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A PROCLAMATION

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

ELIZABETH R.

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

Given at Our Court at Windsor Castle, this thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eighty-three and in the thirty-second year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN
The Parliament begun and held at the City of Westminster, on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of June in the thirty-second year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady ELIZABETH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith; and in the year of our Lord 1983.

[No. 1.]

Wednesday 15th June 1983.

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

The House being met; and, it being the first day of the meeting of this Parliament, pursuant to Proclamation, Sir Charles Addison Somerville Snowden Gordon, KCB, Clerk of the House of Commons, Kenneth Anthony Bradshaw, Esquire, CB, Clerk Assistant, and Clifford John Boulton, Esquire, Principal Clerk of the Table Office, attending in the House, and the other Clerks attending, according to their duty, Anthony Derek Maxwell Oulton, Esquire, CB, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery in Great Britain, delivered to the said Sir Charles Addison Somerville Snowden Gordon, a Book, containing a List of the Names of the Members returned to serve in this Parliament:

Several of the Members repaired to their Seats.

The Right honourable James Callaghan took the Chair, pursuant to the Standing Order (Election of the Speaker).

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

Members of the House of Commons,

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

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

And the House having returned:

Mr. Humphrey Atkins proposed to the House for their Speaker Mr. Bernard Weatherill, and moved, That the Right honourable Bernard Weatherill do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which Motion was seconded by Mr. Jack Dormand.

Mr. Bernard Weatherill then stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.
Resolved, That the Right honourable Bernard Weatherill do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

Whereupon Mr. James Callaghan left the Chair, and Mr. Bernard Weatherill was taken out of his place and conducted to the Chair by Mr. Humphrey Atkins and Mr. Jack Dormand, and, standing on the upper step, he expressed his respectful and humble acknowledgement to the House of the great honour which the House had been pleased to confer upon him and sat down in the Chair.

Then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was placed upon the Table.

Whereupon the Prime Minister, Mr. Michael Foot, Mr. David Steel, Mr. James Molyneaux, Mr. Roy Jenkins, Mr. Donald Stewart and the Reverend Ian Paisley congratulated Mr. Speaker Elect, and Mr. John Major moved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 4.2 p.m.

[No. 2.

Thursday 16th June 1983.

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

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

Mr. Speaker Elect,

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

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

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

The House having returned;

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

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

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

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

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

Right honourable Margaret Hilda, Mrs. for Finchley.

Thatcher.

Right honourable Michael Mackintosh Foot Blaenau Gwent.

Right honourable Sir Richard Edward Geoffrey Howe, QC East Surrey.

Right honourable Leon Brittan, QC Richmond (Yorks).

Right honourable James Michael Leathes Prior Waveney.
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Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alastair Goodlad.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.8 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

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

Right honourable Sir Hugh Charles Patrick Joseph Fraser, MBE for Stafford.
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John Allan Stewart, Esquire ... Eastwood.
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Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes past Eleven o’clock, adjourned till Tuesday next.

[Adjourned at 11.20 a.m.]
Tuesday 21st June 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Kenneth Wilfred Baker, Esquire … for Mole Valley.

Right honourable Douglas Richard Hurd, CBE … Witney.

John Patrick Butcher, Esquire … Coventry South West.

William Arthur Waldegrave, Esquire, commonly called the honourable William Arthur Waldegrave … Bristol West.

Ian Bruce Lang, Esquire … Galloway and Upper Nithsdale.

Right honourable Nicholas Ridley … Cirencester and Tewkesbury.

John Paul Stanley, Esquire … Tonbridge and Malling.

Michael John Mates, Esquire … East Hampshire.

Peter Allan Renshaw Blaker, Esquire … Blackpool South.

James Wilton Spicer, Esquire … West Dorset.

Iain Campbell Mills, Esquire … Meriden.

Right honourable Mark Carlisle, QC … Warrington South.

Kenneth Melville Carlisle, Esquire … Lincoln.

Colin Ryley Shepherd, Esquire … Hereford.

Christopher Philip Yorke Murphy, Esquire Welwyn Hatfield.

Antony Speller, Esquire … North Devon.

Andrew Rowe, Esquire … Mid Kent.

William David Mudd, Esquire … Falmouth and Camborne.

James Stewart Barry Henderson, Esquire … North East Fife.

Sir Frederic Mackarness Bennett … Torbay.

Right honourable Merlyn Rees … Morley and Leeds South.

Right honourable Eric Graham Varley … Chesterfield.

Right honourable Jack Ashley, CH … Stoke on Trent South.

Right honourable John Dennis Concannon … Mansfield.

Donald Richard Coleman, Esquire, CBE … Neath.

Royston John Hughes, Esquire … Newport East.

Raymond Joseph Ellis, Esquire … North East Derbyshire.

Right honourable Gerald Bernard Kaufman … Manchester, Gorton.

Roger Stott, Esquire, CBE … Wigan.

Jeffrey William Rooker, Esquire … Birmingham, Perry Barr.

Stephen Barry Jones, Esquire … Alyn and Deeside.

Allen Adams, Esquire … Paisley, North.

Renée, Mrs. Short … Wolverhampton North East.

Alec Woodall, Esquire … Hemsworth.

Cyril Smith, Esquire, MBE … Rochdale.

Alexander Eadie, Esquire, BEM … Midlothian.

Robert Hughes, Esquire … Aberdeen North.

Jeremy William Bray, Esquire … Motherwell South.

Nicolas Guy Barnett, Esquire … Greenwich.

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Sir William Gibson Clark ... ... Croydon South.
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Harry Michael Cohen, Esquire ... ... Leyton.
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Mark Fisher, Esquire ... ... Stoke-on-Trent Central.
Ian Mikardo, Esquire ... ... Bow and Poplar.
Right honourable John David Taylor ... Strangford.
Barry John Sheerman, Esquire ... ... Huddersfield.
James Gordon Brown, Esquire ... ... Dunfermline East.

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

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

[Adjourned at 4.52 p.m.]

[No. 5.]

Wednesday 22nd June 1983.

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 fifteen minutes past Two o'clock.

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

Tam Dalyell, Esquire ... ... for Linlithgow.
Joseph Kevin McNamara, Esquire ... Kingston upon Hull North.
Clare Short ... ... ... Birmingham, Ladywood.
Antony Rivers Marlow, Esquire ... ... Northampton North.
Andrew Struthers Stewart, Esquire ... Sherwood.
George Arthur Gardiner, Esquire ... ... Reigate.
John Ernest Townend, Esquire ... ... Bridlington.
Neville Guthrie Trotter, Esquire ... ... Tynemouth.
Winston Spencer Churchill, Esquire ... ... Davyhulme.
James Theodore Lester, Esquire ... ... Broxtowe.
Peter John Viggers, Esquire ... ... Gosport.
Denshore Ronald Dover, Esquire ... ... Chorley.
Robert George Banks, Esquire ... ... Harrogate.
Martin Stevens, Esquire ... ... Fulham.
Alexander Pollock, Esquire ... ... Moray.
Nicholas Paul Scott, Esquire, MBE ... ... Chelsea.
Elections,—Ordered, That all Members who are returned for two or more places in any part of the United Kingdom do make their Election for which of the places they will serve, within one week after it shall appear that there is no question upon the Return for that place; and if any thing shall come in question touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in debate; and that all Members returned upon double Returns do withdraw till their Returns are determined.

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

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

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

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person hath given false evidence in any case before this House, or any Committee thereof, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir Charles Addison Somerville Snowden Gordon, KCB, 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).

Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means,—Ordered, That Mr. Paul Dean be Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.—(Mr. John Biffen.)

Queen's Speech,—Mr. Speaker reported Her Majesty's Speech, and directed that it be entered in the Journal, as follows:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

I look forward with great pleasure to receiving the President of Sri Lanka on a State Visit in October and to paying visits to Kenya, Bangladesh and India in November. I also look forward to being present on the occasion of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in New Delhi in November.

My Government are determined to sustain Britain's contribution to Western defence. They will play an active and constructive part in the North Atlantic Alliance. They will modernise the existing independent nuclear deterrent with the Trident programme and will maintain adequate conventional forces.

My Government, in co-operation with the United Kingdom's allies, will work vigorously for balanced and verifiable measures of arms control. They strongly support the United States' proposals for reductions in nuclear forces. They stand by the NATO decision to counter existing Soviet systems and to begin the deployment of Cruise and Pershing II missiles by the end of 1983. The numbers finally deployed will depend upon the outcome of the Geneva talks.
My Government will work constructively for the development of the European Community. They will continue to seek a lasting solution to the budget problem. They will support negotiations for the accession of Spain and Portugal to the Community.

My Government will continue fully to discharge their obligations to the people of the Falkland Islands. They reaffirm their commitment to the people of Gibraltar. They will continue talks with China on the future of Hong Kong, with the aim of reaching a solution acceptable to this Parliament, to China and to the people of Hong Kong.

My Government will continue their full support for the Commonwealth. They will play an active and constructive role at the United Nations. They will promote increased co-operation and trade with developing nations. They will maintain a substantial aid programme directed especially at the poorer countries and will encourage the flow of British private investment.

My Government will work in close co-operation with governments of other countries and with international institutions to promote international recovery on a non-inflationary basis. They will urge the need to preserve and strengthen an open world trading system.

Members of the House of Commons,

Estimates for the Public Service will be laid before you.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

My Government will pursue policies designed to increase economic prosperity and to reduce unemployment. They will seek a further reduction in inflation. They will continue to maintain firm control of public expenditure and a responsible financial strategy based upon sound money and lower public borrowing.

My Government will promote growth in output and opportunities for employment by encouraging industry to be adaptable and efficient, and to compete successfully. Continued attention will be paid to the development and application of new technology. The improvement in training will be sustained. The special employment measures will continue to assist those out of work.

A Bill will be introduced to give trade union members greater control over their unions.

Legislation will be introduced to prepare for the introduction of private finance into nationalised industries, including British Telecommunications, and the Royal Ordnance Factories. Provision will be made for the regulation of telecommunications and the reform of the Telegraph Acts.

Legislation will be introduced to reform the organisation of public transport in London.

Legislation will be brought forward shortly to restore the major tax reductions proposed in the 1983 Budget but not yet enacted.

My Government will encourage the further development of United Kingdom oil and gas resources, and introduce legislation to abolish royalties in new fields. The disposal of the British Gas Corporation's oil assets will be completed.

My Government will pursue policies which sustain our agricultural, food and fishing industries. Legislation will be introduced to make more farming tenancies available in England and Wales.

Legislation will be brought forward to provide a selective scheme to curb excessive rate increases by individual local authorities, and to provide a general power, to be used if necessary, for the limitation of rate increases for all authorities. Measures to improve the rating system will also be laid before you.

Proposals will be prepared for the abolition of the Greater London Council and the Metropolitan County Councils.

Legislation will be introduced to extend the right of certain public sector and other tenants to buy their homes and to reform the system of building control in England and Wales.

My Government will remain steadfast in their support for the services which maintain law and order. A Bill will be introduced to replace the existing law on the prevention of terrorism. For England and Wales, legislation will be brought forward to modernise the law on police powers and to amend the law of criminal evidence and on police complaints procedures. Proposals will be prepared for the establishment of an independent prosecution service.

Measures will be brought forward to protect personal information held on computers, and to establish a cable authority and provide a framework for the development of cable systems.

A Bill will be introduced to improve family law and its administration in England and Wales.
Further action will be taken to ensure that patients receive the best value for the money spent on the National Health Service.

My Government will pursue policies for improving standards of education and widening parental choice and influence in relation to schools. Legislation will be introduced to enable grants to be paid to local education authorities in England and Wales for innovations and improvements in the curriculum.

Measures relating to Scotland will include reforms to the rating system and the reform of the law relating to roads.

In Northern Ireland, my Government will continue to give the highest priority to upholding law and order. Through the Northern Ireland Assembly, the people of Northern Ireland will continue to be offered a framework for participation in local democracy and political progress on the basis of widespread acceptance throughout the community.

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—(Sir Peter Mills);

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented pursuant to several Acts of Parliament and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates on or after Wednesday 15th June, the day on which Parliament was appointed to meet, pursuant to Standing Order No. 141 (Presentation of statutory instruments), and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Wednesday 15th June 1983


Thursday 16th June 1983


Friday 17th June 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Wednesday 22nd June 1983:

Mr. John Moore:
Local Loans,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Immigration,—Copy of Statistics on the control of immigration in 1982 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8944].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Electricity (Scotland),—Copies of the Reports and Accounts of—
(1) the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board, and
(2) the South of Scotland Electricity Board
for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:
Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of particulars of grants of pay, allowances, etc., sanctioned by Her Majesty's Minister for the Civil Service during the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Census,—Copies of—
(1) the National Report on Great Britain (Part 2),
(2) the Report on Parliamentary Constituency Monitors (1983 Boundaries), and
(3) the Report on persons of pensionable age
for the Census 1981 [by Act].
Health Service Commissioner,—Copy of the First Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1983-84 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1].
Sex Discrimination,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment of section 20) Order 1983, and
(2) the Sex Discrimination (Midwives) (Specified Date) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Parkinson:
Trade,—Returns in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 2nd December 1982 in the last Session of Parliament for a Return of Statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during the year 1983, for—
(1) March, and
(2) April.
Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the British Shipbuilding Borrowing Powers (Increase of Limit) Order 1983 [by Act].
Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Furniture Development Council for 1982 [by Act].
Industry,—Copies of the Reports and Accounts of—
(1) BL plc, and
(2) Rolls-Royce Limited
for 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Mr. Secretary Prior:
Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copy of the Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on the proposal for a draft Housing Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British National Oil Corporation for 1982 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:
Merchant Shipping.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 18th May 1983, entitled—
1. the Collision Rules (Seaplanes) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 768),
2. the Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) (Overseas Territories) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 762),
3. the Mersey Channel (Collision Rules) (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 770), and

Universities and Colleges (Trusts).—Copy of an Amending Scheme made by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, on 9th March 1983, for administering certain funds of the College [by Act].

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes made by—
1. the Governing Body of Jesus College, Oxford, on 26th January 1983, amending the Statutes of the College,
2. the Governing Body of St. Anne’s College, Oxford, on 4th March 1983, amending the Statutes of the College,
3. the University of Cambridge, on 7th March 1983, amending the Statutes of the University, and
4. the University of Oxford, on 9th March 1983, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Church Commissioners.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 9th June 1983, made by the Church Commissioners affecting the Walton-on-the-Hill Rectory Act 1843, the Walton-on-the-Hill Rectory Amendment Act 1877 and the Walton-on-the-Hill Vicarage Act 1882 [by Measure].

