morgan, Mr. Christopher Price, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, and Mr. Anthony Steen.

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 Arbitration Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Harold Boardman, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. James Killefede, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. John Sever, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Michael Ward.

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 Arbitration Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Harold Boardman, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Anthony Grant, Mr. James Killefede, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Neville Sandelson, Mr. John Sever, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Michael Ward.

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 Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. Dennis Conavan, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Russell Fairservie, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Hamish Gray, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. S. Miller, Mr. Hector Monro, Mr. Ronald King Murray, 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 Alcoholic Liquors (Amendment of Enactments Relating to Strength and to Units of Measurement) Order 1979 and the Value Added Tax (Aids for the Disabled) Order 1979, viz.: Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. R. B. Cant, Mr. Paul Channon, Mr. John Cope, Mrs. Winifred Ewing, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Bruce Groccott, Mr. Alfred Hall-Davis, Mr. Peter Hordern, Dr. Oomagh McDonald, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, 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 Grants to Redundant Churches Fund Order 1979, viz.: Mr. Michael Alison, Mr. Tom Bradley, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Harry Lamborn, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Kenneth Marks, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. George Morton, Mr. John Parker, Mr. van Straubenzee, and Mr. Terry Walker.

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 Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1979, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Michael Bretheron, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Ellis, Mr. George Grant, Mrs. Helene Hayman, Mr. Robert Hicks, Sir Timothy Kitson, Mr. Peter Mills, Mr. Stanley Newens, Mr. James Scott-Hopkins, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Hamish Watt, 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 Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, viz.: Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. John Farr, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Marcus Kimball, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Dr. Edmund Marshall, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Wm. Ross, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Jerry Wiggins, 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 Mobility Allowance Amendment Regulations 1979 and the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (Commencement No. 13) Order 1979, viz.: Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Eric Deakin, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Robin Hodgson, Mr. Alfred Morris, Mr. Anthony Newton, Mr. John Ovenden, Mr. David Penrhynog, Mr. George Rodgers, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, Mrs. Audrey Wise, and Sir George Young.

Thursday, 22nd March, 1979.

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

PRAYERS.

Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords];

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

East Kilbride District Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Kilbride District Council Bill;

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

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill;

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

Shetland 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 Shetland Islands: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Wednesday next and to be printed [Bill 121].

Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Millan presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Lerwick Harbour: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Wednesday next and to be printed [Bill 120].

Gairloch Piers 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 Gairloch Piers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered upon Wednesday next and to be printed [Bill 119].

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

Ipswich Port Authority 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 Ipswich Port Authority Bill and found the same to be true; had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read the third time.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee),—Sir Edward Brown reported from the Committee on the West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords], That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next at half-past Ten o'clock.
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 22nd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 309-i].

Privileges,—Mr. G. R. Strauss reported from the Committee of Privileges, to whom was referred, on 2nd May 1978 in the last Session of Parliament, the matter of 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 considered the matters 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 an Appendix: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 222].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 222].

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. 308].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 22nd March to be printed [No. 308].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Administration of Justice (Emergency Provisions) (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Vaccine Damage Payments Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Lords Amendment to the Social Security Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for and in connection with the attainment by the Gilbert Islands of fully responsible status as a Republic within the Commonwealth under the name of Kiribati; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Kiribati Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, 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, intituled, An Act to provide for the appointment of Trustees to administer the National Land Fund established by section 48(1) of the Finance Act 1946 and to extend the purposes for which the fund may be used; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [National Heritage Fund (No. 2) Bill [Lords].

Safety of Children in Cars Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Safety of Children in Cars Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th April.

Kiribati Bill [Lords],—The Kiribati Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 118].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 256) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—[Mr. Michael Foot.]

Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill:
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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:

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Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill be now read a second time:—Debate arising:

And the Question being put:
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Evans, Mr. James Tinn: 244.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Nick Badgen: 147.

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).

Arms and Ammunition,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 86), dated 30th January 1979, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th February, be annulled—(Mr. John Farr);

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, Mr. Michael Shersby: 115.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. John Evans: 26.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 86), dated 30th January 1979, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th February, be annulled.
Address to be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Legal Aid and Advice,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations 1979, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st February, be approved—(Mr. Alf Bates):—It was agreed to.

Legal Aid and Advice,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st February, be approved—(Mr. Alf Bates):—It was agreed to.

Electricity,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr. Alf Bates): —It was agreed to.

Procedure,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 15th June 1976 relating to the nomination of the Select Committee on Procedure be amended, by leaving out Mr. Peter Hordern and inserting Mr. Fred Silvester.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

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

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

Friday, 23rd March, 1979:

And the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.13 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Thursday 22nd March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Owen:

Road Transport (Miscellaneous No. 2, 1979),—Copy of a Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR), open for signature at Geneva between 1st September 1978 and 31st August 1979 (the Protocol has not been ratified by the United Kingdom) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7480].

Road Transport (Miscellaneous No. 3, 1979),—Copy of a Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Passengers and Luggage by Road (CVR), open for signature at Geneva between 1st September 1978 and 31st August 1979 (the Protocol has not been signed by the United Kingdom) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7481].

Treaty Series (No. 29, 1979),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Ankara on 2nd and 17th November 1978 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Turkey, concerning a refinancing loan (the United Kingdom/Turkey Refinancing Loan Agreement 1978) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7482].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Scotland (Devolution),—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Scotland Act 1978 (Repeal) Order 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd February 1979, entitled the Royal Navy Terms of Service (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 192) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Morris:

Wales (Devolution),—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Wales Act 1978 (Repeal) Order 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Defence,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 14th March 1979, entitled the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 291) [by Act].

Medical Profession,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 14th March 1979, entitled the Irish Republic (Termination of 1927 Agreement) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 289) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 14th March 1979, entitled—

(1) the Merchant Shipping (Foreign Deserters) (Revocation) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 293), and

(2) the Monegasque Tonnage Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 306) [by Act].

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 14th March 1979, entitled—

(1) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings’ Attributable and Non-attributable Death Awards) Order 1979,

(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings’ Disablement Awards) Order 1979,

(3) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Locally Engaged Ratings’ Disablement) Order 1979,

(4) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Royal Navy Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings’ Service Gratutities) Order 1979,

(5) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Royal Navy Locally Engaged Hong Kong Ratings’ Redundancy) Order 1979,

(6) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Royal Navy Locally Engaged Maltese Ratings’ Redundancy) Order 1979, and

(7) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Widows’ Attributable Pensions) Order 1979 [by Act].
Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Capital Transfer Tax (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendment) Order 1979 [by Act].

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

Countrywide Commission (Scotland).—Account of the Countrywide Commission for Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 303].

Employment Protection.,—Account of the Maternity Pay Fund for the year ended 31st March 1978, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 304].

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 1978, viz.:

1. the Cutlery and Stainless Steel Flatwear Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Account,
2. the Hosery and Knitwear Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Account,
3. the Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Account,
4. the Wool Textile Industry (Export Promotion Levy) Account, and
5. the Wool Textile Industry (Scientific Research Levy) Account; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 305].


Redundancy Fund.—Account of the Redundancy Fund for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 307].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 22nd March 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. David Watkins Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Consents to Prosecutions Bill; Mr. A. P. Costain Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Local Government Grants (Ethnic Groups) Bill in the place of Sir Thomas Williams; Mr. Peter Doig Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Alcoholic Liquors (Amendment of Enactments Relating to Strength and to Units of Measurement) Order 1979 and the Value Added Tax (Aids for the Disabled) Order 1979; Mr. Ifor Davies Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Redundant Churches Fund Order 1979; Mr. R. Bonner Fink Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1979; and Mr. Michael English Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979.

FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1979

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Second Amendment) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)
Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Air Navigation (Noise Certification) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the White Fish Subsidy (Deep Sea Vessels) (Specified Ports) Scheme 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Putting Animals into Politics.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an independent advisory body be established in the form of a Standing Royal Commission on Animal Protection—(Mr. J. W. Rooker);

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

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

Deer Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Deer Bill [Lords];

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

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

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 Meat and Livestock Commission Levy Scheme (Confirmation) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Cinematograph Films (Limits of Levy) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—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 1979, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st February, be approved—(Mr. Ted Graham):—It was agreed to.

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 73A (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1979, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st 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 I

Friday 23rd March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Bank Notes.—Treasury Minutes, dated 7th, 8th, 9th, 12th, 14th and 15th February 1979, relative to the fiduciary note issue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 310].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 1, 1979).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 24th July 1978 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 Suriname, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago and the Republic of Uganda, on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for 1978-79 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7483].
Mr. Secretary Mulley:
Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copy of an Order, dated 15th March 1979, amending the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Industrial Training.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1979, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Iron and Steel) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 313) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Social Security.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1979, entitled the Social Security (Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 345) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Transport,—Statements of determination of the salaries payable to—
(1) members, and
(2) the Chairman
of the British Waterways Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:
Transport,—Statements of determination of the salaries payable to—
(1) members, and
(2) the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members
of the British Transport Docks Board [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Carol Mather (nominated in respect of the Consents to Prosecutions Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Anthony Berry.

[No. 79.]

Monday, 26th March, 1979.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Expenditure.—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee on 26th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 61-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 26th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 312-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 26th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 97-xi].

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 26th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-xii].

Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix III).
Parliamentary Commission for Administration.—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Baroness Serota to attend to be examined as a witness before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—(Mr. Antony Buck.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Anglian Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Northumbrian Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft North West Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Severn-Trent Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Southern Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft South West Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Thames Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Wessex Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Yorkshire Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

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 1979 (Command Paper No. 7474) 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 "declines to take note of the White Paper because it provides for a massive increase in military expenditure to £8,588 million in the year 1979-80, which will add to world tension, divert resources from urgent social needs and contravenes Her Majesty's Government's election pledge to give active support to policies designed to redeploy armaments industries to the manufacture of alternative socially useful products, as advanced by Lucas Aerospace and other workers; and reaffirms Labour's commitment not to proceed to a new generation of nuclear weapons", instead thereof.—(Mr. Frank Allaun.) And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising; And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned. Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Forestry Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mrs. Ann Taylor.)

The Community's Energy Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Commission Documents Nos. R/2311/78, R/2163/78 and R/2712/78, and endorses the Government's approach in pursuing the national interest and those of United Kingdom industries and consumers in discussion of these proposals—(Mr. Secretary Benn); An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out from the second word "and" to the end of the Question and add the words "while recognising the need to safeguard the national interests and those of the United Kingdom industries and consumers, regrets the failure of the Secretary of State for Energy to obtain a share of the European market for the British coal industry", instead thereof.—(Mr. Tom King.)
And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Debate arising:—

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business).

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Sir George Young: 165.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Alf Bates: 167.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Commission Documents Nos. R/2311/78, R/2163/78 and R2712/78, and endorses the Government's approach in pursuing the national interest and those of United Kingdom industries and consumers in discussion of these proposals.

Forestry Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Forestry 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.

Coal Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr. Alex Eadie);

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

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And the Question being put:

Resolved, That the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) (Amendment) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved.

Coal Industry.—Resolved, That the draft Mineworkers’ Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved.—(Mr. Alex Eadie.)

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 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 twelve minutes past One o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.12 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 26th March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Duchy of Cornwall.—Copy of the Account of the receipts and disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall for 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security.—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1979, entitled the Social Security (Overlapping Benefits and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 559) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:

Animals.—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd March 1979, entitled the Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants (Essex Emerald Moth) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 353) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Morris:

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th February 1979, entitled the State Awards (State Bursaries for Adult Education) (Wales) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 333) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

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

(1) a member,
(2) a member,
(3) members, and
(4) The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the British Railways Board [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 14th March 1979, entitled—

(1) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Disablement Awards) Order 1979, and
(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Widows' Attributable Pensions) Order 1979 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Attorney General (nominated in respect of the Consents to Prosecutions Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Arthur Davidson.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 26th March 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Thomas Williams Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Mobility Allowance Amendment Regulations 1979, the Family Income Supplements (General) Amendment Regulations 1979, and the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (Commencement No. 13) Order 1979.

[No. 80.]

Tuesday, 27th March, 1979.

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

PRAYERS.

Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords];

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

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 27th March and Memoranda laid before them; And the Report was brought up and read (Fifteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-xxii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-xxiii].
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 March. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 97-xii].

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

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

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 34-xv].

Crown Agents Bill.—Mrs. Joyce Butler reported from Standing Committee A, That they had gone through the Crown Agents 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. 313].

Consents to Prosecutions Bill.—Mr. David Watkins reported from Standing Committee B, That they had gone through the Consents to Prosecutions 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. 315].

Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Peter Doig reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That they had gone through the Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 125].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 314].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to ancient monuments; to make provision for the investigation, preservation and recording of matters of archaeological or historical interest and (in connection therewith) for the regulation of operations or activities affecting such matters; and to provide for the recovery of grants under section 10 of the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Act 1972 or under section 4 of the Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments Act 1953 in certain circumstances; and to provide for grants by the Secretary of State to the Architectural Heritage Fund; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Bill [Lords]].

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Bill [Lords].—The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 127].

Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Booth, supported by Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Joel Barnett, Mr. Stanley Orme, Mr. Harold Walker, and Dr. John Cunningham, 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 or in respect of certain persons who are, or were immediately before they died, disabled by pneumoconiosis, byssinosis or diffuse mesothelioma; 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 123].

Inland Revenue (Discretion).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit to individual cases the discretion of the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise to reduce or forgo payments of tax; and to require that that discretion in favour of classes or groups of taxpayers shall be exercised only by an order subject to approval by the House of Commons: And that Mr. Nicholas Ridley do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Inland Revenue (Discretion) Bill.—Mr. Nicholas Ridley accordingly presented a Bill to limit to individual cases the discretion of the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise to reduce or forgo payments; and to require that that discretion in favour of classes or groups of taxpayers shall be exercised only by an order subject to approval by the House of Commons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next and to be printed [Bill 122].
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 1979 (Command Paper No. 7474) 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, to leave out from the word “House” to the end of the Question, and add the words, “declines to take note of the White Paper because it provides for a massive increase in military expenditure to £8,588 million in the year 1979-80, which will add to world tension, divert resources from urgent social needs and contravenes Her Majesty's Government's election pledge to give active support to policies designed to redeploy armaments industries to the manufacture of alternative socially useful products, as advocated by Lucas Aerospace and other workers; and reaffirms Labour's commitment not to proceed to a new generation of nuclear weapons”, 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. Ivor Clemitson, Mr. Stanley Newens: 52.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Peter Snape: 228.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joseph Dean, Mr. Thomas Cox: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts: 259.

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 1979 (Command Paper No. 7474) of basing British security on collective effort to deter aggression, while seeking every opportunity to reduce tension through international agreements on arms control and disarmament.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Public Health Laboratory Service Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Ted Graham.)

Public Health Laboratory Service Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Public Health Laboratory Service Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Annual Report)—(Mr. Patrick Jenkin)—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.

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. Ted Graham):—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

Tuesday 27th March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Dangerous Drugs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th March 1979, entitled the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 326) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 2, 1979).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 23rd October 1978 between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia, concerning certain wines originating in Tunisia and entitled to a designation of origin [by Command] [Cmnd. 7484].

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European Communities (No. 3, 1979),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 27th September 1978 between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden [by Command] [Cmnd. 7485].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th March 1979, entitled the Scottish Milk Marketing Schemes (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 319) [by Act].

Building and Buildings,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th March 1979, entitled the Building Standards (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 310) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1979, entitled the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 358) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Industrial Development,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th March 1979, entitled the Derelict Land Clearance Areas Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 334) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Road Traffic and Vehicles,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th March 1979, entitled the Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1979, No. 62) [by Act].

Securities,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th March 1979, entitled the Stock Transfer (Addition of Forms) Order (Northern Ireland) 1970 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1979, No. 66) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:


Monopolies and Mergers,—Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on insulated electric wires and cables [by Act]; to be printed [No. 243].

Prices,—Copies of Orders, dated—

(1) 26th March 1979, entitled the Price Marking (Food and Drink on Premises) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 561), and

(2) 27th March 1979, entitled the Price Marking (Bargain Offers) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 364) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Foot:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Carol Mather (nominated in respect of the Arbitration Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Spencer Le Marchant.

[No. 81.]

Wednesday, 28th March, 1979.

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

PRAYERS.

Ipswich Port Authority Bill,—The Ipswich Port Authority Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Shetland Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Shetland Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be considered to-morrow.
Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered to-morrow.

Gairloch Pier Order Confirmation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Gairloch Pier Order Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered to-morrow.

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

Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society Bill.—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society Bill and found to same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had made Amendments therunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords].—Sir Edward Brown reported from the Committee on the West Midlands County Council Bill [Lords], 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 therunto; 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 (Twentieth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 10-xx].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-xx].

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

Minutes of Evidence, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 322-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 28th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 97-xiii].

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 20th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 321].

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 24th January and 21st 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. 311].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 311].

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 29th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104-xiii].
Selection.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Northern Ireland Committee.—Mr. John Wells reported from the Northern Ireland Committee, that they had considered the matter of Rates and Rating in Northern Ireland, referred to them on 6th March, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 320].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Alcoholic Liquors (Amendment of Enactments Relating to Strength and to Units of Measurement) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 241) and the Value Added Tax (Aids for the Disabled) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 145), referred to a Committee on 16th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 316].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Hor Davies reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Grants to Redundant Churches Fund Order 1979, referred to a Committee on 20th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 317].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 257), referred to a Committee on 19th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 318].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Thomas Williams reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Mobility Allowance Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 172), the Family Income Supplements (General) Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 160), and the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (Commencement No. 13) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 171), referred to a Committee on 19th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 319].

Services Widows (Provision of 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. Philip Goodhart, Mr. Alan Lee Williams, Rear-Admiral Morgan-Giles, Mr. Stanley Newens, Mr. Ian McCormick, Mr. Daydell Wigley, Mr. Emlyn Hooson, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr. Julian Critchley, Mr. Richard Crawshaw, and Mr. John Ovenden, do prepare and bring it in.

Services Widows (Provision of 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 and to be printed [Bill 126].

No Confidence in Her Majesty's Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House has no confidence in Her Majesty's Government—(Mrs. Margaret Thatcher);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Spencer Le Marchant, Mr. Michael Roberts : 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Donald Coleman : 310.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House has no confidence in Her Majesty's Government.

Expenditure.—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 18th November 1974 relating to the nomination of the Expenditure Committee be amended, by leaving out Mr. Philip Goodhart and inserting Mr. David Atkinson.—(Mr. Walter Harrison.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.42 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 28th March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Transport.—Statement of determination of the salaries payable to the Chairman, Managing Director and members of the Scottish Transport Group [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:
Industrial Training.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Engineering) Order 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Medicines.—Copy of an Order, dated 28th March 1979, entitled the Medicines (Chloroform Prohibition) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 382) [by Act].
Social Security.—Copies of Orders, dated 27th March 1979, entitled—
1. the Social Security Act 1979 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 369), and

Mr. Secretary Yarley:
Census of Production.—Copy of the Report on the Censuses of Production 1974 and 1975, relating to miscellaneous mining and quarrying [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Shore:
Building and Buildings.—Copy of an Order, dated 28th March 1979, entitled the House-Building Standards (Approved Scheme etc.) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 381) [by Act].
Water.—Copy of an Order, dated 20th March 1979, entitled the South West Water Authority (St. Neot River Discharge) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 335) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:
Prices.—Copy of an Order, dated 28th March 1979, entitled the Bread Prices (No. 2) Order 1976 (Revocation) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 384) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Fourth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1978-79 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 302].
Supreme Court (Northern Ireland).—Copy of Rules, dated 21st March 1979, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Transitional Rules) 1979 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1979, No. 86) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Anglian Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft Northumbrian Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft North West Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft Severn-Trent Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft Southern Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft South West Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft Thames Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft Wessex Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, and the draft Yorkshire Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. Frank Hooley, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Arthur Jones, Sir Timothy Kitson, Mr. William Molloy, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Dudley Smith, Mr. Tim Smith, and Mrs. Ann Taylor.

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 Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Second Amendment) Order 1979 and the draft Air Navigation (Noise Certification) Order 1979, viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Ivor Clintison, Mr. S. Clinton Davis, Mr. John Garrett, Mr. Ted Graham, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Neil Marten, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Norman Tebbit, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. Terry Walker, and Mr. Kenneth Warren.
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 White Fish Subsidy (Deep Sea Vessels) (Specified Ports) Scheme 1979, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Peter Blaker, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Thomas Cox, Sir William Elliott, Mr. Douglas Henderson, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Michael Shaw, Mr. Mike Thomas, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Patrick Wall, and Mr. Michael Ward.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee, that they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation Order 1979, viz.: Mr. E. S. Bishop, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Walter Clegg, Mr. Thomas Cox, Mr. John Ellis, Sir John Gilmour, Mr. David James, Mr. James Johnson, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Iain Sproat, Mr. Sydney Tierney, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Patrick Wall, and Mr. Hamish Watt.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 28th March 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 60 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Protection of Otters (Scotland) Bill and the Family Violence (Scotland) Bill to the Second Scottish Standing Committee; the draft Anglian Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft Northumbrian Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft North West Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft Severn-Trent Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft South West Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft Thames Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft Wessex Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, and the draft Yorkshire Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Second Amendment) Order 1979 and the draft Air Navigation (Noise Certification) Order 1979 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the White Fish Subsidy (Deep Sea Vessels) (Specified Ports) Scheme 1979 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation Order 1979 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 82.]

Thursday, 29th March, 1979.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill;

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

London Transport Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Transport Bill;

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

East Kilbride District Council Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East Kilbride District Council Bill;

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

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill;

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

Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cheshire County Council Bill [Lords];

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

Shetland Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Shetland Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.
Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to 
consider the Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

Gairloch Pier Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to 
consider the Gairloch Pier Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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

Contingencies Fund, 1977-78,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the 
Contingencies Fund, 1977-78, showing the receipts and payments in connection with 
the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1978, and 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)

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 Genetic Engineering Sub-Committee on 29th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 123-viii].

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

Sound Broadcasting,—Mr. Robert Mellish reported from the Select Committee on Sound 
Broadcasting, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to 
take to the House; and had directed him to report Memoranda laid before them: And 
the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 332].