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. 142 (Notification in respect of certain Statutory Instruments)]:—
1. the Collision Rules (Seaplanes) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 768),
2. the Import and Export of Trees, Wood and Bark (Health) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 807),
4. the Mersey Channel (Collision Rules) (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 770),
5. the Mobile Homes (Commissions) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 748),
7. the Students’ Allowances (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 798), and

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the Petition [11th May in the last Session of Parliament] from school pupils and residents of North Central Bristol for the rejection of proposals of the Avon Local Education Authority for secondary school re-organisation [by Standing Order]: to be printed.
Scottish Development Agency,—Copy of the Accounts of the Scottish Development Agency for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 7].

Tourism,—Copies of the Accounts of—
(1) the English Tourist Board,
(2) the Scottish Tourist Board, and
(3) the Wales Tourist Board
for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 5, 4 and 6].

Trustee Savings Banks,—Copy of the Accounts and Statement in respect of the Fund for the Banks for Savings for the year ended 20th November 1982; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 9].

Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Accounts of the Legal Aid Fund (Northern Ireland) for the year ended 31st March 1982; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 8].

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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

[No. 6.]

Thursday 23rd June 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Eldon Wylie Griffiths, Esquire .... for Bury St. Edmunds.

Private Bills,—The Standing Order of 10th May 1983, relating to Private Bills (Suspension), being read;

Ashridge (Bonar Law Memorial) Trust Bill,—A Bill to amend the Ashridge (Bonar Law Memorial) Trust Act 1954; 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 purchase land; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain land; to confer further powers on the Board and Sealink U.K. Limited; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time and committed.

British Transport Docks Bill,—A Bill to empower the British Transport Docks Board to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Board; and for other purposes, was read the first, second and third time, and passed.

Commons Registration (Glamorgan) Bill,—A Bill to make provision for the validation of the registers of common land maintained under the Commons Registration Act 1965 by the former Glamorgan County Council and Merthyr Tydfil and Swansea County Borough Councils; and for other purposes, was read the first, second and third time, and passed.

Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill,—A Bill to authorise Ginns and Gutteridge Limited to provide a crematorium; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time, and committed.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—A Bill to regulate prescribed expenditure and expenditure on lending to other persons by the Greater London Council, including prescribed expenditure of the London Transport Executive and their wholly-owned subsidiaries which is to be treated as prescribed expenditure of the Greater London Council, during the financial period from 1st April 1983 to 30th September 1984; and for other purposes, was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

London Docklands Railway Bill,—A Bill to empower the London Transport Executive to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Executive; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time and ordered to lie upon the Table.
London Transport (Liverpool Street) Bill.—A Bill to empower the London Transport Executive to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Executive; and for other purposes, was read the first, second and third time, and passed.

Milford Haven Conservancy Bill.—A Bill to repeal and re-enact with amendments the Milford Haven Conservancy Acts and Orders 1958 to 1980 and to make further provision with respect to the Milford Haven Conservancy Board; and for other purposes, was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read the third time.

Severn-Trent Water Authority Bill.—A Bill to provide for the improvement of land drainage and the relief of flooding in the valley of the river Sour; to authorise the Severn-Trent Water Authority to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Authority; and for other purposes, was read the first, second and third time, and passed.

Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill.—A Bill to provide for the transfer to MAIBL PLC of the undertaking of Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Limited; and for other purposes, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—A Bill to extend the time for the completion of certain works by the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Tor Bay Harbour (Torquay Marina &c.) Bill.—A Bill to authorise the council of the borough of Torbay to construct works in the harbour at Torquay; to make provision for moorings and the licensing thereof; to amend the Tor Bay Harbour Act 1970; and for other purposes, was read the first, second and third time, and passed.

Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Pier Bill.—A Bill to authorise the Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners to demolish and remove the pier at Yarmouth in the county of the Isle of Wight; and for purposes connected therewith, was read the first, second and third time, and passed.

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

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

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to re-enact with amendments the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Act 1936; to confer further powers on the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators, United Racecourses Limited, the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the Epsom and Ewell Borough Council in respect of Epsom and Walton Downs regulated by that Act; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to reunite King's College Hospital Medical School (University of London) with King's College London; to transfer all rights, properties and liabilities from the School to the College; and for connected and other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [King's College London Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the transfer to Lloyds Bowmaker Limited of the undertakings of certain subsidiaries of Lloyds and Scottish PLC; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council to construct a bridge over the river Severn and other works in the borough of Shrewsbury and Atcham and to purchase land compulsorily for those and other purposes; to make provision for the regulation and protection of part of the Square in that borough; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, viz.: That it is desirable that a Joint Committee of both Houses be appointed to scrutinise delegated legislation; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Private Bills (Suspension of Private Bills).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office that, in respect of the following Bills brought from the House of Lords, and upon which the proceedings were suspended in this House, the Agents for the Bills have deposited in the Private Bill Office declarations, signed by them, stating that the Bills are the same, in every respect, as the Bills which were brought from the House of Lords in the last Session, viz.:

- Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords]
- Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords]
- King’s College London Bill [Lords]
- Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords]
- Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords]
- Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].

Private Bills [Lords].—The Standing Order of 10th May 1983, relating to Private Bills (Suspension), being read;

- Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords].—The Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time and (the Bill having been read a second time in the last Parliament) was read a second time and committed.

- Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords].—The Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords] was read the first time and (the Bill having been read a second time in the last Parliament) was read a second time and committed.

- King’s College London Bill [Lords].—The King’s College London Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

- Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords].—The Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

- Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time and (the Bill having been read a second time in the last Parliament) was read a second time and committed.

- Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

International Monetary Arrangements Bill.—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Timothy Raison, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, and Mr. John Moore, presented (under Standing Order No. 111 (Procedure upon Bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to substitute a new limit for the limit on lending to the International Monetary Fund imposed by section 2(1) of the International Monetary Fund Act 1979 and to provide for the Bank of England to be indemnified in respect of certain financial assistance: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 4].

Petroleum Royalties (Relief) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Walker, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, and Mr. Giles Shaw, presented a Bill to confer on holders of petroleum production licences an exemption from royalties (including royalties in kind) in respect of petroleum from certain new fields off the coast of Great Britain: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 2].

Local Authorities (Expenditure Powers) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Jenkin, supported by Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Secretary Parkinson, Mr. Peter Rees, and Mr. William Waldegrave, presented a Bill to remove certain restrictions on the powers of local authorities under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and section 83 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1972: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 1].

Housing and Building Control Bill.—Mr. Secretary Jenkin, supported by Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Ian Gow, and Sir George Young, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the disposal of, and the rights of secure tenants of, dwelling-houses held by local authorities and other bodies in England and Wales; to amend the law of England and Wales relating to the supervision of building work, the building regulations and building control; 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 3].
Mr Speaker Thomas’s Retirement,—Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty that she will be most graciously pleased to confer some signal mark of her Royal Favour upon the Right honourable George Thomas for his eminent services during the important period in which with such distinguished ability and dignity he presided in the Chair of this House.—(Mr. John Biffen.)

Chairman of Ways and Means and First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.—Ordered, That Mr. Harold Walker be Chairman of Ways and Means and that Mr. Ernest Armstrong be First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.—(Mr. John Biffen.)

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That—

(1) Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business) shall have effect for this Session with the following modification, namely:

In paragraph (3) the word ‘twelve’ shall be substituted for the word ‘ten’ in line 16;

(2) Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 11th, 18th and 25th November, 2nd, 9th and 16th December, 16th, 23rd and 30th March, 6th and 13th April and 6th July;

(3) Private Members’ Notices of Motions shall have precedence over Government business on 15th and 22nd July, 20th and 27th January, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th February and 2nd and 9th March and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on Wednesday 29th June, Wednesday 6th July, Wednesday 14th December, Wednesday 21st December, Wednesday 18th January, Wednesday 25th January, Wednesday 1st February, Wednesday 8th February, Wednesday 15th February and Wednesday 22nd February;

(4) On Monday 12th December, Monday 13th February, Monday 21st May and Monday 9th July, Private Members’ Notices of Motions shall have precedence until Seven o’clock and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on Thursday 24th November, Thursday 26th January, Thursday 3rd May 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. John Biffen);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words—

‘(6) Provided that a Private Members’ Bill relating to the law of Scotland and brought in by a Member sitting for a Scottish constituency shall have precedence on at least one of the Fridays set out in paragraph (2) of this Order;

(7) Provided that Notices of Motions relating to Scottish matters given by Private Members sitting for Scottish constituencies shall have precedence on four of the Fridays set out in paragraph (3) of this Order; and

(8) The dates of the Fridays devoted to Scottish business under paragraphs (6) and (7) of this Order shall be decided by ballot under arrangements to be made by Mr. Speaker.’—(Mr. George Foulkes.)

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;

Ordered, That—

(1) Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business) shall have effect for this Session with the following modification, namely:

In paragraph (3) the word ‘twelve’ shall be substituted for the word ‘ten’ in line 16;

(2) Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 11th, 18th and 25th November, 2nd, 9th and 16th December, 16th, 23rd and 30th March, 6th and 13th April and 6th July;

(3) Private Members’ Notices of Motions shall have precedence over Government business on 15th and 22nd July, 20th and 27th January, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th February and 2nd and 9th March and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on Wednesday 29th June, Wednesday 6th July, Wednesday 14th December, Wednesday 21st December, Wednesday 18th January, Wednesday 25th January, Wednesday 1st February, Wednesday 8th February, Wednesday 15th February and Wednesday 22nd February;

(4) On Monday 12th December, Monday 13th February, Monday 21st May and Monday 9th July, Private Members’ Notices of Motions shall have precedence until Seven o’clock and ballots for these Notices shall be held after Questions on Thursday 24th November, Thursday 26th January, Thursday 3rd May 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.
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.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Mr Michael Neubert.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.24 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 23rd June 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

International Monetary Fund,—Draft of an Order, entitled the International Monetary Fund (Increase in Subscription) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Nicholas Ridley:

Electricity,—Statements of Guarantees dated—
(1) 3rd June 1983,
(2) 17th June 1983, and
(3) 20th June 1983
on loans proposed to be raised by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Water,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 3rd June on borrowing by—
(1) the Southern Water Authority, and
(2) the Welsh Water Authority [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 29, 1983),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Brussels on 8th October 1981, to the Agreement between the member states of the European Coal and Steel Community and the ACP States, consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community [by Command] [Cmnd. 8882].

European Communities (No. 30, 1983),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Brussels on 8th October 1981, to the Second ACP-EEC Convention, consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community [by Command] [Cmnd. 8889].


Mr. Secretary Younger:

Rating and Valuation,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 17th June 1983, entitled the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (Section 111) Amendment Order 1983, and
Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Employment Protection,—Copy of the Report of the Certification Officer for Trade Unions and Employers’ Associations for 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Parkinson:
Monopoles and Mergers,—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the National Coal Board [by Command] [Cmnd. 8920].
Census of Production,—Copies of the Report, together with introductory notes, on the Census of Production 1981 on—
(1) agricultural machinery and tractors,
(2) basic electrical equipment,
(3) bread, biscuits and flour confectionery,
(4) builders’ carpentry and joinery,
(5) coal extraction and manufacture of solid fuels,
(6) cycles and motor cycles,
(7) drawing cold rolling and cold forming of steel,
(8) extraction of miscellaneous minerals (including salt),
(9) extraction of stone, clay, sand and gravel,
(10) iron and steel industry,
(11) manufacture of semi-finished wood products and further processing and treatment of wood,
(12) medical and surgical equipment and orthopaedic appliances,
(13) miscellaneous manufacturing industries,
(14) motor vehicle bodies, trailers and caravans,
(15) non-ferrous metals industry,
(16) railway and tramway vehicles,
(17) spinning and weaving of flax, hemp and ramie, and
(18) toys and sports goods
[by Act].
Customs and Excise,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 21st June 1983, entitled the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 876), and
(2) Regulations, dated 22nd June, entitled the Inward Processing Relief (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 877)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:
Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th March 1983, entitled the Rothesay Harbour Revision Order 1983; with a certificate by the Secretary of State for Transport under sections 2 and 10 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].
Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Reports of Inspection of—
(1) local lighthouses, etc. by the Corporation of Trinity House,
(2) local navigational aids by the Commissioners of Irish Lights, and
(3) local navigational aids by the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses
[by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:
Dentists,—Copy of the Account of the General Dental Council for 1982 [by Act].
General Medical Council,—Copies of Accounts of the General Medical Council for 1982 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
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 22nd June, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

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 adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)
Debate to be resumed upon Monday next.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Two o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 2.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 24th June 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Nicholas Ridley:

Inland Revenue,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue for the period 31st March 1981 to 31st December 1982 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8947].

Electricity (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th May 1983 on borrowing by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:


Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence,—Copies of Regulations, dated 23rd June 1983, entitled—

(1) the Army Terms of Service (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 899),

(2) the Royal Navy Terms of Service (Ratings) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 897), and

(3) the Royal Air Force Terms of Service (Second Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 898) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Parkinson:

PRAYERS.

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

*Thomas William Torney, Esquire* ... for Bradford South.
*Peter Lewis Rost, Esquire* ... Erewash.

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

Telecommunications Bill,—Mr. Secretary Parkinson, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary King, and Mr. Kenneth Baker, presented a Bill to provide for the appointment and functions of a Director General of Telecommunications; to abolish British Telecommunications' exclusive privilege with respect to telecommunications and to make new provision with respect to the provision of telecommunication services; to make provision, in substitution for the Telegraph Acts 1863 to 1916 and Part IV of the Post Office Act 1969, for the matters there dealt with and related matters; to provide for the vesting of all property, rights and liabilities of British Telecommunications in a company nominated by the Secretary of State and the subsequent dissolution of British Telecommunications; to make provision with respect to the finances of that company; to amend the Wireless Telegraphy Acts 1949 to 1967 and to make further provision for facilitating enforcement of those Acts; to increase the maximum number of members of British Telecommunications pending its dissolution; 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 5].

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 22nd June, 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 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. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.27 p.m.]

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**APPENDIX**

**Monday 27th June 1983**

*Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:*

**Mr. Peter Rees:**

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 16th June 1983, entitled—

(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 863), and

(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 864) [by Act].

**Mr. Nicholas Ridley:**

British Telecommunications,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 16th May 1983 on borrowing by British Telecommunications [by Act].

Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th May 1983 on borrowing by the British Waterways Board [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Younger:

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th May 1983, entitled the Students' Allowance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 798) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Waterways Board for 1982 [by Act].

[No. 9.]

Tuesday 28th June 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Paul Marland, Esquire ... ... ... for West Gloucestershire.

Right honourable Donald James Stewart ... Western Isles.

Milford Haven Conservancy Bill,—The Milford Haven Conservancy Bill was read the third time, and passed.

London Docklands Railway Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the London Docklands Railway Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—Ordered, That the Greater London Council (Money) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

King's College London Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the King's College London Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Thursday.

Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Thursday.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Thursday.

Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill,—Ordered, That the Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill,—Ordered, That the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Ashridge (Bonar Law Memorial) Trust Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

That a Select Committee be appointed 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 to refer to such Sub-Committees any of the matters within the terms of reference of the Committee; that the Committee have power to appoint the Chairmen of Sub-Committees, but that such Sub-Committees have power to appoint their own Chairmen for the purpose of particular enquiries; 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 power to appoint specialist advisers;
That the Committee have leave to report from time to time;
That the Reports of the Select 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 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 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 any Committee of the Commons on European Legislation 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.

Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 22nd June, 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 adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words 'but humbly regret the unconditional commitment in the Gracious Speech to the deployment this year of Cruise missiles in Britain and to the continuation of the Trident programme, which jeopardise the possibility of any agreement on nuclear disarmament; regret that the failure of Her Majesty's Government to secure changes in the Common Agricultural Policy and the European Community Budget will injure the prospect of constructive relations with our European partners referred to in the Gracious Speech; and consider that the refusal of Her Majesty's Government to support adequate action for international economic recovery condemns the world to continuing mass unemployment, weakens cooperation with developing countries, and puts the world banking system at risk'.—(Mr. Denis Healey.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 215.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 375.

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.

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of 23rd June as relates to a Joint Committee of both Houses to scrutinise delegated legislation be now considered.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Lords Message considered accordingly.

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

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.48 p.m.]
APPENDIX
Tuesday 28th June 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Nicholas Ridley:

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 31st May 1983 on borrowing by the Civil Aviation Authority [by Act].

National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 31st May 1983 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Police,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for 1982 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8928].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 31, 1983).—Copy of a Community-COST Concertation Agreement, signed at Brussels on 16th February 1982, on a project in the field of treatment and use of sewage sludge (COST Project 68 ter) [by Command] [Cmnd. 8923].


Treaty Series (No. 27, 1983).—Copy of the Protocol relating to intervention on the high seas in cases of pollution by substances other than oil, 1973, signed at London on 2nd November 1973 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8924].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Copies of the Accounts of—
(1) the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for the period 1st September 1980 to 31st March 1982; and
(2) the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for the period 1st October 1980 to 31st March 1982; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 22 and 21].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Copy of the Account of the Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for the period 15th September 1980 to 31st March 1982; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 23].

Mr. Secretary King:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of the Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund, for the year ended 31st March 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 2].

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Bus Company for 1982 [by Act].

[No. 10.]

Wednesday 29th June 1983.

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).

Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 22nd June, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

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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 adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words 'but humbly regret that the Gracious Speech contains proposals that serve only to reinforce the economic and social policies that have in the past four years grievously weakened British industry; squandered the great asset of North Sea oil; reduced our national income; created mass and still rising unemployment; and which, because they offer no hope for lasting economic recovery, pose a major threat to personal living standards, to the social services that comprise the welfare state and to the future prosperity of Britain.'—(Mr. Peter Shore.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Allen McKay: 207.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 375.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words 'but humbly regret that the Gracious Speech contains no evidence that the Government, though only commanding the support of 31 per cent. of the electorate, has any intention of moderating its policies to make them acceptable to the majority of British people; and in particular call upon the Government to launch a programme of selective capital investment to reduce unemployment and improve the environment; to raise the standard of social services to help the elderly and the disabled; to abandon its plans to encroach further upon the independence of local government, and instead to transfer substantial powers and responsibilities, currently exercised by the centre, to the nations and regions of Britain; and to strengthen conventional forces while taking an initiative with our allies in relation to the INF and START talks to achieve multi-lateral nuclear disarmament.'—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

And the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 35 (Calling of amendments at end of debate), That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. John Cartwright: 23.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 366.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

Address to be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.1 p.m.

APPENDIX

Wednesday 29th June 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Nicholas Ridley:

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 23rd June 1983 on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Church Commissioners,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Church Commissioners for 1982 [by Measure].
Redundant Churches Fund,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Redundant Churches Fund for 1982 [by Measure].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the International Jute Organization (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Ancient Monuments,—Copy of the Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland for 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 13].
Crofters (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Crofters Commission for 1982 [by Act].

Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Copy of the Account of the National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland for the period 15th September 1980 to 31st March 1982 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 24].


Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:


Mr. Secretary Parkinson:

Industry,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Enterprise Board for 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Airways Board for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

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

Public Bills,—Return to an Order [12th May, in the last Session of Parliament] for a Return relating to Public Bills for Session 1982-83 ; to be printed [No. 30].

Public Records,—Copy of the Reports of the Keeper of Public Records on the work of the Public Record Office and of the Advisory Council on Public Records, for 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 10].
Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 5th July.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 7th July.

Selection.—Ordered, That Mr. John Cartwright, Sir Walter Clegg, Mr. Ken Eastham, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. James Hamilton, Sir Philip Holland, Mr. Roy Hughes, Sir Kenneth Lewis, and Sir Michael Shaw, be members of the Committee of Selection.

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

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

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the British Transport Docks Bill (changed to Associated British Ports Bill), with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Dwyfor District Council (Cygur Dosbarth Dwyfor) to construct works at Pwllheli Harbour; to confer powers on them as the harbour authority for that harbour and for the provision of facilities therein; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Pwllheli Harbour Bill [Lords]].

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 reasons 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 or the Committee such explanations as the department think fit.

That the Joint Committee have leave to report from time to time.

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

Pwllheli Harbour Bill [Lords].—The Pwllheli Harbour Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ways and Means.—Income Tax (Charge of higher rates for 1983-84).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That income tax for the year 1983-84 shall be charged—

(a) in respect of so much of an individual's total income as exceeds £14,600 at such higher rates as are specified in the Table below; and

(b) in respect of so much of the investment income included in an individual's total income as exceeds £7,100 at the additional rate of 15 per cent.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Michael Neubert: 228.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Norman Hogg: 115.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That income tax for the year 1983-84 shall be charged—

(a) in respect of so much of an individual's total income as exceeds £14,600 at such higher rates as are specified in the Table below; and

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And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker put forthwith the Question on the following Motions, pursuant to Standing Order No. 114 (Ways and Means Motions):

2. Corporation tax (small companies)

**Resolved, That—**

(a) for the financial year 1982 the fraction by reference to which corporation tax charged on income is reduced under subsection (2) of section 95 of the Finance Act 1972 shall be seven two-hundredths; and

(b) for that financial year and subsequent financial years, subsection (3) of that section shall have effect with the substitution for any reference to £90,000 of a reference to £100,000 and for any reference to £225,000 of a reference to £500,000; and

(c) where, by virtue of paragraph (b) above, section 95 of the Finance Act 1972 has effect with different relevant amounts in relation to different parts of the same accounting period, those parts shall be treated for the purposes of that section as if they were separate accounting periods and the profits and income of the company for that period (as defined in that section) shall be apportioned between those parts.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

3. Relief for interest (limit for 1983-84)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That for the year 1983-84—

(a) the limit imposed by paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Finance Act 1974 shall, subject to any reduction to be made under that paragraph, be £30,000 and, accordingly, for any reference in sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph to £25,000 there shall be substituted a reference to £30,000; and

(b) for any reference in paragraph 24(3) of that Schedule to £25,000 there shall be substituted a reference to £30,000.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 230.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Richard Wainwright: 21.

So the Question was agreed to.

**Resolved, That, for the year 1983-84—**

(a) the limit imposed by paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Finance Act 1974 shall, subject to any reduction to be made under that paragraph, be £30,000 and, accordingly, for any reference in sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph to £25,000 there shall be substituted a reference to £30,000; and

(b) for any reference in paragraph 24(3) of that Schedule to £25,000 there shall be substituted a reference to £30,000.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

4. Loans obtained by reason of employment

**Resolved, That provision may be made amending Part III of Schedule 8 to the Finance Act 1976.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)**

5. Relief for investment in corporate trades

**Resolved, That provision may be made amending Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 1983.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)**

6. Dwelling-houses let on assured tenancies

**Resolved, That provision may be made amending Schedule 12 to the Finance Act 1982 and section 34(4) of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 in relation to allowances under that Schedule.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)**
7. Boundary changes: capital gains tax and stamp duty

Resolved, That relief from capital gains tax and stamp duty may be made by provisions relating to property transferred from and to local constituency associations of political parties in consequence of a reorganisation of constituencies resulting from an Order in Council under section 3 of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act 1949.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

8. Capital transfer tax

Resolved, That—

(a) section 91(1) of the Finance Act 1982 (indexation of rate bands) shall not apply to chargeable transfers made in the year beginning with 6th April 1983;

(b) for the Tables in section 37(3) of the Finance Act 1975 there shall be substituted with respect to chargeable transfers made on or after 15th March 1983 the Tables set out below—

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(c) provision may be made amending section 28 of the Finance Act 1975 (burden of tax) and the law relating to capital transfer tax so far as it applies with respect to gifts to charities, relief for business and agricultural property, the payment of tax by instalments and the domicile of certain persons.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

9. Development land tax (telecommunications)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending the definition of "development" for the purposes of the Development Land Tax Act 1976 so as to exclude certain operations relating to telecommunication cables and other equipment.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

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. Peter Rees, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. John Moore, and Mr. Barney Hayhoe, do prepare and bring it in.

Finance Bill.—Mr. Nicholas Ridley accordingly presented a Bill to grant certain duties, to alter other duties, and to amend the law relating to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with finance: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 6].

Development of Cable Systems and Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House approves the White Paper on the Development of Cable Systems and Services (Cmd. 8866)—(Mr. Secretary Brittan);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Douglas Hogg : 182.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe : 59.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House approves the White Paper on the Development of Cable Systems and Services (Cmnd. 8866).

Local Loans,—Resolved, That the draft Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved.—(Mr. John Moore.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 30th June 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe :

European Communities (No. 32, 1983),—Copy of Letters, exchanged at Brussels on 27th October 1982 between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Portuguese Republic, concerning Article 6 of the Transitional Protocol [by Command] [Cmnd. 8927].

Treaty Series (No. 28, 1983),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Harare on 19th October 1982, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe, for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains [by Command] [Cmnd. 8925].

Treaty Series (No. 29, 1983),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Bangkok on 7th and 28th February 1983 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand, concerning the extension to Hong Kong of the Agreement of 28th November 1978 for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cmnd. 8926].

Mr. Secretary Fowler :


Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th June 1983, entitled the EEC Nursing and Midwifery Qualifications Designation Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 921) [by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 5th May 1983, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 686) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin :

Water,—Copy of the Accounts of the Thames Water Authority for the year ended 31st March 1981 ; with the District Auditor's Report thereon [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards :


Mr. Secretary Prior :


Mr. Secretary Walker :


Mr. John Biffen:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd June 1983, entitled the Clyde Dockyard Port of Gareloch and Loch Long (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 878) [by Act].


Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd June 1983, entitled the Nursing and Midwifery Qualifications (EEC Recognition) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 884) [by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd June 1983, entitled the Naval, Military and Air Forces etc. (Disability and Death) Service Pensions Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 883) [by Act].

Saint Christopher and Nevis,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 22nd June 1983, entitled the Saint Christopher and Nevis Modification of Enactments Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 882) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copies of—

(1) Regulations, dated 28th June 1983, entitled the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 924),

(2) Regulations, dated 28th June 1983, entitled the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 925), and

(3) a Scheme, dated 28th June 1983, entitled the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 923) [by Act].

Agriculture,—Draft of a Scheme, entitled the Agricultural and Horticultural Cooperation (Variation) Scheme 1983 [by Act].

Animals,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th June 1983, entitled the Slaughter of Animals (Revision of Penalties) (Scotland) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 874) [by Act].

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

Standing Committees,—Return to an Order [12th May, in the last Session of Parliament] for a Return relating to Standing Committees for 1982-83 ; to be printed [No. 19].

[No. 12.]

Friday 1st July 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker Thomas’s Retirement (Answer to an Address).—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household acquainted the House, on behalf of the Prime Minister, That the Address of 23rd June, praying Her Majesty that she will be most graciously pleased to confer some signal mark of her Royal Favour upon the Right honourable Thomas George Thomas for his eminent services during the important period in which with such distinguished ability and dignity he presided in the Chair of this House, had been presented to Her Majesty, and Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and had commanded him to acquaint this House that Her Majesty is desirous, in compliance with the request of her faithful Commons, to confer upon the Right honourable Thomas George Thomas some signal mark of her Royal Favour.

Republic of Korea (Resolution).—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received a unanimous Resolution from the Assembly of the Republic of Korea, as follows:

In commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Friendship and Commerce between Great Britain and Korea on 26th November 1883 which provided for the formal opening of diplomatic relations between the two countries, the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea;
Noting with satisfaction that the traditional bonds of friendship subsisting between the people of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Korea have been continuously strengthened on the basis of common respect for freedom, justice and peace;

Never forgetting the fact that hundreds of British officers and men laid down their lives in the defence of Korean freedom and peace in the early 1950s;

1. Wishes to record its deep appreciation of the noble sacrifices made by the British soldiers in the Korean War and for the positive support consistently extended to the Republic of Korea by the government and people of the United Kingdom in international forums;

2. Trusts that the Parliament of the United Kingdom will continue its support to the Republic of Korea in its efforts to bring about stability, development and early peaceful reunification of the Korean peninsula;

3. Resolves to send this resolution to the Parliament of the United Kingdom in the name of the Korean people to further enhance friendly and co-operative relations between the two countries in political, economic, cultural and all other fields on the basis of the principles of reciprocity and equality in the years to come.

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

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

And it being Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 5 (Friday sittings).

Adjournment,—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Finance Bill,—Ordered, That in respect of the Finance 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. Douglas Hogg.)

Local Authorities (Expenditure Powers) Bill,—Ordered, That in respect of the Local Authorities (Expenditure Powers) 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. Douglas Hogg.)

International Monetary Arrangements Bill,—Ordered, That in respect of the International Monetary Arrangements 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. Douglas Hogg.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 1st July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Museums and Galleries,—Statement of increase in indemnities for loss of objects lent to the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Mental Health,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 17th June 1983, entitled the Mental Health (Nurses) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 891), and

(2) Regulations, dated 23rd June 1983, entitled the Mental Health (Hospital Guardianship and Consent to Treatment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 893) [by Act].

National Health Service,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 17th June 1983, entitled the Mental Health Act Commission (Establishment and Constitution) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 892), and

Public Health.—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd June 1983, entitled the Nursing Homes and Mental Nursing Homes (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 901) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Parkinson:


Mr. Secretary Walker:

Coal Industry.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Coal Industry (Borrowing Powers) Order 1983 [by Act].

[No. 13.]

Monday 4th July 1983.

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, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment of Section 20) Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Wine and Grape Must) Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Amendment of Schedule 3) Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft International Jute Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Petroleum Royalties (Relief) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Petroleum Royalties (Relief) 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. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 103.

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. 42 (Committee of Bills).

Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Rating (Timetable and Procedures) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 862), dated 17th June 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd June, be annulled—(Mr. Donald Dewar);

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c. (negative procedure)).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Norman Hogg, Mr. Hugh McCartney: 84.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 194.