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 332].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Michael English reported 
from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Firearms (Variation 
of Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1979, No. 36), referred to 
a Committee on 19th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 323].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Confirmation to Small Estates (Scotland) Bill, without 
Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Public Health 
Laboratory Service Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to 
the Exchange Equalisation Account; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of 
this House [Exchange Equalisation Account Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to 
the International Monetary Fund and to repeal, as obsolete, the European Monetary 
Agreement Act 1959 and the entries relating to it in Schedule 2 to the National Loans 
Act 1968; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [International 
Monetary Fund Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments 
related to the prosecution of offences in England and Wales and to repeal certain 
obsolete enactments relating thereto; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of 
this House [Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords].

Exchange Equalisation Account Bill [Lords],—The Exchange Equalisation Account Bill 
[Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and 
to be printed [Bill 128].

International Monetary Fund Bill [Lords],—The International Monetary Fund Bill [Lords] 
was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be 
printed [Bill 129].

Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords],—The Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords] was read the 
first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 130].

Statutory Instruments,—The Order made on 23rd March, That the White Fish Subsidy 
(Deep Sea Vessels) (Specified Ports) Scheme 1979 be referred to a Standing Committee 
on Statutory Instruments, &c., was read and discharged.
Business of the House,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of the Order relating to Business of the House made on 2nd November, Government business shall have precedence at to-morrow’s sitting.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Provision of transmitting equipment for new television broadcasting service).

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

"(2) In the provision of this service the Authority shall not discriminate against any region of the United Kingdom.

(3) For the purposes of this Act ‘region’ is defined as it is defined on page 4 of Issue No. 27 of ‘Statistical News’ published by Her Majesty’s Stationery Office, for November 1974.”—(Mr. Michael English.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 2, line 3, at the end, to insert the words “commencing with those areas which at present have no such studios”.—(Mr. Michael English.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Financial provisions).

Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 2, line 27, at the end, to insert the words “provided that nothing in this subsection shall authorise anyone to contravene section 29(1) of the Act of 1973.”—(Mr. Michael English.)

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

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do now leave the Chair—(Mr. Joseph Dean)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

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


Adjournment,—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill,—Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill—(Mr. Joseph Dean):—The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 2 (Financial provisions).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 4) be made.

Question put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 3, line 13, at the end, to add the words—

“(8) All expenditures of money under this Act shall be subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General”.—(Mr. Michael English.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 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.

Broadcasting.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the White Paper on Broadcasting (Command Paper No. 7294).—(Mr. Secretary Rees.)

Broadcasting.—Resolved, That the Supplemental Licence and Agreement between the Secretary of State for the Home Department and the British Broadcasting Corporation, dated 8th March 1979, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th March, be approved.—(Mr. John Evans.)

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 29th March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:

Contingencies Fund, 1977-78,—Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 1977-78, showing the receipts and payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended 31st March 1978, and 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 the Order this day]; to be printed [No. 333].

Mr. Secretary Owen:

European Communities (No. 4, 1979),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 27th September 1978 between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation, concerning adjustments to the nomenclature of certain tariff specifications in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation dated 22nd July 1972 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7487].

European Communities (No. 6, 1979),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 24th July 1978 between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India, on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the period 1st July 1978 to 30th June 1979 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7488].

Poland (No. 1, 1979),—Copy of a Convention, signed at London on 7th November 1978, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Polish People's Republic on co-operation in the field of culture, education and science (Instruments of ratification have not been exchanged) [by Command] [Cmnd. 7492].

Treaty Series (No. 30, 1979),—Copy of an Amendment to Article 26 of the Statute of the Council of Europe, certified at Strasbourg on 27th November 1978 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7486].

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the INMARSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1979 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Millan:

Housing (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1979, entitled the Housing (Limitation of Rent Income Increases) (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District) (Scotland) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 378) [by Act].

Mrs. Secretary Williams:

Education.—Copy of an Order, dated 21st March 1979, entitled the Remuneration of Teachers (Primary and Secondary Schools Burnham Committee) (Variation) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 339) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

Health Services.—Report of the Health Services Board for 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 260].

Mrs. Judith Hart:

Pensions.—Copies of Schemes, dated 28th March 1979, entitled—

(1) the East African Community (East African Scheme) Public Officers’ Widows’ and Orphans’ Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1979,
(2) the East African Community Public Officers’ Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1979, and
(3) the East African Community (Railways and Harbours Corporations) Public Officers’ Widows’ and Orphans’ Pensions (United Kingdom) Scheme 1979.

[by Act].

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

Supreme Court of Judicature (Northern Ireland).—Copies of Rules, dated 26th March 1979, entitled—

(1) the Crown Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1979 (S.R. & O.) (N.I.), 1979, No. 90), and
(2) the Matrimonial Causes Rules (Northern Ireland) 1979 (S.R. & O. (N.I), 1979, No. 89)

[by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had nominated Sixteen Members to serve on a Standing Committee in respect of the Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill, viz.: Mr. Ronald Atkins, Mr. Ronald Bell, Mr. William Craig, Mr. Norman Fowler, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. John Horam, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Bryan Magee, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Roger Moutre, Mr. Eric Ogden, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. David Stoddart, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mr. George Younger.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 29th March 1979

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 Anglian Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft Northumbrian Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft North West Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft Severn-Trent Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft Southern Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft Thames Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, the draft Wessex Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, and the draft Yorkshire Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979; and Mr. Victor Goodhew Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Second Amendment) Order 1979 and the draft Air Navigation (Noise Certification) Order 1979.
Friday, 30th March, 1979.

The House met at Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Shetland Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill,—The Shetland Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill,—The Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Gairloch Pier Order Confirmation Bill,—The Gairloch Pier Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

Representation of the People Bill,—Mr. Secretary Rees, supported by Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. Secretary Morris, Mr. Secretary Shore, Mr. Joel Barnett, and Mr. Brynmor John, presented a Bill to facilitate polling on the same day at a general election and district council elections; and to postpone certain parish or community council elections: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next and to be printed [Bill 131].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, in the case of the Legal Aid Bill [Lords], the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) Bill, the Carriage by Air and Road Bill [Lords] or the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Bill [Lords], if a Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, further proceedings on that Bill shall stand postponed and that as soon as the proceedings on any Money Resolution come to by the House in relation to a Bill have been concluded, this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on that Bill.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That in respect of the Representation of the People Bill, the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) Bill, the Carriage by Air and Road Bill [Lords] and the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Bill [Lords], notices of Amendments, New Clauses and New Schedule to be moved in Committee may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That Standing Committee B be discharged from considering the Arbitration Bill [Lords], and that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That Standing Committee A be discharged from considering the Leasehold Reform Bill, and that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Michael Foot.)

Merchant Shipping Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Merchant Shipping Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Navigation on River Thames)—(Mr. Alan Lee Williams)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 634 of Merchant Shipping Act 1894)—(Mr. Julian Ridsdale)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, to leave out from the beginning of line 6 to the end of line 31 on page 15.—(Mr. Ian Lloyd.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, after the word "pilots", to insert the words "(who shall occupy at least six places on the Commission)".—(Mr. Stephen Ross.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 3 to 28 and 31 to 33) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment made to the Bill, in page 42, line 35, at the end, by inserting the words—

"(3) The Secretary of State may by order provide that references or a particular reference to a buoy or beacon in Part XI of that Act shall be construed as including, in such circumstances as are specified in the order, equipment of a kind so specified which is intended as an aid to the navigation of ships."—(Mr. Clinton Davis.)

Other Amendments (Nos. 34 to 37 and 39 to 41) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment made to the Bill, in page 56, line 18, after the Amendment last inserted, by inserting " or 35(3) ".—(Mr. Clinton Davis.)

Other Amendments (Nos. 42, 44 to 54, and 56 to 68) made to the Bill.