So the Question was negatived.

Rating and Valuation.—Resolved, That the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (Section 111) Amendment Order 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd June, be approved.—(Mr. Michael Ancram.)
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Edinburgh for rejection of the NATO decision of 12th December 1979 to station Cruise missiles in Western Europe was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.14 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 4th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:

Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 4th July 1983, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for Petroleum Licensing and Royalty (Department of Energy) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:


Mr. Secretary Younger:

Detention Centres,—Draft of Rules, entitled the Detention Centre (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1983 [by Act].

Food,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 29th June 1983, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 939),

(2) Regulations, dated 29th June 1983, entitled the Milk and Dairies (Semi-skimmed and Skimmed Milk) (Heat Treatment and Labelling) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 940), and


Housing (Scotland),—Draft of an Order, entitled the Housing (Payments for Well Maintained Houses) (Scotland) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:


Mr. Secretary Fowler:


Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Housing,—Copy of the Report of the Housing Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Local Government,—Copies of—

(1) the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 3) 1981-82, and

(2) the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) 1983-84 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 25 and 26].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copy of the Report on Wages in Agriculture for 1982 [by Act].
Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Tuesday 5th July 1983.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Ashridge (Bonar Law Memorial) Trust Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Ashridge (Bonar Law Memorial) Trust Bill; and the same were agreed to.

British Transport Docks Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the British Transport Docks Bill; and the same were agreed to.

London Docklands Railway Bill.—A Motion being made, That the London Docklands Railway Bill be now read the third time;

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

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (Money) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

King's College London Bill [Lords].—The King's College London Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Housing and Building Control Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing and Building Control 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. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 352.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Ron Leighton : 145.

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. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Housing and Building Control [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Housing and Building Control [Money];
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to the disposal of, and the rights of secure tenants of, dwelling-houses held by local authorities and other bodies in England and Wales and to amend the law of England and Wales relating to the supervision of building work, the building regulations and building control, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment of money provided by Parliament of—
   (a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in providing assistance in relation to any proceedings or prospective proceedings;
   (b) the administrative expenses of the Secretary of State under that Act;
   (c) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment;

(2) the payment of any sums into the Consolidated Fund;

(3) the payment out of or into that Fund or the National Loans Fund of any increase attributable to that Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment.—(Mr. Ian Gow.)

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Resolved, That the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 10th May, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Douglas Hurd.)

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

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 5th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Science and Technology.—Copy of the First Joint Report by the Chairmen of the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development and the Advisory Board for the Research Councils [by Command] [Cmnd. 8957].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 62, 1982).—Copy of the Fourth Supplementary List of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc. for 1982 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8930].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Highlands and Islands Development Board.—Copy of the Report of the Highlands and Islands Development Board for 1982 [by Act].


Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

University Grants Committee.—Copy of the Survey of the University Grants Committee for the academic year 1981-82 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8965].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security.—Copy of the Report by the Government Actuary on the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8969].


Mr. Secretary Parkinson:

Fair Trading.—Copy of the Report of the Director General of Fair Trading for 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 20].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

MR. SECRETARY KING:

Road Traffic.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Act 1976 (Amendment) Order 1983 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Petroleum Royalties (Relief) Bill to Standing Committee A; the Housing and Building Control Bill to Standing Committee B; the draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment of Section 20) Order 1983 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Wine and Grape Must) Order 1983 and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Amendment of Schedule 3) Order 1983 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft International Jute Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1983 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 15.]

Wednesday 6th July 1983.

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 29th June, 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.

Penrith and the Border 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 Penrith and the Border, in the room of the Right honourable William Stephen Ian Whitelaw, CH, MC, called up to the House of Peers. (Mr. John Wakeham.)

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

Pwllheli Harbour Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection a Resolution, which was read, as follows:

That Motions to alter the membership of Select Committees may be tabled on behalf of the Committee of Selection only if previously approved at a meeting of the Committee of Selection.

Report to lie upon the Table.
Selection.—Sir Philip Holland 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, or has acquired other duties, or ceased to hold or changed such duties.

Report to lie upon the Table.

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

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 a 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; and

That the Committee have power to agree with the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman for any joint meeting.

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

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 361.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes : 208.

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. Alastair Goodlad.)

Committee to-morrow.

Merchant Shipping.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 808), dated 1st June 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th June, be annulled—(Mr. Roger Stott);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. James Hamilton : 90.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Tim Sainsbury : 202.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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And the Question being put:

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.6 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 6th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Nicholas Ridley:
National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 28th June 1983, and
(2) 28th June 1983
on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Criminal Procedure (Scotland),—Copy of the Second Report of the Committee on Alternatives to Prosecution appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Lord Advocate [by Command] [Cmnd. 8958].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:
Defence,—Copy of the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8951].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Sex Discrimination,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Equal Pay (Amendment) Regulations 1983 [by Act].
Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Local Government,—Copy of Local Government Financial Statistics for England and Wales for the year ended 31st March 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th February 1983, entitled the Vale of Glamorgan (Land at Welsh St. Donats) Compulsory Purchase Order 1980; 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:
Civil Aviation,—Copy of the Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 39].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Committee on Unopposed Bills (Panel),—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had appointed Twenty-seven Members to be the Panel of Members to serve on the Committee on Unopposed Bills under Standing Order 111 relating to Private Business (References to Committees of opposed and unopposed Bills), viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. Kevin Barron, Dr. John G. Blackburn, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr. Tim Brinton, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Eric Cockeram, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. George Foulkes, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. John Heddle, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. David Marshall, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Ernie Roberts, Mr. Ernie Ross, Mrs. Angela Rumbold, Mr. Martin Stevens, and Mr. Dennis Walters.

Standing Committee C,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had designated Standing Committee C as the Committee on which Government Bills shall not have precedence.

Provisional Orders (Scotland) (Panel),—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That, in pursuance of Standing Order 228 relating to Private Business (Parliamentary Panel), it had selected Twenty Members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of
this House to as as Commissioners under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Dick Douglas, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael B. Forsyth, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. Michael Martin, Mr. John Maxton, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Alexander Pollock, Mr. Ernie Ross, Mr. Bill Walker, Mr. James White, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

Standing Orders Committee.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee. That it 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.: Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. John Farr, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Ernie Ross, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton.

Standing Committee A.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee. That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Petroleum Royalties (Relief) Bill, viz.: Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr. Stephen Dorrell, Mr. Dick Douglas, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Geoffrey Lothian, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. Tony Marlow, Mr. Ted Rowlands, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. Donald Thompson, and Mr. James Wallace.

Standing Committee B.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee. That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Housing and Building Control Bill, viz.: Mr. Martin Brandon-Bravo, Mr. John Butterfill, Mrs. Edwina Carrie, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Andrew MacKay, Mr. John Major, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Allan Roberts, Mr. Wyn Roberts, Mr. Chris Smith, and Sir George Young.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment of Section 20) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Stan Crowther, Mr. Don Dixon, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. Alan Haselhurst, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. John Putten, Mr. James Pawsey, Mrs. Elizabeth Peaceock, Mr. Keith Rajfan, Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. Tim Smith, Mr. John Wheeler, Mrs. Ann Winterton, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Wine and Grape Must) Order 1983 and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Amendment of Schedule 3) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. David Atkinson, Mr. Graham Bright, Mr. Derek Conway, Mr. Raymond Ellis, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Mark Fisher, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. George Foulkes, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Robert Jackson, Mr. Michael Knowles, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Robert Maclean, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Richard Shepherd, and Mr. John Townend.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Jute Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Gordon Brown, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Tim Eggar, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Michael B. Forsyth, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. David Marshall, Mr. William Michie, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Bill Walker, Mr. Ray Whitney, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

CHAIRMEN'S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 127 (Chairmen's Panel), Mr. Speaker nominated Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Ian Campbell, Mr. David Crouch, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. John Forrester, Mr. Roy Hughes, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. R. Bonner Pink, Sir Michael Shaw, Mr. John Spence, and Mr. John Wells, to be members of the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.
Thursday 7th July 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 14th July.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 14th July.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (Money) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 11th July at Seven o'clock.

Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 11th July.

Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 11th July.

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

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to car tax; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Car Tax Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Medical Acts 1956 to 1978 and certain related provisions, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Medical Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to value added tax; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Value Added Tax Bill [Lords]].

Car Tax Bill [Lords],—The Car Tax Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 10].

Medical Bill [Lords],—The Medical Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 11].

Value Added Tax Bill [Lords],—The Value Added Tax Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 12].

Tenants' Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill,—Mr. Secretary Younger, supported by Mr. Michael Ancram, presented a Bill to amend Parts I and II of the Tenants' Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Act 1980 with respect to the disposal of, and the rights of secure tenants of, dwelling-houses held by local authorities and certain other bodies in Scotland; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 7].

Companies (Beneficial Interests) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Parkinson, supported by Mr. Secretary Prior, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Fowler, Mr. Peter Rees, and Mr. Alexander Fletcher, presented a Bill to provide for disregarding certain interests and rights in determining for the purposes of provisions of the Companies Act 1948 and the Companies Act 1980 whether a company is beneficially interested under a trust or has a beneficial interest in shares: and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 9].
Local Authorities (Expenditure Powers) Bill.—The Local Authorities (Expenditure Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donald Thompson 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. 58 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

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

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 23rd June, be approved—(Mr. Adam Butler);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Michael Neubert: 137.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Ross, Mr. McCusker: 8.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 23rd June, be approved.

Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr. Eric Cockeram, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Robert Maclennan, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Richard Needham, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. George Park, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Sir Michael Shaw, Mr. Barry Sheerman, Mr. Robert Sheldon, and Mr. Michael Shersby, be members of the Committee of Public Accounts.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. John Biffen, Mr. Graham Bright, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. John Cope, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Walter Harrison, Sir Paul Hawkins, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. John Silkin, Mr. James Tinn, and Mr. Kenneth Warren, be members of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services).—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. David Gilroy Bevan, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. Matthew Parris, and Mr. Alec Woodall, be members of the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.5 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 7th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 30, 1983).—Copy of the International Natural Rubber Agreement 1979, opened for signature at New York from 2nd January to 30th June 1980 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8929].
Mr. Secretary Younger:
Local Government (Scotland).—Reports, entitled—
(1) the Rate Reduction (Glasgow District) 1983-84 Report,
(2) the Rate Reduction (Kirkcaldy District) 1983-84 Report,
(3) the Rate Reduction (Lothian Region) 1983-84 Report, and
(4) the Rate Reduction (Stirling District) 1983-84 Report
[by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
E ducation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th June 1983, entitled the State Awards (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 920) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Housing.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Housing Benefits (Increase of Needs Allowances) Regulations 1983 [by Act].
Social Security.—Copy of a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services on uprating of mobility allowance [by Act]; to be printed [No. 32].
Social Security.—Drafts of—
(1) an Order, entitled the Pensioners' Lump Sum Payments Order 1983,
(2) Regulations, entitled the Child Benefit (Up-Rating) Regulations 1983,
(3) Regulations, entitled the Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1983, and
(4) Regulations, entitled the Supplementary Benefit Up-rating Regulations 1983
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Parkinson:
Weights and Measures.—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th June 1983, entitled the Weighing Equipment (Beltweighers) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 914) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Local Government.—Reports, entitled—
(1) the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary (No. 3) Report 1981-82, and
(2) the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report 1983-84
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 12 and 11].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Northern Ireland.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Housing Benefits (Northern Ireland) Order 1983,
(2) the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, and
(3) the Housing (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 1983
[by Act].
Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly, under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982, on the proposal for a draft Fisheries (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Gas.—Copies of Orders, dated 5th July 1983, entitled—
(1) the British Gas Corporation (Transfer of Shares of Subsidiaries) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 967), and
(2) the Gas Act 1972 (Modifications) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 968)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:
Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th June 1983, entitled the Road Vehicles (Marking of Special Weights) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 910) [by Act].
Mr. Michael Jopling:
Agriculture.—Copy of the Report of the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce for 1982 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8963].

APPENDIX

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse (nominated in respect of the Petroleum Royalties (Relief) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peter Hardy.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Petroleum Royalties (Relief) Bill; Mr. John Forrester and Mr. John Wells Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Housing and Building Control Bill; Mr. John Hunt Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment of Section 20) Order 1983; Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Wine and Grape Must) Order 1983 and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Amendment of Schedule 3) Order 1983 and Sir Michael Shaw Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Jute Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1983.

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PRAYERS.

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

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Perivale for the strengthening of local authorities' power to control the emission of objectionable smells was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Prevention of Terrorism Bill,—Mr. Secretary Brittan, supported by Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Prior, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Mr. David Waddington, presented a Bill to repeal and re-enact with amendments the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976; And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 8].

Antigua and Barbuda and Belize (Gifts),—Ordered, That Mr. Ron Leighton and Mr. Carol Mather have leave of absence to present on behalf of this House a gift of a Speaker's Chair to the House of Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, and a gift of a Speaker's Chair to the House of Representatives of Belize.—(Mr. John Biffen.)

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Companies (Beneficial Interests) Bill,—Ordered, That in respect of the Companies (Beneficial Interests) 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. Archie Hamilton.)
Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 8th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Nicholas Ridley:

Supply Estimates, 1983-84,—Copy of a Note by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury on the Summer Supplementary Estimates for the year ending 31st March 1984 [by Command].

Supply Estimates, 1983-84,—Supplementary Estimates of the further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1984 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 27].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Overseas Development and Co-operation,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—

(1) the Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1983, and
(2) the Inter-American Development Bank (Sixth General Increase) Order 1983
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd June 1983, entitled the Grant-Aided Secondary Schools (Scotland) Grant Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 908) [by Act].

Transport,—Statement of determination of salary of a member of the Board of the Scottish Transport Group [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security,—Copy of a Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee on the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements Resources and Single Payments) Amendment Regulations 1983 and the Supplementary Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1983; with a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services [by Command] [Cmnd. 8978].

Medicines,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st July 1983, entitled the Medicines (Prescription Only) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 957) [by Act].

Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements, Resources and Single Payments) Amendment Regulations 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Consumer Protection,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 1983 [by Act].

Public Passenger Vehicles,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 29th June 1983, entitled the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Designation (Extension) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 917), and
(2) Regulations, dated 29th June 1983, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Drivers' and Conductors' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 916)
[by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st July 1983, entitled the Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles Regulations 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:


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

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Mental Health,—Mental Health (Nurses) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 891) [laid 1st July].

[No. 18.]

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The House met at half past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords].—The Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill.—The Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 923) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation (Variation) Scheme 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 925) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

International Monetary Arrangements Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the International Monetary Arrangements 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 the International Monetary Arrangements Bill which fails to impose conditions on United Kingdom financial assistance to the Argentine while the present state of hostilities continues’, instead thereof.—(Mr. Peter Shore.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Harry Cowans : 107.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Ian Lang : 212.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41 (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. David Hunt.)