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

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

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

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

Legal Aid Bill [Lords].—The Legal Aid Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Further proceedings stood postponed, pursuant to the Order this day.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to amend certain enactments relating to legal aid and legal advice and assistance, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the sums so payable under the Legal Aid Act 1974 or the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1967 in consequence of—

(1) provisions enabling assistance to be given to a person by taking on his behalf any step in the institution or conduct of any proceedings before a court or tribunal, or of any proceedings in connection with a statutory inquiry, whether by representing him in those proceedings or by otherwise taking any step on his behalf (as distinct from assisting him in taking such a step on his own behalf) provided the assistance is approved by an appropriate authority in accordance with regulations made for the purposes of those provisions;

(2) provisions for securing that, where a party receives any such assistance or legal aid in connection with any proceedings and those proceedings are finally decided in favour of another party, the court by which the proceedings are so decided may make an order for the payment to the other party out of the legal aid fund of the whole or any part of the costs incurred by him in those proceedings;

(3) provisions for reducing in relation to a person receiving legal aid, his maximum contribution in respect of disposable income and his maximum contribution in respect of disposable capital;

(4) provisions removing the requirement for regulations to secure that in computing the resources of an applicant for legal aid there shall be observed the rules set out in paragraphs 17, 18, 23 and 25 of Schedule 1 to the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976;

(5) provisions enabling advice and assistance or legal aid to be given to a body of persons corporate or unincorporate which is concerned in a representative, fiduciary or official capacity.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Legal Aid Bill [Lords].—The House, according to the Order this day, resolved itself into a Committee on the Legal Aid Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Contributions from persons receiving legal aid).

Amendment made, in page 4, line 20, by leaving out "£815" and "£1,500".—(Mr. Solicitor General.)
Another Amendment made, in page 4, line 22, by leaving out the first word "such" and inserting the words "one quarter of the excess or such other".—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Another Amendment made, in page 4, line 24, by leaving out "£365" and inserting "£1,200".—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 5 agreed to.
Clause No. 6 (Extension of assistance to representation in proceedings).
Amendment made, in page 7, line 25, by leaving out the words "that subsection" and inserting the words "subsection (6A)".—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Another Amendment made, in page 7, line 27, by leaving out "(6A)" and inserting "(6B)".—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause Nos. 7 and 8 agreed to.
Clause Nos. 9 (Contributions from persons receiving legal aid).
Amendment made, in page 8, line 28, by leaving out "£815" and inserting "£1,500".—(Mr. Solicitor General)

Another Amendment made, in page 8, line 30, by leaving out the first word "such" and inserting the words "one quarter of the excess or such other".—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Another Amendment made, in page 8, line 32, by leaving out "£365" and inserting "£1,200".—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 10 to 13 agreed to.
Clause No. 14 (Citation, commencement and extent).
Amendment made, in page 10, line 33, by leaving out subsection (6).—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thomas Cox reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

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

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

Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 43, to leave out the words "one twenty-fifth" and insert the words "one-fiftieth", instead thereof.—(Mr. Douglas Henderson.)

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

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

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

The Lord Advocate, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as the interest of the Prince of Wales in respect of the Principality and Stewartry of Scotland is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.
And the Question being put 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.

Credit Unions Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Credit Unions Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Taxation)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (General prohibition on deposit taking)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Computation and application of profits)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—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 Government business may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Credit Unions Bill.—The House proceeded further to consider the Credit Unions Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Computation and application of profits) be read a second time.

Question put and agreed to.

Amendment ((a)) made to the proposed Clause.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Insurance against fraud or other dishonesty)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 13, 15 and 16, 18 to 20, 22, 25 to 34, 41, 35 and 36) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 37) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 30, after the word “society”, to insert the word “either—

(a)”.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 38 and 39) 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.

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 Alcoholic Liquors (Amendment of Enactments Relating to Strength and to Units of Measurement) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 241), a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th March, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—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 (Aids for the Disabled) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 245), a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th March, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

Ecclesiastical Law.—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 Grants to Redundant Churches Fund Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 9th March, be approved.—(Mr. Thomas Cox):—It was agreed to.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Five o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 5.1 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Friday 30th March 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Millan:
Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 21st March 1979, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Amendment of Fees for Sheriff Clerks) 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 347) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Booth:

Mr. Secretary Ennals:
Social Security,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 30th March 1979, entitled the Social Security Pensions Act 1975 (Commencement No. 15) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 394), and
(2) Regulations, dated 27th March 1979, entitled the Social Security (Attendance Allowance) Amendment Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 375) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:
Firearms,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th March 1979, entitled the Firearms (Variation of Fees) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 (S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1979, No. 91) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Mr. John Silkin:
Diseases of Animals,—Copy of a Return of Proceedings under the Diseases of Animals Act 1950, for 1978 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Open Government,—Copy of a Paper, entitled Open Government [by Command] [Cmnd. 7520].

[No. 84.]

Monday, 2nd April, 1979.

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 Airey Middleton Sheffield Neave, Esquire, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., T.D., Member for Abingdon, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

Private Bills (Suspension),—Ordered, That—
(1) the Promoters of every Private Bill which has originated in this House or has been brought from the House of Lords in the present Session of Parliament shall have leave to suspend any further proceeding thereon in order to proceed with that Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session;
(2) the Agent for the Promoters of any such Bill intending to suspend any further proceeding thereon shall give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office not later than Five o'clock on the day before the close of the present Session of their intention to suspend further proceeding thereon or, if the Bill, having passed this House, is then pending in the House of Lords, of their intention to proceed with the same Bill in this House in the next Session; provided that all fees due upon any such Bill up to that date be paid;
(3) a list of all such Bills, with a statement of the stage at which they have been suspended, shall be prepared by the Clerks in the Private Bill Office and printed;

(4) every such Bill which has originated in this House shall be presented to the House not later than the third day on which the House sits after the next meeting of Parliament;

(5) there shall be deposited with every Bill so presented a declaration signed by the Agent for the Bill, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill with respect to which proceedings have been suspended at the last stage of its proceeding in this House in the present Session;

(6) every Bill so presented shall be laid by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office on the Table of the House on the next meeting of the House after the day on which the causes of Her Majesty's calling the Parliament have been declared thereunto;

(7) every Bill so laid on the Table shall be deemed to have been read the first and second time (if the Bill has been read a second time before its suspension); and if such Bill has been reported by any Committee in the present Session, it shall be ordered to be read the third time unless it has been reported with Amendments in the present Session and has not been considered, as amended, in which case it shall be ordered to lie upon the Table; and if such Bill has been read the third time before its suspension, it shall be deemed to have been read the third time;

(8) paragraph (2) of Standing Order 166 relating to Private Business (First Reading) shall not apply to any Bill brought from the House of Lords in the next Session and upon which the proceedings have been suspended in this House in the present Session;

(9) when any Bill which has been brought from the House of Lords in the present Session, and upon which the proceedings have been suspended in this House, is brought from the House of Lords in the next Session, the Agent for the Bill shall deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration, signed by him, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the House of Lords in the present Session and, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office that such a declaration has been so deposited has been laid upon the Table of the House—

(i) if the Examiner has reported either that the Standing Orders not previously inquired into which are applicable to the Bill have been complied with or that no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, the Bill shall be ordered to be read a second time, or, if it has been read a second time in the present Session, it shall be deemed to have been read a second time;

(ii) if the Bill has been reported by a Committee with Amendments in the present Session it shall be committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means who shall make only such Amendments to the Bill as have been made thereto by the Committee in the present Session, and shall report the Bill to the House forthwith;

(10) any Bill which under the provisions of this Order is deemed to have been read the first time, or the first and second time, or the first, second and third time, shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having been so read;

(11) only those Petitions against any Bill presented in the present Session which stood referred to the Committee on the Bill and which have not been withdrawn shall stand referred to the Committee on the same Bill in the next Session; and no Petitioner whose locus standi has been disallowed by the Court of Referees shall have the right to appear before the Committee on his Petition in the next Session;

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

(13) any Standing Orders complied with in respect of any Bill originating in the House of Lords, upon which the proceedings have been suspended in that House, shall be deemed to have been complied with in respect of such Bill if the same is brought from the House of Lords in the next Session, and any notices published or given and any deposits made in respect of such Bill for the present Session shall be held to have been published, given and made, respectively, for the Bill so brought from the House of Lords in the next Session;

(14) no further fees shall be charged in respect of any proceeding on a Bill in respect of which fees have already been incurred during the present Session.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.
Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, 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 2nd April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 61-xiv].

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 (Second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 334].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 334].

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. 335].

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. 336].

Nationalised Industries,—Mr. Russell Kerr reported from the Select Committee on Nationalised Industries, That they had directed him to report Memoranda laid before Sub-Committee E.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

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 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. 338].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 338].

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 (Fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 326].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 326].

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 report part of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 24th January: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report).

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 327].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 327].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had made further progress in the matter to them referred, and had agreed to a Report, which they had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them on 29th January, 31st January, 5th March and 7th March: 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. 328].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 328].
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 the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report). Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 329].

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 the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Special Report). Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 330].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 330].

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 February, 5th March, 12th March and 26th March. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Public Accounts,—Mr. Edward du Cann reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That they had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them.

Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

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 23rd January, 30th January, 13th February and 7th March. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 263-ii to v].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Industry Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Estate Agents Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Banking Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Private Bills (Suspension),—The Lords communicate that they have made the following Orders, viz:

(1) That the promotor of every Private Bill which shall have been introduced into or presented to this House in the present Session of Parliament shall have leave to introduce or present the same in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than Noon on the last sitting day of the present Session; and provided that all fees due by them thereon, up to that period, be paid;

(2) That a list of all such Bills, with a statement of the stages at which they shall have arrived, shall be prepared in the Private Bill Office, and printed;

(3) That every such Bill shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office not later than Three o'clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the next meeting of Parliament for business other than judicial business, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed by the Agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session;

(4) That the proceedings on any such Bill shall, in the next Session of Parliament, be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged in regard to such stages;

(5) That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply to any Private Bill which shall have originated in this House in the present Session, in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed;

(6) That no petitioners shall be heard before the Committee on any Bill in the next Session unless their petition shall have been presented within the time limited in the present Session.
Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 135].

Banking Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Banking Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 134].

Estate Agents Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Estate Agents Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 136].

Procedure.—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Procedure to be printed [No. 337].

Business of the House.—Ordered. That if the Representation of the People Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, further proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed and that as soon as the proceedings on the Motion relating to Representation of the People [Money] have been concluded, this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Joseph Dean.)

Representation of the People Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People Bill:

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

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 to facilitate the holding of Parliamentary elections on the date laid down for the holding of district council elections which fails to postpone the said district council elections ”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Stephen Ross.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Patrick Cormack: 17.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alf Bates, Mr. Ted Graham: 137.

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.

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

Further proceedings stood postponed, pursuant to the Order this day.

Representation of the People [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Representation of the People [Money];

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to postpone certain parish and community council elections, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any expenses of the returning officers attributable to the postponement.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Representation of the People Bill.—The House, according to the Order this day, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Postponement of poll at parish or community council elections).

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 22, at the end, to insert the words “ all nominations submitted by the due date already announced, April 5th, shall be valid nominations for the postponed elections ”.—(Mr. Patrick Cormack.)

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

Amendment made, in page 2, line 4, at the end, by inserting the words—

“ (3) Any nomination submitted for an election which is postponed as a result of this Act shall, if otherwise valid and if not withdrawn, be valid for the postponed election ”.—(Mr. John Cope.)

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.
A Clause (Use of free postal delivery service for circulation of election literature relating to district council elections)—(Mr. A. J. Beith)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Late issue of ballot papers)—(Mr. Patrick Cormack)—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.

Schedule (Modification of Election Rules).

Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 3, line 28, to leave out the words “easily distinguishable, in such a manner as the Secretary of State directs” and insert the words “a different colour”—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 12, to leave out the word “shall” and insert the word “may”—(Mr. Tim Rathbone.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 33, to leave out the word “then” and insert the words “after the declaration of the result of the parliamentary election”—(Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 4, line 35, at the end to insert the words—

“(5) Any candidate in the district council elections and any candidate in the parliamentary election shall be entitled to appoint counting agents to scrutinise the opening of the ballot boxes, the separation of ballot papers and other matters relating to this stage of the count”—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Ted Graham reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Arbitration Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Arbitration Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 8 agreed to.

A Clause (Arbitration and Differences (consumer dealings))—(Mr. Michael Ward)—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 Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

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.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That Government business may be proceeded with at this day's sitting, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)
Arbitration Bill [Lords].—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Arbitration Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Arbitration of Differences (consumer dealings)) be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

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, without Amendment.

Crown Agents Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Crown Agents 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.

Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

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

Tuesday, 3rd April, 1979:

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. James Tinn.)

Further proceedings stood postponed, pursuant to the Order [30th March].

Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make provision for lump sum payments to or in respect of certain persons who are, or were immediately before they died, disabled by pneumoconiosis, byssinosis or diffuse mesothelioma, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State in making payments under that Act;
(2) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase in the administrative expenses of the Secretary of State which is attributable to that Act; and
(3) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums repaid to the Secretary of State by virtue of that Act.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) Bill.—The House, according to the Order [30th March], resolved itself into a Committee on the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Conditions of entitlement).

Amendments made, in page 2, lines 29, 36 and 43, by inserting after the word "Injuries" the words "and Diseases".—(Mr. Harold Walker.)

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Dependants).

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 4 (Determination of claims).
Amendment (No. 3) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 5 to 8 agreed to.
Clause No. 9 (Short title, construction, commencement and extent).
Amendment (No. 4) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

A Clause (Payments for the benefit of minors &c.)—(Mr. Harold Walker)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Tinn reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered. That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 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.

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

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

Adjourned at 1.7 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 2nd April 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Rees:

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th March 1979, entitled the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Fees and Expenses) (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 360) [by Act].

Representation of the People,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th March 1979, entitled the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1979 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hattersley:

Price Commission,—Copy of the Accounts of the Price Commission for the period 1st August 1977 to 31st March 1978 [by Command].

Mr. Michael Foot:

Northern Ireland,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 30th March 1979, entitled the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 396) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1979, entitled the Corn Sales Act 1921 (Amendment) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 357) [by Act].

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

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [12th December] from the Havant Chapter Vigil Group and others for legislation to safeguard mental patients from electro-convulsive therapy [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 2nd April 1979

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation Order 1979.

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 Alfred Davies Devonsher Broughton, Member for Batley and Morley, 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.

Death of Mr. Airey Neave,—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following messages of sympathy on the death of Mr. Airey Neave:

From the Archbishop of Westminster:

Horrified by this terrible tragedy. To you, Mr. Speaker, the Roman Catholic community expresses its sympathy and sorrow.

From the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Bruno B. Heim:

His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, has learned with sorrow of the barbarous murder of Mr. Airey Neave, MP, and wishes to convey his condolences to you, Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House of Commons. His Holiness condemns this latest act of cowardly and senseless violence and he prays that the minds of all will finally come to heed the Divine command of mutual love that is the only basis for a just and peaceful society.