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

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—The Greater London Council (Money) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the International Monetary Arrangements Bill and the Companies (Beneficial Interests) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. John Major.)

International Monetary Arrangements [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to International Monetary Arrangements [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to substitute a new limit for the limit on lending to the International Monetary Fund imposed by section 2(1) of the International Monetary Fund Act 1979 and to provide for the Bank of England to be indemnified in respect of certain financial assistance, it is expedient to authorise any increase attributable to the Act of the present Session in the sums charged on the Consolidated Fund or payable into or out of that Fund or the National Loans Fund.—(Mr. John Major.)

International Monetary Arrangements Bill,—The House, according to the Order this day, resolved itself into a Committee on the International Monetary Arrangements Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. David Hunt 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.

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

Companies (Beneficial Interests) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies (Beneficial Interests) Bill:

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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

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. Ian Lang 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.

Coal Industry,—Resolved, That the draft Coal Industry (Borrowing Powers) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 1st July, be approved.—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)
International Monetary Fund.—Resolved, That the draft International Monetary Fund (Increase in Subscription) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 23rd June, be approved.—(Mr. John Moore.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 2.19 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 11th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Parole,—Copy of the Report of the Parole Board for 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 16].

Police,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary for 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 15].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th June 1983, entitled the National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland (Local Training Committees) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 927) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Industrial Training,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Clothing and Allied Products Industry Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security,—Copy of the Report of the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council on neoplasm of the bladder [by Command] [Cmnd. 8959].

Health Service Commissioner,—Copy of the Second Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1983-84, being the Annual Report for 1982-83 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 3].

Mr. Secretary Parkinson:

Gas,—Copies of the Reports of—

(1) the Eastern Gas Consumers’ Council,
(2) the North Eastern Gas Consumers’ Council,
(3) the North Thames Gas Consumers’ Council,
(4) the Gas Consumers’ Council for the North West, and
(5) the Gas Consumers’ Council for Scotland

for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the English Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government,—Copy of the Code of Local Government Audit Practice for England and Wales [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th July 1983, entitled the Civil Aviation (Canadian Navigation Services) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 969) [by Act].


Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th June 1983, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 932) [by Act].
Transport.—Statement of determination of salary of a member of the British Railways Board [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Agriculture.—Copy of an Order, dated 1st July 1983, entitled the Home-Grown Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 946) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Co-operative Development Agency.—Copy of the Account of the Co-operative Development Agency for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 40].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:
Housing (Scotland).—Draft Housing (Payments for Well Maintained Houses) (Scotland) Order 1983 [laid 4th July].

MR. SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

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In pursuance of paragraph (i) of Standing Order No. 70 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Tenants’ Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 19.]

Tuesday 12th July 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Pwllheli Harbour [Lords].—The Pwllheli Harbour Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented, and some Papers were withdrawn (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 re-enact with amendments and to extend certain local enactments in force within the county of Staffordshire; to confer further powers on the Staffordshire County Council and local authorities in the county; to make further provision with regard to the environment, local government, improvement, health and finances of the county; to make further provision regarding the trusts respectively relating to the burgesses and the Silverdale lands of the borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme and the Coton Field Estate in the borough of Stafford; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Staffordshire Bill [Lords]].

Statutory Instruments.—The Lords propose that the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments do meet in Committee Room 4 this day at a quarter-past Four o’clock.

Staffordshire Bill [Lords].—The Staffordshire Bill [Lords] was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message this day as relates to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments be now considered.

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

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 41-i].
Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, that it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 42–i].

Northern Ireland Committee.—Ordered, that the matter of the Future policy for the administration of salmon and inland fisheries in Northern Ireland, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, that the draft Sheep and Goats (Removal to Northern Ireland) Regulations 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, that the Students Allowances (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 798) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, that the draft Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment) Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, that the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, that the draft Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

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

(In the Committee)

Ordered, that in the proceedings in Committee of the whole House on the Finance Bill, Schedule I shall be taken immediately after Clause 5 and Clause 15 shall be taken immediately after Clause 7.—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley.)

Clause No. 1 (Basic rate limits, higher rate bands and investment income threshold). Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 17, to leave out ‘£14,600’ and insert ‘£12,800’.—(Mr. Robin Cook.)

Question put, that the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Austin Mitchell: 157.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 249.

Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 1, line 25, to leave out ‘£7,100’ and insert ‘£6,250’.—(Mr. Robin Cook.)

Question put, that the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Allen McKay: 159.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Michael Neubert: 241.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Corporation tax: small companies).

Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 2, line 18, to leave out ‘£500,000’ and insert ‘£250,000’.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Loans obtained by reason of employment).

Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 3, line 13, to leave out from the word ‘above’ to the end of line 16.—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

Question proposed, that the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 5 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 (Amendments of Part I of Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 1983).
Amendment (No. 14) proposed, in page 12, line 11, to leave out sub-paragraph (a).—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed, in page 12, line 39, to leave out sub-paragraph (5).—(Mr. Robert Sheldon.)

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

Schedule agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 6, 7 and 15 agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Nicholas Ridley.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. David Hunt reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the House will to-morrow again resolve itself into the Committee.

Overseas Development and Co-operation.—Resolved, That the draft International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (1979 Additional Increase in Capital Stock) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 3rd May, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Ray Whitney.)

Overseas Development and Co-operation.—Resolved, That the draft International Development Association (Special Contributions) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 3rd May, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Ray Whitney.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.57 p.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 12th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Nicholas Ridley:
Electricity.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th June 1983 on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Civil Defence.—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—
(1) the Civil Defence (General Local Authority Functions) 1983, and
(2) the Civil Defence (Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Civil Defence.—Drafts of Regulations, entitled—
(1) the Civil Defence (General Local Authority Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 1983, and
(2) the Civil Defence (Grant) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 [by Act].
National Health Service (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th June 1983, entitled the National Health Service (Vocational Training) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 948) [by Act].

Provisional Orders (Scotland).—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the Provisional Orders for which Petitions were presented to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on or before 27th March 1983, namely—

(1) the City of Dundee District Council Order,

(2) the Fraserburgh Harbour Order,

(3) the Grampian Regional Council (Parking of Heavy Vehicles and Trailers, Aberdeen) Order, and

(4) the Shetland Islands Council (Omnibus Services) Order,

and are of the opinion that the Orders should be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the said Orders [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Parkinson:

Trade,—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 2nd December, in the last Session of Parliament, for a return of statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1983, for May.

Gas,—Copy of the Report of the National Gas Consumers' Council for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Iron and Steel,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of British Steel Corporation for the year ended 2nd April 1983 [by Act].

Papers withdrawn and Orders to lie upon the Table discharged:

Civil Defence,—Draft Civil Defence (General Local Authority Functions) Regulations 1983 [laid 28th April, in the last Session of Parliament].

Civil Defence,—Draft Civil Defence (Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 [laid 28th April, in the last Session of Parliament].

Civil Defence,—Draft Civil Defence (General Local Authority Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 1983 [laid 5th May, in the last Session of Parliament].

Civil Defence,—Draft Civil Defence (Grant) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 [laid 5th May, in the last Session of Parliament].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 12th July 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1983, the draft Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation (Variation) Scheme 1983, the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, and the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Act 1976 (Amendment) Order 1983 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) Order 1983 and the draft Sheep and Goats (Removal to Northern Ireland) Regulations 1983 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Students Allowances (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment) Order 1983 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1983 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
Wednesday 13th July 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Hunt reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Sex Discrimination (Amendment of Section 20) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 4th July.

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

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Forrester reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Wine and Grape Must) Order 1983 and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Amendment of Schedule 3) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 4th July.

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

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Michael Shaw reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft International Jute Organization (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 4th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 47].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Commons Registration (Glamorgan) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Tor Bay Harbour (Torquay Marina &c.) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, if proceedings on the Motion relating to the Death Penalty have not been previously disposed of, Mr. Speaker shall at Ten o'clock put the Question on any Amendment which may have been moved and shall then put forthwith the Questions on any other Amendments selected by him which may be moved and on the Main Question or the Main Question as amended—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Death Penalty,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House favours the restoration of the death penalty for murder—(Sir Edward Gardner);

An Amendment (e) was proposed to the Question, in line 2, at the end, to add the words 'resulting from acts of terrorism'.—(Mr. Albert McQuarrie.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Vivian Bendall: 245.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr. Mark Fisher: 361.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put the Questions necessary to dispose of the Motion relating to the Death Penalty.

Another Amendment (f) was proposed to the Question, in line 2, at the end, to add the words 'of a police officer during the course of his duties'.—(Mr. Eldon Griffiths.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Vivian Bendall: 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Alfred Dubs: 344.

So the Question was negatived.
Another Amendment (g) was proposed to the Question, in line 2, at the end, to add the words 'of a prison officer during the course of his duties'.—(Mr. Peter Blaker.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Vivian Bendall: 252.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Peter Bottomley: 348.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment (h) was proposed to the Question, in line 2, at the end, to add the words 'by shooting or causing an explosion'.—(Mr. Vivian Bendall.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Vivian Bendall: 204.
Tellers for the Noes, Miss Harriet Harman, Mr. Ian Mikardo: 374.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment (i) was proposed to the Question, in line 2, at the end, to add the words 'in the course or furtherance of theft'.—(Mr. George Gardiner.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Vivian Bendall: 194.
Tellers for the Noes, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Alfred Dubs: 369.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Christopher Murphy: 223.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Peter Bottomley: 368.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

Adjourned at 11.54 p.m.

APPENDIX 1

Wednesday 13th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:
Parliament,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
Foreign Affairs,—Copy of Government Observations on the Second Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1982-83, on Turks and Caicos Islands: Airport development on Providenciales [by Command] [Cmnd. 8979].

Mr. Secretary Parkinson:
Monopolies and Mergers,—Copy of the Report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on holiday caravan sites in Northern Ireland [by Command] [Cmnd. 8966].

Horse Racing and Betting.—Copy of an Order, dated 6th July 1983, entitled the Horse Racing and Betting (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 (S.R. (N.I.), 1983, No. 176) [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 Rothesay Harbour Revision Order 1983 [by Act].

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

Government Trading Funds.—Copy of the Accounts of the Royal Mint Trading Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 48].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Chairmen's Panel (Parliament Act 1911).—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That, in pursuance of section 1(3) of the Parliament Act 1911, it had appointed Mr. John Forrester and Mr. John Wells to be the Two Members whom Mr. Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before certifying a Bill to be a Money Bill.

Northern Ireland Committee.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Twenty Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the Future policy for the administration of salmon and inland fisheries in Northern Ireland, viz. ; Mr. Jonathan Atken, Mr. Tom Arnold, Sir John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Roger Gale, Mr. Humphrey Malins, Dr. Brian Mawhinney, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. Richard Needham, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tom Sackville, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Nicholas Soames, Mr. Clive Soley, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. James Tinn, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Students Allowances (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983, viz. : Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. John Corrie, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. George Foulkes, Dr. Norman A. Godman, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Ian Lang, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Bob McGart, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. Martin J. O'Neill, Mr. Allan Stewart, and Mr. Bill Walker.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Robert Atkins, Mr. John Butcher, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Michael Fallon, Mr. Cecil Franks, Mr. Neil Hamilton, Mr. Gerald Howarth, Mr. John Lee, Mr. David Lightbown, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Piers Merchant, Mr. George Park, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Ray Powell, Mr. Martin Redmond, Mr. Mark Robinson, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Job Release Act 1977 Continuation Order 1983, viz.: Mr. David Amess, Mr. Peter Britnis, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Michael Colvin, Mr. David Evennett, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Peter Hubbard-Miles, Mr. Roger Kings, Mr. Gregory Knight, Mr. Iain Mills, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. John Ryman, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, and Mr. Nigel Spearing.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1983, the draft Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation (Variation) Scheme 1983, the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, and the Farm and Horticulture Devel-
opment (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, viz.: Mr. David Ashby, Mr. David Harris, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Robert Key, Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Michael Lord, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Paul Marland, Miss Joan Maynard, Sir Peter Mills, Mr. Phillip Oppenheimer, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Andrew Stewart, Mr. Jack Thompson, and Mr. Robert N. Wareing.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Act 1976 (Amendment) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. David Gilroy Bevan, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Robert C. Brown, Mr. Richard Caborn, Mr. John Carlisle, Mr. James Couchman, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Conal Gregory, Mr. Gerald Howells, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. Steve Norris, Mr. Matthew Parris, Mr. Robin Squire, Mr. Roger Stott, and Mr. Charles Wardle.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Michael Carttiss, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Christopher Chepe, Dr. Michael Clark, Mr. Simon Coombs, Mr. Terry Dicks, Mr. John Selwyn Gummer, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Barry Jones, Mr. John Maples, Mr. William Powell, Mr. John Powley, Mr. Barry Sheerman, Miss Clare Short, and Mr. David Winnick.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Sheep and Goats (Removal to Northern Ireland) Regulations 1983, viz.: Mr. Spencer Batiste, Mr. Henry Bellingham, Mr. W. Benyon, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Dr. Michael Clark, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Frank Cook, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Stan Crompton, Mr. Bob Edwards, Mr. Eric Forth, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Patrick Nicholls, and Mr. Jim Spicer.

Thursday 14th July 1983.

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.:

Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill.

Bill committed.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 21st July.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 21st July.

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

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

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

County of Lancashire Bill [Lords],—The County of Lancashire Bill [Lords] was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the intervals between stages of Bills brought in upon Ways and Means Resolutions, more than one stage of the Finance Bill may be taken at this day’s sitting.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 8 (Reduction of tax).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. David Hunt: 211.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Hugh McCartney: 108.

Clause No. 9 agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Relief for business and agricultural property).
Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 8, line 33, to leave out subsection (1).—Mr. Jack Straw.

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

Clause No. 11 (Payment of tax by instalments).
Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 9, line 7, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr. Jack Straw)

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

Clause No. 12 agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Burden of tax).
Amendment (No. 16) proposed, in page 10, line 3, at the end, to insert the words—
‘(1B) Property which is normally situated in the United Kingdom but which at the date of the death is temporarily outside the United Kingdom shall be treated for the purpose of subsection (1) above as property in the United Kingdom unless immediately before the date of the death it has been outside the United Kingdom for a continuous period exceeding one year’.—(Mr. Barry Sheerman.)

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

Clause No. 14 (Development land tax: certain operations relating to telecommunications not to be development).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 194.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Austin Mitchell: 77.

Clause No. 16 agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ian Lang reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Michael Neubert: 185.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Austin Mitchell: 72.

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.

Defence,—Resolved, That the draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved.—(Mr. John Stanley.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Criminal Attempts and Conspiracy (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 3rd May, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Nicholas Scott.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 9.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I
Thursday 14th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:


Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:


Mr. Secretary Younger:

Evidence,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th June 1983, entitled the Evidence in Undefended Divorce Actions (Scotland) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 949) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:


Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 4th July 1983, entitled the Social Security (General Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 981),

(2) 13th July 1983, entitled the Family Income Supplements (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1003),


(4) 13th July 1983, entitled the Supplementary Benefit (Equal Treatment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1004), and

(5) 13th July 1983, entitled the Supplementary Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1000) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Parkinson:
Gas.—Copy of the Report of the South Eastern Gas Consumers' Council for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Agriculture.—Copy of the Report on Smallholdings in Wales for the year ended 31st March 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Electoral Law.—Copy of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 31].

Mr. Secretary King:
Civil Aviation.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Airports Authority for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].
Transport.—Copy of the Accounts of the British Transport Docks Board for 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Agriculture.—Copy of the Report on Smallholdings in England for the year ended 31st March 1982 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Commissioner for Complaints.—Copy of the Report of the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints for 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 18].
Parliamentary Commissioner (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Report of the Northern Ireland Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration for 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 17].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Miss Clare Short (nominated in respect of the draft Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) Order 1983); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Gerald Bermingham.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 14th July 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Paul Dean Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the future policy for the administration of salmon and inland fisheries in Northern Ireland; Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1983, the draft Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation (Variation) Scheme 1983, the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, and the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983; Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Act 1976 (Amendment) Order 1983; Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Redundancy Payments...
PRAYERS.

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

PRIVATE BILLS (Lords) (No Standing Order not previously enquired 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 enquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

Staffordshire Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

ACCOUNTS AND PAPERS.

Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

FUTURE OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION. Resolved, That this House calls upon society to recognise the plight of the younger generation; and urges that positive action be taken to provide a secure future through education and employment to give them hope and confidence for their future in the United Kingdom and to recognise that without such action grave damage to the nation will result. (Mr. Ron Leighton.)

POLICE. Resolved, That this House, recognising that equal treatment of all citizens under the law depends on upholding the tradition of police impartiality and that effective policing depends on successful community relations, commends the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis; welcomes the efforts made by the Metropolitan Police to work more closely with the community, particularly by returning more constables to the beat; notes with grave concern the activities of those who, in their campaign to bring the police under political control, seek to undermine police authority in a manner directly contrary to the democratic principle of independent policing and wilfully unresponsive to public disquiet over the rising crime rate; and urges Her Majesty's Government to give statutory encouragement to genuine efforts at community liaison which can promote public confidence in the police and facilitate the co-operation necessary for the improved detection and prevention of crime. (Mrs. Marion Roe.)

HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMISSION. Ordered, That Mr. A. J. Beith, Miss Betty Boothroyd and Sir Paul Bryan be appointed members of the House of Commons Commission under the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978. (Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

ADJOURNMENT. Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 15th July 1983

PAPERS PRESENTED AND ORDERED TO LIE UPON THE TABLE:

Mr. Secretary Parkinson:

Industry.—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State under section 3 of the Industry Act 1980 on BL plc for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on the proposed extension of the Less-Favoured Areas in Northern Ireland [by Act].
Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture.—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 14th July 1983, entitled the Sheep Variable Premium (Protection of Payments) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1009), and


[by Act].

[No. 23.]

Monday 18th July 1983.

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).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Companies (Beneficial Interests) Bill, without Amendment.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles Regulations 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

European Community Documents,—Ordered, That European Community Documents Nos. 4579/83, 4094/83 and 5544/83 concerning Research and Development Programmes be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Telecommunications Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telecommunications Bill:

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Alastair Goodlad: 350.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Norman Hogg, Mr. Frank Haynes: 219.

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. 42 (Committal of Bills).

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

Telecommunications [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Telecommunications [Money];
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to provide for the appointment and functions of a Director General of Telecommunications, to abolish British Telecommunications' exclusive privilege with respect to telecommunications and to make new provision with respect to the provision of telecommunication services ("the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the extinguishment by order of all or any liabilities of the successor company to the Secretary of State in respect of the principal of transferred loans:

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

(a) the remuneration of, and any travelling or other allowances payable under the Act to, the Director General of Telecommunications and any staff of the Director, any sums payable under the Act to or in respect of the Director and any expenses duly incurred by the Director or by any of his staff in consequence of the provisions of the Act;

(b) any sums required by the Secretary of State for making grants or other payments under the Act or for discharging any liability imposed on him by the Act;

(c) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in acquiring securities of the successor company or of any subsidiary of the successor company or rights to subscribe for any such securities;

(d) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of the provisions of the Act;

(e) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act;

(3) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of any sums required by the Secretary of State for making loans under the Act;

and for the purposes of this Resolution "successor company" has the meaning given by the Act and "transferred loan" means any money borrowed or treated as borrowed by British Telecommunications the liability to repay which vests in the successor company by virtue of the Act. (Mr. Ian Lang.)

Ways and Means.—Telecommunications.—Resolved, That any Act of the present Session to provide for the appointment and functions of a Director General of Telecommunications, to abolish British Telecommunications' exclusive privilege with respect to telecommunications and to make new provision with respect to the provision of telecommunication services ("the Act") may—

(1) authorise the inclusion in licences for the running of telecommunication systems of conditions requiring the rendering of payments to the Secretary of State;

(2) require persons to whom licences for the provision of cable programme services are granted to pay to the Secretary of State such sums as may be prescribed by or determined under regulations;

and that, for the purposes of the Act, it is expedient to authorise the payment into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund of any sums falling to be paid into that Fund by virtue of the Act. (Mr. Ian Lang.)

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Local Government (Direct Labour Organisations) (Competition) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 685), dated 5th May 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th May, in the last Session of Parliament, be annulled—(Dr. David Clark);

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c. (negative procedure)).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr. Hugh McCartney: 124.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. John Major: 231.

So the Question was negatived.

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft British Shipbuilders Borrowing Powers (Increase of Limit) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved—(Mr. Norman Lamont);

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And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft British Shipbuilders Borrowing Powers (Increase of Limit) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved.
Car Tax Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That in respect of the Car Tax Bill [Lords], 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. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Medical Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That in respect of the Medical Bill [Lords], 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. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Value Added Tax Bill [Lords], Ordered, That in respect of the Value Added Tax Bill [Lords], 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. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Sex Discrimination.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment of Section 20) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones):—It was agreed to.

Weights and Measures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Wine and Grape Must) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 28th April, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones)—It was agreed to.

Weights and Measures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Amendment of Schedule 3) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 28th April, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones):—It was agreed to.

International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft International Jute Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes to Two o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 1.41 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 18th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:
Cash Limits,—Copy of a Statement on Cash Limits 1982-83: provisional outturn (with 1981-82 outturn) [by Command] [Cmnd. 8987].

Mr. John Moore:


Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Experiments on Living Animals,—Copy of Statistics of experiments on living animals for Great Britain for 1982 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8986].

Police,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 4th July 1983, entitled the Police Cadets (Pensions) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 990), and
Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
   Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th July 1983, entitled the Education (Fees and Awards) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 973) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
   Industrial Training,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Cotton and Allied Textiles Industry Training Board for the period 1st April to 20th July 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
   Housing,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th July 1983, entitled the Housing Benefits Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1014) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Parkinson:

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
   Museums and Galleries,—Statement of increase in indemnities for loss of objects loaned to the Victoria and Albert Museum [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
   Education,—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Wales on Education in Wales for 1982 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
   Law Commissioners,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on pecuniary restitution on breach of contract [by Act]; to be printed [No. 34].

[No. 24]
Tuesday 19th July 1983.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Commons Registration (Glamorgan) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Commons Registration (Glamorgan) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Tor Bay Harbour (Torquay Marina &c.) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Tor Bay Harbour (Torquay Marina &c.) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 19th July: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report).
   Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-ii].
   Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-iii].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 42-ii].
Petroleum Royalties (Relief) Bill.—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Petroleum Royalties (Relief) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 54].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. David Crouch reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 12th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 53].

Defence.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1983, contained in Cmnd. 8951—(Mr. Secretary Heseltine);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word ' House ' to the end of the Question and add the words ' believes that the plans outlined in the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1983 (Cmnd. 8951) do not provide the United Kingdom with a viable defence against aggression; regrets the Government's failure to take any initiative to stop the escalation of the nuclear arms race and, as a first step, to support a nuclear freeze; notes that the Government plans would require the United Kingdom, which already spends more on the defence of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation both in terms of gross national product and per head of the population than any other member of the Alliance, to increase that spending still further; and therefore calls upon the Government to work within the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation for a strong non-nuclear defence policy and, in particular, to cease its reliance upon Trident and the deployment of Cruise missiles within the United Kingdom ; instead thereof.—(Mr. John Silkin.)

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motions relating to Members' Salaries (Expression of Opinion), Members' Salaries, Office, Secretarial and Research etc. Allowances, Parliamentary Expenses (Overnight Expenses), Parliamentary Expenses (Inner London Constituencies), Resettlement Grant, Travel (Members' Children), and Members' Pensions, may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Members' Salaries (Expression of Opinion).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the salaries payable to Members of this House in respect of service on and after 13th June 1983 should be at the following yearly rates—

(1) £15,090 for Members not falling within paragraph (2); and
(2) £8,800 for Officers of this House and Members receiving a salary under the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 or a pension under section 26 of the Parliamentary and Other Pensions Act 1972—(Mr. John Biffen);

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Mr. W. Benyon 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.

An Amendment (b) being proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ' House ' to the end and add the words—

'(a) the salaries payable to Members of this House should be:

0 £18,500 for Members not falling within sub-paragraph (ii); and
(ii) £13,875 for Officers of this House and Members receiving a salary under the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 or a pension under section 26 of the Parliamentary and Other Pensions Act 1972;

(b) the implementation of this recommendation should be by means of five equal increments, to be effective from 22nd June 1983, 1st January 1984, 1st January 1985, 1st January 1986 and 1st January 1987 respectively; and
(c) the salary of a Member should from 1st January 1988 be linked to that paid to a civil servant at the point in the grade of national salaries which is receiving £18,500 on 1st January 1987 and the parliamentary salary of Members within paragraph (a)(iii) above should be seventy-five per cent of that figure: provided that this paragraph would not have effect unless approved by a Resolution of the House during the first three months of each Parliament;—(Mr. Edward du Cann);

An Amendment (i) was proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 13, to leave out the words '1st January 1987' and insert the words '13th June 1983', instead thereof.—(Sir Hugh Fraser)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Hugh Fraser, Mr. Norman St. John-Stevens: 226.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Keith Best, Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark: 218.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. Marcus Fox: 231.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Harrison, Mr. Hugh McCartney: 226.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. John Major: 237.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Walter Harrison, Mr. Hugh McCartney: 216.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House—

(a) the salaries payable to Members of this House should be:

(i) £18,500 for Members not falling within sub-paragraph (ii); and

(ii) £13,875 for Officers of this House and Members receiving a salary under the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 or a pension under section 26 of the Parliamentary and Other Pensions Act 1972;

(b) the implementation of this recommendation should be by means of five equal increments, to be effective from 22nd June 1983, 1st January 1984, 1st January 1985, 1st January 1986 and 1st January 1987 respectively; and

(c) the salary of a Member should from 1st January 1988 be linked to that paid to a civil servant at the point in the grade of national salaries which is receiving £18,500 on 13th June 1983 and the parliamentary salary of Members within paragraph (a)(ii) above should be seventy-five per cent. of that figure: provided that this paragraph would not have effect unless approved by a Resolution of the House during the first three months of each Parliament.

Office, Secretarial and Research etc. Allowances.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House—

(a) the limit specified in paragraph (a) of the third Resolution of this House of 10th June 1982 in relation to the allowances payable in connection with a Member's office, secretarial and research expenses should, for the year ending 31st March 1984, be raised to £12,964, and for any subsequent year should be replaced by two limits as follows—

(i) a limit of £13,000 should apply to the allowance (to be known as the secretarial and research allowance) payable to a Member in respect of expenses incurred for his Parliamentary duties on secretarial assistance and on research assistance for work undertaken in the proper performance of those duties, and

(ii) a limit of £1,000 should apply to the allowance payable to any Member in respect of expenses incurred for his Parliamentary duties as general office expenses;

(b) the secretarial and research allowance should be payable only in respect of expenses disbursed on the Member's behalf by the Fees Office in accordance with arrangements approved by Mr. Speaker;
(c) the expenses in respect of which the allowance to which the limit specified in paragraph (a)(ii) of this Resolution applies is payable should include expenses incurred in the purchase of office equipment;

(d) the limit specified in paragraph (b) of the third Resolution of this House of 5th June 1981 (provision for enabling a Member to make pension contributions in respect of persons in the payment of whose salaries expenses are incurred by him) should be increased so as to be £1,216 for the year ending 31st March 1984 and £1,300 for any subsequent year;

(e) arrangements approved by Mr. Speaker should be made for contributions in respect of the allowance to which the limit specified in paragraph (d) of this Resolution applies to be made by the Fees Office on behalf of, and as if authorised by, the Member;

(f) provision should be made for—

(i) the extension of the facilities now available to Members for free travel by rail, sea, air or public road transport, and

(ii) the payment, at the rate applicable to Members travelling on Parliamentary duties, of a car mileage allowance,

...to persons in respect of whom the secretarial and research allowance of a Member is (or after 31st March 1984 will be) payable so as to cover, in the period of 12 months beginning with 1st January 1984 and every subsequent period of 12 months beginning with 1st January, not more than nine return journeys between London and that Member's constituency made in connection with the Member's Parliamentary duties;

(g) provision should be made under arrangements approved by Mr. Speaker for an allowance to be payable towards defraying amounts which are paid by the Fees Office on behalf of a person who has ceased to be a Member of this House, being amounts paid, under any enactment relating to redundancy, in connection with the redundancy of a person in respect of whose salary before the redundancy the secretarial and research allowance was (or after 31st March 1984 would have been) payable—(Mr. John Biffen);

An Amendment (b) was proposed to the Question, in line 5, to leave out from the word ' should ' to the end of line 15 and insert the words ' be raised so as to be £11,364 for the year ending 31st March 1984 and £12,000 for any subsequent year ', instead thereof.—(Mr. John Ward.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. John Major: 241.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alec Woodall, Mr. Michael Martin: 201.

So the Question was agreed to.