In conveying this message may I offer my heartfelt sympathy and assure you that I share your personal sorrow in your sad loss.

I knew Mr. Neave well and had the pleasure of meeting him very recently. His sudden death is therefore a great shock and a personal grief.

From the Archbishop of Canterbury:

The British Council of Churches Assembly meeting in Belfast recorded its horror at the assassination of Mr. Airey Neave and expresses to you and the whole House its sincere condolences.

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

Prices,—Notice being taken, That the Paper purporting to be a copy of the Indication of Prices (Beds) Order 1978 (S.I., 1978, No. 1716), which was presented on 8th December, was not a correct copy of the said Order;

The Order made on 8th December, That the said Paper 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 (Sixteenth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 33-xxiv].
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. 10-xxi].

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 10-xxii].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 66-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 the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report).

Minutes of Evidence 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 the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report).

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 348].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had agreed to a Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Special Report).

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 349].

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).

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 350].

Expenditure,—Mr. James Boyden reported from the Expenditure Committee, That they had directed him to report so much of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Education, Arts and Home Office Sub-Committee, the General Sub-Committee and the Social Services and Employment Sub-Committee as had not previously been reported.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

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 Memoranda laid before the Genetic Engineering Sub-Committee: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).

Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 352].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, 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 (Second Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 196].

Science and Technology,—Mr. Arthur Palmer reported from the Select Committee on Science and Technology, That they had agreed to a Special Report which they had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Special Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 354].
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.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Credit Unions Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Representation of the People Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Licensed Premises (Exclusion of Certain Persons) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Land Registration (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Licensed Premises (Exclusion of Certain Persons) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Licensed Premises (Exclusion of Certain Persons) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 137].

Expenditure,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Expenditure Committee to be printed [No. 353].

Science and Technology,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Science and Technology to be printed [No. 356].

New Member sworn,—David Alton, Esquire, Member for Liverpool, Edge Hill, was sworn.

Sittings of the House,—Resolved, That, at its rising to-morrow, this House do adjourn till Monday next and that this House shall not adjourn to-morrow until Mr. Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Acts which have been agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the practice of the House relating to the intervals between the stages of Bills brought in on Ways and Means Resolutions, any stage of a Bill brought in on such resolutions at this day’s sitting may be proceeded with immediately after the conclusion of the preceding stage.—(Mr. Thomas Cox.)

Ways and Means,—Income tax,—Resolved, That—

(1) Income tax for the year 1979-80 shall be charged at the same rates as for the year 1978-79.

(2) In section 8 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (personal reliefs)—

(a) in subsection (1)(a) (married) for “£1,535” there shall be substituted “£1,675”;

(b) in subsection (1)(b) (single) and (2) (wife’s earned income relief) for “£985” there shall be substituted “£1,075”;

(c) in subsection (1A) (age allowance) for “£2,075” and “£1,300” there shall be substituted “£2,265” and “£1,420” respectively;

(d) in subsection (1B) (income limit for age allowance) for “£4,000” there shall be substituted “£4,400”;

and in section 14(2) and (3) of that Act (additional relief for widows and others in respect of children) for “£550” there shall be substituted “£600”.

(3) Neither paragraph (2) above nor section 22(2) or (3) of the Finance Act 1977 shall require any change to be made in the amounts deductible or repayable under section 204 of the said Act of 1970 (pay as you earn) before 1st August 1979.

(4) No relief shall be given under section 10 of the said Act of 1970 (child tax allowances) for the year 1979-80 or any subsequent year of assessment except in the case of a child to whom section 25 or 26 of the said Act of 1977 applies.

(5) In paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 1 to the Finance Act 1974 (limit on relief for interest on certain loans for the purchase or improvement of land) the references to £25,000 shall have effect for the year 1979-80 as well as for previous years of assessment.—(Mr. Joel Barnett.)

2. Corporation tax

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 94 (Ways and Means Motions), That—

(1) Corporation tax shall be charged for the financial year 1978 at the same rate as for the financial year 1977; and the small companies rate and the fraction mentioned in
section 95(2) of the Finance Act 1972 (marginal relief for small companies) shall also be the same for the financial year 1978 as for the financial year 1977.

(2) The rate of advance corporation tax for the financial year 1979 shall be the same as for the financial year 1978—(Mr. Joel Barnett).—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, Mr. Denzil Davies, and Mr. Harold Lever, do prepare and bring it in.

Finance Bill.—Mr. Robert Sheldon accordingly presented a Bill to continue income tax and corporation tax at the existing rates; to increase the main personal reliefs from income tax; to withdraw child tax allowances; and to continue the limit on relief for interest imposed by paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Finance Act 1974: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be printed [Bill 133].

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. 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 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

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

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

Appropriation.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament; that, notwithstanding the practice of the House relating to the interval between the various stages of bills of aids and supplies, more than one stage of any Bill brought in pursuant to this Order may be proceeded with at this day's sitting; and that so soon as any such Bill has been read a second time the House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Alf Bates.)

Ordered, 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 in the Bill.

Appropriation Bill.—Mr. Robert Sheldon accordingly presented a Bill to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be printed [Bill 132].

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee, pursuant to the Order this day.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedules A and B agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. Alf Bates reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 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.

Weights and Measures Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Weights and Measures Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Accounts and audit)—(Mr. John Fraser)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 4, 7 to 12, 37, 16 to 20, and 22 to 31) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

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

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

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

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Price to tenant on enfranchisement).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 8, after the word "favourable", to insert the words "to that tenant"—(Mr. R. Graham Page).

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

An Amendment (No. 2) made.

Another Amendment made, in page 1, by leaving out lines 14 to 16.—(Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Another Amendment (No. 4) made.

Another Amendment made, in page 2, line 7, by leaving out subsection (5).—Mr. R. Graham Page.)

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bryan Davies 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.

Carriage by Air and Road Bill [Lords].—The Carriage by Air and Road Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Committee this day.

Further proceedings stood postponed, pursuant to the Order [30th March].

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Ways and Means.—Carriage by Air and Road.—Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to enable effect to be given to provisions of certain protocols signed at Montreal on 25th September 1975 it is expedient to authorise the payment into the Consolidated Fund of fees received by the Treasury for certificates issued in pursuance of that Act.—(Mr. S. Clinton Davis.)

Carriage by Air and Road Bill [Lords],—The House, according to the Order [30th March], resolved itself into a Committee on the Carriage by Air and Road Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 6 agreed to.
Clause No. 7 (Short title and commencement).
Amendment (No. 1) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Bryan Davies 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 being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

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

Mr. Reginald Freeson, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as the interest of the Prince of Wales in respect of the Principality and Stewartry of Scotland is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put 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.

Sea Fisheries.—Resolved, That the White Fish Subsidy (Deep Sea Vessels) (Specified Ports) Scheme 1979, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th March, be approved.—(Mr. E. S. Bishop.)

Diplomatic and International Immunities and Privileges.—Resolved, That the draft INMARSAT (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 29th March, be approved.—(Mr. Frank Judd.)

Representation of the People,—Resolved, That the Elections (Welsh Forms) Regulations 1979, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd April, be approved.—(Mr. Brynmor John.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Bryan Davies.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.16 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 3rd April 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Joel Barnett:

Public Expenditure,—Copy of a Government Statement on cash limits on public expenditure, 1979-80 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7515].