Other Amendments (g), (t), (u), (l), (o) and (p) made to the Question.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put:—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House—

(a) the limit specified in paragraph (a) of the third Resolution of this House of 10th June 1982 in relation to the allowances payable in connection with a Member's office, secretarial and research expenses should be raised so as to be £11,364 for the year ending 31st March 1984 and £12,000 for any subsequent year;

(b) the secretarial and research allowance should be payable only in respect of expenses disbursed on the Member's behalf by the Fees Office in accordance with arrangements approved by Mr. Speaker;

(c) the expenses in respect of which the allowance to which the limits specified in paragraph (b) of this Resolution apply is payable should include expenses incurred in the purchase of office equipment;

(d) the limit specified in paragraph (b) of the third Resolution of this House of 5th June 1981 (provision for enabling a Member to make pension contributions in respect of persons in the payment of whose salaries expenses are incurred by him) should be increased so as to be £1,136 for the year ending 31st March 1984 and £1,200 for any subsequent year;

(e) arrangements approved by Mr. Speaker should be made for contributions in respect of the allowance to which the limit specified in paragraph (d) of this Resolution applies to be made by the Fees Office on behalf of, and as if authorised by, the Member;
(f) provision should be made for—

(i) the extension of the facilities now available to Members for free travel by
rail, sea, air or public road transport, and

(ii) the payment, at the rate applicable to Members travelling on Parlia-
mentary duties, of a car mileage allowance,

to persons in respect of whom the secretarial and research allowance of a Member
is payable so as to cover, in the period of 12 months beginning with 1st January
1984 and every subsequent period of 12 months beginning with 1st January, not
more than nine return journeys between London and that Member’s constituency
made in connection with the Member’s Parliamentary duties;

(g) provision should be made under arrangements approved by Mr. Speaker for an
allowance to be payable towards defraying amounts which are paid by the Fees
Office on behalf of a person who has ceased to be a Member of this House, being
amounts paid, under any enactment relating to redundancy, in connection with
the redundancy of a person in respect of whose salary before the redundancy the
secretarial and research allowance was payable;

In this Resolution ‘the secretarial and research allowance’ means the allowance
to which the limits specified in paragraph (a) of this Resolution apply so far as it
is payable in respect of expenses incurred for a Member’s Parliamentary duties on
secretarial assistance and on research assistance for work undertaken in the proper
performance of such duties.

Parliamentary Expenses (Overnight Expenses).—A Motion was made, and the Question
being put, That, in the opinion of this House, paragraph (2) (b) of the second Resolution
of this House of 22nd July 1975 (overnight expenses allowance to be 144 times the
Class A (i) London rate, for a night’s subsistence as obtaining in the Civil Service)
should have effect for the period of 12 months ending with 31st March 1985 and every
subsequent period of 12 months ending with 31st March as if for ‘144’ there were
substituted ‘136’.—(Mr. John Biffen);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. John Major : 160.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. David Lambie : 233.

So the Question was negatived.

Parliamentary Expenses (Inner London Constituencies).—Ordered, That, as from 10th June
1983, for the Schedule in the Resolution of this House of 20th December 1971 relating
to Parliamentary Expenses, as substituted by the Resolution of this House of 15th March
1974, there shall be substituted the following—

SCHEDULE

Battersea ; Bethnal Green and Stepney ; Bow and Poplar ; Chelsea ; The City of
London and Westminster South ; Dulwich ; Eltham ; Fulham ; Greenwich ; Hackney
North and Stoke Newington ; Hackney South and Shoreditch ; Hammersmith ; Hamp-
stead and Highgate ; Holborn and St. Pancras ; Islington North ; Islington South and
Finsbury ; Kensington ; Lewisham, Deptford ; Lewisham East ; Lewisham West ; Nor-
wood ; Peckham ; Putney ; Southwark and Bermondsey ; Streatham ; Tooting ; Vauxhall ;
Westminster North ; Woolwich.—(Mr. John Biffen.)

Resettlement Grant.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the
opinion of this House, provision should be made in respect of the grant payable in
accordance with paragraph (9) of the second Resolution of this House of 20th December
1971 and the fourth Resolution of this House of 4th March 1980 to persons who on a
dissolution of Parliament cease to be Members of this House, as follows:

(1) subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), that grant should be payable (and be treated
in relation to the dissolution of Parliament on 13th May 1983 as having been
payable) whenever, at the general election consequent upon a dissolution of
Parliament, a person who was a Member of this House immediately before the
dissolution does not stand for election to this House or, if he does, is not elected;

(2) that grant should not be payable, on the dissolution of the present or any future
Parliament, to a person who has attained the age of 65 before the dissolution;

and

(3) on the dissolution of the present or any future Parliament, no period of service
as a Member of this House should be taken into account in accordance with the
said fourth Resolution if that period has been taken into account on a previous
occasion on which a grant was payable in accordance with one or both of those
Resolutions.—(Mr. John Biffen) ;
An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question, in line 16, at the end, to add the words ' and—

(4) subject as otherwise provided for in this Resolution, the rate at which grant shall be payable in respect of the dissolution of Parliament on 13th May 1983, and any subsequent dissolution, should be twice the rates specified in the fourth Resolution of this House of 4th March 1980'.—(Mr. Joe Ashton.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Peter Snape : 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 203.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, provision should be made in respect of the grant payable in accordance with paragraph (9) of the second Resolution of this House of 20th December 1971 and the fourth Resolution of this House of 4th March 1980 to persons who on a dissolution of Parliament cease to be Members of this House as follows:

(1) subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), that grant should be payable (and be treated in relation to the dissolution of Parliament on 13th May 1983 as having been payable) whenever, at the general election consequent upon a dissolution of Parliament, a person who was a Member of this House immediately before the dissolution does not stand for election to this House or, if he does, is not elected;

(2) that grant should not be payable, on the dissolution of the present or any future Parliament, to a person who has attained the age of 65 before the dissolution; and

(3) on the dissolution of the present or any future Parliament, no period of service as a Member of this House should be taken into account in accordance with the said fourth Resolution if that period has been taken into account on a previous occasion on which a grant was payable in accordance with one or both of those Resolutions.

Travel (Members' Children)—Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, for the period of 12 months beginning with 1st January 1984 and every subsequent period of 12 months beginning with 1st January—

(a) a journey by a child of a Member of this House, being a journey in respect of which facilities for free travel are provided in accordance with the fourth Resolution of this House of 10th June 1982, should not count against the number of journeys for which facilities for free travel are available to the Member's spouse; but

(b) facilities for free travel should not be so provided in the case of any particular child in respect of more than fifteen return journeys.—(Mr. John Biffen.)

Members' Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes notes of the Twentieth Report of the Review Body on Top Salaries (Cmd. 8881) and agrees with the recommendations contained in that Report with respect to the pensions of Members of this House, being recommendations (v) to (x) set out in paragraph 226 of Volume 1 of that Report.—(Mr. John Biffen);

An Amendment (c) was proposed to the Question, in line 5, at the end, to add the words ' except that, in recommendation (ix), the appropriate pension contribution rate should be 9 per cent. of salary '.—(Mr. Edward du Cann.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Douglas Hogg : 203.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Michael Martin : 191.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put:—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Twentieth Report of the Review Body on Top Salaries (Cmd. 8881) and agrees with the recommendations contained in that Report with respect to the pensions of Members of this House, being recommendations (v) to (x) set out in paragraph 226 of Volume 1 of that Report, except that, in recommendation (ix), the appropriate pension contribution rate should be 9 per cent. of salary.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.39 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Tuesday 19th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Broadcasting.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Independent Broadcasting Authority for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Magistrates’ Courts.—Copy of an Order, dated 18th July 1983, entitled the Licensing (Fees) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1032) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 34, 1983).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco at Brussels on 23rd December 1982, fixing the additional amount to be deducted from the levy on imports into the Community of untreated olive oil originating in Morocco in the year ending 31st October 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8936].

Miscellaneous (No. 13, 1983).—Copy of an Additional Protocol, signed at Strasbourg on 17th and 19th March 1983 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica amending and extending the Overseas Service (Dominica) (Continuance) Agreement 1977/81 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8931].


Treaty Series (No. 33, 1983).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Bridgetown and Roseau on 17th and 19th March 1983 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines amending and extending the Overseas Service (St Vincent) (Continuance) Agreement 1977/81 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8933].

Treaty Series (No. 34, 1983).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Castries on 25th March 1981 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of St Lucia amending and extending the Overseas Service (St Lucia) (Continuance) Agreement 1977/81 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8934].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:


Mr. Secretary Parkinson:

Gas.—Copies of the Reports of—
1. the Southern Gas Consumers’ Council, and
2. the West Midlands Gas Consumers’ Council
for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Post Office.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Post Office for the year ended 30th March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Consumer Protection.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 1983 [by Act].

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

Welsh Development Agency.—Copy of the Accounts of the Welsh Development Agency for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 51].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Consumer Protection.—Draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 1983 [laid 8th July].

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 127 (Chairmen’s Panel), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Patrick Cormack, Sir Philip Holland and Mr. Michael Shersby to be members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.
Wednesday 20th July 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

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

British Railways Bill,—Mr. Allen Adams reported from the Committee on the British Railways Bill, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Greater London Council (Money) Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read the third time.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

King's College London Bill [Lords],—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the King's College London Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read the third time.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords],—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

Pwllheli Harbour Bill [Lords],—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Pwllheli Harbour Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee),—Mr. Gavin Strang reported from the Committee on the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords], That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned beyond the next sitting day.

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (See Appendix II).
Northern Ireland Committee, Mr. Paul Dean reported from the Northern Ireland Committee, that it had considered the matter of future policy for the administration of salmon and inland fisheries in Northern Ireland, referred to it on 12th July, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

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

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Iron Casting Industry (Scottish Research Levy) (Amendment) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 12th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 55].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Michael Shaw reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 12th July.

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

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. John Wells reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1983, the draft Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation (Variation) Scheme 1983, the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, and the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, referred to a Committee on 11th July.

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

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. John Spence reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Act 1976 (Amendment) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 11th July.

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

Video Recordings Bill, Mr. Graham Bright, supported by Mr. Michael Colvin, Mr. David Atkinson, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Gareth Wardell, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. John Carlisle, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Jerry Hayes, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. Donald Anderson, and Mr. David Madel, presented a Bill to make provision for regulating the distribution of video recordings; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th November and to be printed [Bill 14].

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill, Mr. Robert N. Wareing, supported by Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. Alfred Morris, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. John Hume, the Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, and Mr. David Penhaligon, presented a Bill to make further provision for, and to amend the law relating to, disabled persons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday 18th November and to be printed [Bill 15].

Social Security (Age of Retirement) Bill, Sir David Price, supported by Mr. Nicholas Winterton, Mrs. Renee Short, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Michael Colvin, Mr. Robert McCrindle, and Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, presented a Bill to make provision for flexible and equal ages of retirement; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th November and to be printed [Bill 16].

Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Bill, Mr. Alex Eadie, supported by Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. John Smith, Dr. M. S. Miller, Dr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Norman Heggie, Mr. Alexander Pollock, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Donald Stewart, and Mr. Russell Johnston, presented a Bill to make a new provision for Scotland with respect to the extinction of obligations to make contributions between wrongdoers; to amend the law relating to the time-limits for bringing actions which consist of or include a claim of damages in respect of personal injuries or a person's death; to make provision relating to the application of rules of law of a country other than Scotland in respect of the extinction of obligations or the limitation of time within which proceedings may be brought to enforce obligations; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 2nd December and to be printed [Bill 17].
Sex Equality Bill.—Miss Jo Richardson, supported by Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Miss Harriet Harman, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Dame Judith Hart, Mr. Alfred Dubs, Mrs. M. Beckett, Mr. Frank Dobson, Miss Clare Short, Mrs. Renée Short, Mr. Doug Hoyle, and Miss Joan Maynard, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to sex discrimination, equal pay and the age of retirement; and to consolidate with amendments the Equal Pay and Sex Discrimination Acts; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th December and to be printed [Bill 18].

House Buyers Bill.—Mr. Austin Mitchell presented a Bill to extend competition and to protect consumers in relation to the provision of services in connection with the transfer of ownership of real property in England and Wales by amending section 22 of the Solicitors Act 1974, by making provision for the licensing of conveyancers, by making fresh provision for and in connection with the keeping of local land charges and the registration of matters therein, for amending and clarifying the law concerning the liability of surveyors who provide services in connection with the transfer of real property, and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 2nd December and to be printed [Bill 19].

Northern Ireland Act 1982 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Ken Maginnis, supported by Mr. James Molyneaux, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Harold McCusker, the Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr. Roy Beggs, Mr. Clifford Forsythe, Mr. James Nicholson, Mr. John D. Taylor, and Mr. A. Cecil Walker, presented a Bill to facilitate the resumption of legislative and executive functions by the Northern Ireland Assembly and by persons responsible to it by amending the Northern Ireland Act 1982; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 2nd December and to be printed [Bill 20].

Juries (Disqualification) Bill.—Mr. John Watson, supported by Mr. Neil Thorne, Mr. Gary Waller, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. John Wheeler, and Mr. Stephen Dorrell, presented a Bill to make further provision for disqualification for jury service on criminal grounds: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 2nd December and to be printed [Bill 21].

Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Stephen Dorrell, supported by Sir Anthony Grant, Mr. Gregor MacKenzie, Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Mr. Barry Sheerman, and Mr. John Watson, presented a Bill to amend the Trademarks Act 1938 to afford registration for service marks: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th November and to be printed [Bill 22].

Caravan and Tent Sites Bill.—Mr. Peter Hubbard-Miles presented a Bill to make provision as to the licensing and control of caravan and tent sites: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th November and to be printed [Bill 23].

Immigration Offences (Amendment) Bill.—Dr. John G. Blackburn presented a Bill to amend section 24 of the Immigration Act 1971 in respect of offences under subsection (1)(bi) of that section: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th November and to be printed [Bill 24].

Partnership in Youth Service Bill.—Sir Patrick Wall presented a Bill to give a statutory basis for youth work and consultation between local education authorities and voluntary youth organisations: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th November and to be printed [Bill 25].

Child Abduction Bill.—Mr. Timothy Wood, supported by Mr. Gary Waller, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Bowen Wells, and Mr. Peter Lloyd, presented a Bill to amend the criminal law relating to the abduction of children: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th December and to be printed [Bill 26].

Agriculture (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Edward Leigh presented a Bill to amend section 2(3) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1944 so far as it relates to provisions for limiting the number of directors of the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation who may be appointed in addition to those officially nominated and provisions for restricting the dividends on the Corporation's share capital; and to enable grants under section 64 of the Agriculture Act 1967 towards fulfilling guarantees of bank loans to be made in relation to a wider range of co-operative marketing businesses; and to extend the powers of obtaining information conferred by subsection (1) of section 1 of the Agricultural Statistics Act 1979 and to repeal subsection (5) of that section: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th November and to be printed [Bill 27].
Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill.—Sir Ian Gilmour presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 in relation to the conduct and advertisement of licensed betting offices and to make provision for the alteration of the fees payable under paragraph 20 of Schedule 1 to that Act: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th November and to be printed [Bill 28].

Cycle Tracks Bill.—Mr. Cecil Franks presented a Bill to amend the definition of “cycle track” in the Highways Act 1980 and to make further provision in relation to cycle tracks within the meaning of that Act: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th November and to be printed [Bill 29].

Abuse of Toxic Substances Bill.—Mr. Neville Trotter, supported by Mr. Harry Greenway, and Mr. Tony Durant, presented a Bill to provide for the temporary detention of persons found in public places under the influence of toxic substances and for the welfare of juveniles found inhaling such substances: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th December and to be printed [Bill 30].