Supply Estimates (1979-80),—Memorandum on the Supply Estimates for the year ending 31st March 1980 [by Command] [Cmnd. 7524].
Mr. Secretary Rees:

Representation of the People,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th March 1979, entitled the European Assembly Elections (Welsh Forms) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 368) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 20th March 1979, entitled the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act 1892 (Application of Provisions) (Various District Councils) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 356) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th March 1979, entitled the Herring By-Catch (Restrictions on Landing) (No. 2) (Variation) Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 398) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mulley:

Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copy of an Order, dated 27th March 1979, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Smith:

Insurance.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd April 1979, entitled the Insurance Brokers Registration Council (Indemnity, Insurance and Grants Scheme) Rules Approval Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 408) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Mason:

Coroners.—Copy of Rules, dated 20th March 1979, entitled the Coroners (Salaries, Fees and Expenses) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1979 (S.R. & O. (N.I.), 1979, No. 82) [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Rodgers:

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th March 1979, entitled the "Pelican" Pedestrian Crossings (Amendment) Regulations and General Directions 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 401) [by Act].

Mr. John Silkin:

Seeds.—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1979, entitled the Seed Potatoes (Fees) Regulations 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 366) [by Act].

Mrs. Judith Hart:

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission.—Report of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom for the year ended 30th September 1978 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 344].

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

Administration of Justice.—Accounts of the Funds in Court in England and Wales for the year ended 28th February 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 324].

Health Services.—Account of the Health Services Board for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 325].

Highlands and Islands Development Board.—Accounts of the Highlands and Islands Development Board for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 341].

Matrimonial Causes.— Copies of Rules, dated 28th March 1979, entitled—

(1) the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) Rules 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 400), and

(2) the Matrimonial Causes (Costs) Rules 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 399) [by Act].

National Biological Standards Board.—Account of the National Biological Standards Board for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 342].

Public Health Laboratory Service Board.—Accounts of the Public Health Laboratory Service Board for the year ended 31st March 1978; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 343].

Supreme Court of Judicature.—Copy of Rules, dated 30th March 1979, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment No. 2) 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 402) [by Act].
Wednesday, 4th April, 1979.

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).

Civil Aviation.—The Order made on 14th March, That the draft Air Navigation (Noise Certification) Order 1979 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Civil Aviation.—The Order made on 15th March, That the draft Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Second Amendment) Order 1979 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Civil Aviation.—The Order made on 21st March, That the draft Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1979 do lie upon the Table, was read and discharged.

Paper withdrawn.

Race Relations and Immigration.—Mr. Frederick Willey reported from the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration, That they had directed him to report Memoranda laid before them.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fishing Boats (Faroe Islands) Designation Order 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 256), referred to a Committee on 22nd March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 366].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Appropriation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Crown Agents Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Leasehold Reform Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Merchant Shipping Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Weights and Measures Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Legal Aid Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Gairloch Pier Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Lerwick Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Shetland Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

Indecent Displays (Control) Bill.—Minutes of Proceedings of Standing Committee C on the Indecent Displays (Control) Bill to be printed [No. 361].

Local Government Grants (Ethnic Groups) Bill.—Minutes of Proceedings of Standing Committee D on the Local Government Grants (Ethnic Groups) Bill to be printed [No. 362].

Education Bill.—Minutes of Proceedings of Standing Committee E on the Education Bill to be printed [No. 363].

Companies Bill.—Minutes of Proceedings of Standing Committee F on the Companies Bill to be printed [No. 364].

Race Relations and Immigration.—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration to be printed [No. 365].

Statutory Instruments.—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments to be printed [No. 367].
Statutory Instruments.—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments to be printed [No. 368].

Bill of Rights.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare the inalienable rights and liberties of the subject; and for connected purposes: And that Sir Frederic Bennett, Mr. Percy Grieve, Mr. Paul Hawkins, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mrs. Jill Knight, and Mr. John Page, do prepare and bring it in.

Bill of Rights Bill.—Sir Frederic Bennett accordingly presented a Bill to declare the inalienable rights and liberties of the subject; 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 138].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged from considering—

(1) the draft Anglian Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979,
(2) the draft Northumbrian Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979,
(3) the draft North West Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979,
(4) the draft Severn-Trent Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979,
(5) the draft Southern Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979,
(6) the draft South West Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979,
(7) the draft Thames Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979,
(8) the draft Wessex Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, and
(9) the draft Yorkshire Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979.—Mr. Peter Snape.

Water, Resolved, That the draft Anglian Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved.—(Mr. Denis Howell.)

Water, Resolved, That the draft Northumbrian Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved.—(Mr. Denis Howell.)

Water, Resolved, That the draft North West Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved.—(Mr. Denis Howell.)

Water, Resolved, That the draft Severn-Trent Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved.—(Mr. Denis Howell.)

Water, Resolved, That the draft Southern Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved.—(Mr. Denis Howell.)

Water, Resolved, That the draft South West Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved.—(Mr. Denis Howell.)

Water, Resolved, That the draft Thames Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved.—(Mr. Denis Howell.)

Water, Resolved, That the draft Wessex Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved.—(Mr. Denis Howell.)

Banking Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Banking Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Estate Agents Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Estate Agents Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Bill [Lords].—The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas 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.)

Further proceedings stood postponed, pursuant to the Order [30th March].

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to consolidate and amend the law relating to ancient monuments, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure of the Secretary of State under that Act;

(b) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under that Act; and

(c) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under any other enactment.—(Mr. James Tinn.)

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Bill [Lords].—The House, according to the Order [30th March], resolved itself into a Committee on the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 64 agreed to.

Clause No. 65 (Short Title, Commencement and Extent).

An Amendment (No. 1) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. James Tinn reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made 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.

Exchange Equalisation Account Bill [Lords].—The Exchange Equalisation Account 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.)

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.

Schedule 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, without Amendment.

International Monetary Fund Bill [Lords].—The International Monetary Fund 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.)
Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—
The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to.
Schedule 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, without Amendment.

Prosecution of Offences Bill [Lords],—The Prosecution of Offences 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.)

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 12 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. 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, without Amendment.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by the Commons to the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas [Lords], without Amendment.

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

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


Adjournment.—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;
And the Question being put;
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday next, pursuant to the Resolution of the House yesterday.
[Adjourned at 7.2 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Wednesday 4th April 1979

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Robert Sheldon:
Civil List Pensions,—Copy of a List of Pensions granted during the year ended 31st March 1978 and payable under the provisions of section 4(1) of the Civil List Act 1972 [by Act].

Government Annuities,—Copy of the 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, of the dispersal thereof, and of the contracts made, for 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Millan:

Transport,—Report for 1978 to the Secretary of State for Scotland of the Transport Users’ Consultative Committee for Scotland [by Act]; to be printed [No. 273].

Mr. Secretary Ennals:

National Health Service,—Proposal made by the Health Services Board concerning the relocation of pay bed authorisations at hospitals of the Durham Health Authority [by Act]; to be printed [No. 292].

Mr. Secretary Smith:

Expenditure,—Copy of Government Observations on the Second Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1978-79, relating to measures to prevent collisions and strandings of noxious cargo carriers in waters around the United Kingdom [by Command] [Cmnd. 7525].

Civil Aviation,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 2nd April 1979, entitled the Heathrow Airport—London Noise Insulation Grants (Schools) (Amendment) Scheme 1979 (S.I., 1979, No. 414) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Varley:

Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1976, relating to—

(1) ball, roller, plain and other bearings,
(2) cement,
(3) coal mining,
(4) construction and earth moving equipment,
(5) electrical appliances primarily for domestic use,
(6) gas,
(7) iron and steel (general),
(8) linoleum, plastics floorcovering, leathercloth, etc.,
(9) margarine,
(10) primary and secondary batteries,
(11) production of man-made fibres, and
(12) wallcoverings

[by Act].

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

Post Office,—Statements of—
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