Anatomy Bill.—Mr. John McWilliam presented a Bill to make provision about the use of bodies of deceased persons, and parts of such bodies, for anatomical examination and about the custody and disposal of bodies of deceased persons, and parts of such bodies, authorised to be used for anatomical examination; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th December and to be printed [Bill 31].

Representation of the People (Electors on Holiday) Bill.—Mr. Tony Durant, supported by Mr. John Heddle, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. David Knox, Sir David Price, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock, and Mr. Harry Greenway, 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: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th November and to be printed [Bill 32].

Road Traffic (Driving Instruction) Bill.—Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock, supported by Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Michael Knowles, Mr. Robert N. Wareing, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, and Mr. Bryan Gould, presented a Bill to amend Part V of the Road Traffic Act 1972: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th December and to be printed [Bill 33].

Defence.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment to the Question proposed yesterday, That this House approves the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1983, contained in Cmnd. 8951;

Which Amendment was, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘believes that the plans outlined in the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1983 (Cmnd. 8951) do not provide the United Kingdom with a viable defence against aggression; regrets the Government’s failure to take any initiative to stop the escalation of the nuclear arms race and, as a first step, to support a nuclear freeze; notes that the Government plans would require the United Kingdom, which already spends more on the defence of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation both in terms of gross national product and per head of the population than any other member of the Alliance, to increase that spending still further; and therefore calls upon the Government to work within the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation for a strong non-nuclear defence policy and, in particular, to cease its reliance upon Trident and the deployment of Cruise missiles within the United Kingdom’, instead thereof.

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

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Harry Cowans: 192.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Alastair Goodlad: 384.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Alastair Goodlad: 351.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 30.

So the Question was agreed to.

Estimates.—The House proceeded to consider the business set down in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 19 (Consideration of estimates).

And it being after Ten o’clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded to put forthwith the Question which he was directed by paragraph (7) of that Standing Order to put at that hour.

Supplementary Estimates, 1983-84.—The Question being put, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £1,003,830,000 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 1984 for expenditure on Defence and Civil Services, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 27;—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolution, and that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Nicholas Ridley, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, and Mr. John Moore, do prepare and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill.—Mr. John Moore accordingly presented a Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on 31st March 1984, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 13].

Sex Discrimination.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Equal Pay (Amendment) Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 6th July, be approved—(Mr. Alan Clark);

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.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. John Major: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr. Walter Harrison: 107.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Equal Pay (Amendment) Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 6th July, be approved.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Housing Benefits ( Northern Ireland) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved—(Mr. Chris Patten);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Michael Neubert: 103.

Tellers for the Noes, the Reverend Ian Paisley, the Reverend William McCrea: 7.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Housing Benefits ( Northern Ireland) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Housing ( Northern Ireland) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.—(Mr. Chris Patten.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Housing ( Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.—(Mr. Chris Patten.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

[Adjourned at 3.50 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 20th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Aliens,—Copy of a Management and Personnel Office Minute, dated 20th July 1983, relating to aliens employed in a civil capacity under the Crown during the year ended 31st March 1983, with a list giving particulars of certificates of employment [by Act].

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Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Fire Services.—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Fire Services for 1982 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8964].

Broadcasting.—Copy of the Report of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 33].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Law Commissions.—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Law Commission on evidence in cases of rape and other sexual offences [by Act]; to be printed [No. 28].

Parole.—Copy of the Report of the Parole Board for Scotland for 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 43].

Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 5th July 1983, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Solicitors’ Fees) 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 970) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence.—Copy of Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Second Report from the Defence Committee, Session 1982-83, on British Forces Hong Kong [by Command] [Cmnd. 8994].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Employment and Training.—Copy of the Report of the Manpower Services Commission for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Parkinson:

British Telecommunications.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of British Telecommunications for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Census of Production.—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production, 1981, on—

(1) basic industrial chemicals,
(2) bolts, nuts, etc.; springs; non-precision chains; metals treatment,
(3) brewing and malting,
(4) carpets and other textile floorcoverings,
(5) clocks, watches and other timing devices,
(6) coke ovens,
(7) conversion of paper and board,
(8) domestic-type electric appliances,
(9) extraction of mineral oil and natural gas,
(10) fish processing,
(11) footwear,
(12) forging, pressing and stamping,
(13) foundries,
(14) hand tools and finished metal goods,
(15) insulated wires and cables,
(16) machinery for the food, chemical and related industries; process engineering contractors,
(17) manufacture of office machinery and data-processing equipment,
(18) mechanical power transmission equipment,
(19) metal working machine tools and engineers’ tools,
(20) miscellaneous machinery and mechanical equipment,
(21) miscellaneous wooden articles,
(22) optical precision instruments and photographic equipment,
(23) organic oils and fats,
(24) paints, varnishes and printing ink,
(25) pharmaceutical products,
(26) processing of plastics,
(27) public gas supply,
(28) sawmilling, planing, etc., of wood,
(29) specialised chemical products mainly for industrial and agricultural purposes,
(30) starch and miscellaneous foods,
(31) telecommunications equipment, electrical measuring equipment, electronic capital goods and passive electronic components,
(32) textile finishing,
(33) textile machinery,
(34) wooden containers,
(35) wooden and upholstered furniture and shop and office-fittings,
(36) woollen and worsted industry, and
(37) working of stone and other non-metallic minerals

[by Act].
Mr. Secretary Jenkin:


British Library,—Statement of indemnities for loss of objects loaned to the British Library [by Act].

Transport,—Statement of determination of salary of a member of the British Waterways Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Housing (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Accounts of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the year ended 31st March 1982; with the Reports of the Local Government Auditor and the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon [by Command] [Cmnd. 8945].

Police (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Report of the Police Complaints Board for Northern Ireland for 1982 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 14].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Telecommunications Bill,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Twenty-one Members to serve on a Standing Committee in respect of the Telecommunications Bill, viz.: Mr. Robert Atkins, Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. John Butcher, Mr. Simon Coombs, Mr. Lawrence Currie, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Mark Fisher, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. Tony Marlow, Mr. Philip Oppenheim, Mr. Stanley Orme, Mr. Richard Page, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Patrick Thompson, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Peter Thurnham, Mr. Bowen Wells, and Mr. Timothy Wood.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles Regulations 1983, viz.: Mr. Nicholas Baker, Mr. Vivian Bendall, Mr. Tony Blair, Mr. Alistair Burt, Mr. Kenneth Carlisle, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Matthew Parris, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Anthony Steen, and Mr. John Wheeler.

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 4579/83, 4094/83 and 5544/83, viz.: Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mrs. M. Beckett, Mr. Gerald Bowden, Mr. John Butcher, Mr. Michael Fallon, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. James Hill, Mr. Stuart Holland, Mr. Robert Jackson, Mr. Terry Lewis, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Dr. John Marek, Mr. Stanley Orme, Sir John Osborn, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Jim Spicer, and Mr. John M. Taylor.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle Regulations 1983 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and European Community Documents Nos. 4579/83, 4094/83 and 5544/83 to the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

County of Lancashire Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Staffordshire Bill [Lords],—The Staffordshire Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th July.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 28th July.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. James Lamond reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Students' Allowance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 798), referred to a Committee on 12th July.

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

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Hunt reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Sheep and Goats (Removal to Northern Ireland) Regulations 1983, referred to a Committee on 12th July.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the International Monetary Arrangements Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London Transport (Liverpool Street) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to repeal the Dartford Tunnel Act 1967 and to re-enact certain provisions of that Act with amendments; to confer further powers in connection with the works authorised by that Act and by Acts repealed by that Act; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords]].

Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords],—The Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords] was read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 20th July to be printed [No. 644].

Local Government (Scotland),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Rate Reduction (Glasgow District) 1983-84 Report, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Younger);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Michael Neubert: 220.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Norman Hogg: 175.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Reduction (Glasgow District) 1983-84 Report, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.
Local Government (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Rate Reduction (Lothian Region) 1983-84 Report, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Younger);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 208.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Norman Hogg: 144.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Reduction (Lothian Region) 1983-84 Report, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.

Local Government (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Rate Reduction (Stirling District) 1983-84 Report, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved—(Mr. Michael Ancram);—Debate arising;

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Medical Bill [Lords], the Car Tax Bill [Lords], and the Value Added Tax Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Local Government (Scotland).—The Question being again proposed, That the Rate Reduction (Stirling District) 1983-84 Report, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 198.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Norman Hogg, Mr. Frank Haynes: 138.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Reduction (Stirling District) 1983-84 Report, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.

Local Government (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Rate Reduction (Kirkcaldy District) 1983-84 Report, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved—(Mr. Michael Ancram);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones and Mr. Ian Lang were appointed Tellers for the Ayes; but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Resolved, That the Rate Reduction (Kirkcaldy District) 1983-84 Report, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.

Medical Bill [Lords].—The Medical Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 39 agreed to.

Clause No. 40 (Appeals).

Amendment (No. 1) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 41 to 57 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.

Schedule No. 6 (Transitional and saving provisions).

Amendments (Nos. 2 and 3) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 7 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.
Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Alastair Goodlad reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, with Amendments.

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. 58 (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.

Car Tax Bill [Lords].—The Car 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. Alastair Goodlad.)

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

(In the Committee)
Clauses Nos. 1 to 11 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Alastair Goodlad 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. 58 (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.

Value Added Tax Bill [Lords].—The Value Added Tax Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the second time.

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

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 51 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 5 agreed to.
Schedule No. 6 (Exemptions).
Amendment (No. 1) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 7 to 11 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Alastair Goodlad reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, with an Amendment.

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. 58 (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.

Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c), That the draft Redundancy Payments (Local Government) (Modification) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 6th July, be approved.—(Mr. Alastair Goodlad):—It was agreed to.
European Legislation.—Ordered, That Mr. Kenneth Carlisle, Mr. Stan Crowther, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Ray Ellis, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Alan Haselhurst, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Mark Hughes, Mr. David Knox, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. Tony Marlow, Mr. Iain Mills, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. John D. Taylor, and Mr. Bowen Wells, be members of the Select Committee on European Legislation.—(Mr. Alastair Goodlad.)

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

Friday 22nd July 1983

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

[Adjourned at 12.21 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 21st July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:
Parliament,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1983 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
European Communities (No. 33, 1983).—Copy of a Co-operation Agreement, signed at Brussels on 2nd September 1982, between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Thailand on manioc production, marketing and trade [by Command] [Cmnd. 8935].

European Communities (No. 35, 1983).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 23rd December 1982 between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco, concerning the import into the Community of preserved fruit salads originating in Morocco [by Command] [Cmnd. 8937].

European Communities (No. 36, 1983).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 23rd December 1982 between the European Economic Community and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, concerning the import into the Community of preserved fruit salads originating in Algeria [by Command] [Cmnd. 8938].

European Communities (No. 37, 1983).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 23rd December 1982 between the European Economic Community and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, on the importation into the Community of tomato concentrates originating in Algeria [by Command] [Cmnd. 8939].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 7th July 1983, entitled the Dry Cleaning (Metrication) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 977),
(2) 7th July 1983, entitled the Factories Act 1961 etc. (Metrication) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 978),
(3) 7th July 1983, entitled the Factories (Testing of Aircraft Engines and Accessories) (Metrication) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 979), and
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on the structure and management of the health and personal social services in Belfast and Castlereagh [by Act].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:
Parliament,—Draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1983 [laid 13th July].
MEMORANDA

Thursday 21st July 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Telecommunications Bill to Standing Committee A.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Michael Shaw Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles Regulations 1983; and Mr. Ted Leadbetter Chairman of the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 4579/83, 4094/83 and 5544/83.

Mr. Speaker having, in pursuance of the Recess Elections Act 1975, made his appointment of Members of the House of Commons, for the issuing of Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, in the cases therein mentioned, the same is here entered in pursuance of the directions of the said Act; and is, as follows:

By virtue of section 4(1) of the Recess Elections Act 1975 I do hereby appoint

Sir Bernard Braine,
The Right honourable James Callaghan,
The Right honourable Michael Cocks,
Mr. Paul Dean,
Mr. Jack Dormand, and
The Right honourable Peter Thomas, QC,

being Members of the House of Commons, or any one or more of them, to exercise the powers given to the Speaker of the House of Commons for the time being by the said Act, at any time when there is no Speaker or the Speaker is out of the United Kingdom.

Given under my hand and seal this twenty-first day of July in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three.

CHAIRMEN'S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 127 (Chairmen's Panel), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Stan Crowther to be a member of the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

Friday 22nd July 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Generic Substitution (National Health Service) Bill,—Mr. Laurie Pavitt, supported by Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. Terry Davis, Mr. Ken Eastham, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mrs. Renée Short, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Reg Freeson, and Mr. George Foulkes, presented a Bill to permit a dispensing pharmacist to substitute a generic substitute for a medicine prescribed by a general practitioner in the National Health Service unless the general practitioner specifically orders that such a substitute may not be dispensed: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 2nd December and to be printed [Bill 34].

Tobacco Products (Control of Advertising, Sponsorship and Sales Promotion) Bill,—Mr. Laurie Pavitt, supported by Mr. Harold McCusker, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Reg Freeson, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Terry Davis, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. George Foulkes, and Mr. Roger Sims, 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 December and to be printed [Bill 35].

Regional Industrial Policy,—Resolved, That this House urges Her Majesty's Government, following the completion of its current review of regional industrial policy, to adopt a radical approach in its policies towards the regions, so as to effect a reversal in the drift to and concentration of resources in the South and South East of the country; and in
particular to take account of the long term future of the textile industry which forms a substantial, vital and traditional part of the manufacturing base in the Yorkshire and Humberside Region.—(Mr. John Whitfield.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 22nd July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Capital Transfer Tax,—Copies of Regulations, dated 19th July 1983, entitled—
(1) the Capital Transfer Tax (Delivery of Accounts) (No. 3) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1039), and
(2) the Capital Transfer Tax (Delivery of Accounts) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1040)
[by Act].

Mr. John Moore:


Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

British Council,—Copy of a Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 21st July 1983, concerning the indemnification of works of art lent to the British Council for the J.M.W. Turner exhibition to be held in Paris from 14th October 1983 to 16th January 1984 [by Command].


Mr. Secretary Younger:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th July 1983, entitled the Edinburgh City By-pass (Colinton Section and Connecting Roads) (Speed Limit) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 995) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Dock Work Regulation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Dock Labour Board for 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Medicines,—Copy of the Reports of the Medicines Commission, the Committee on Safety of Medicines, the Veterinary Products Committee, the British Pharmacopoeia Commission, the Committee on the Review of Medicine, the Committee on Dental and Surgical Materials, and the Committee on Radiation from Radioactive Medicinal Products, for 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Parkinson:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1981 on electrical lamps and other electrical lighting equipment [by Act].

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

Crown Agents,—Copy of the Accounts of the Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board for 1982; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 67].

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th June 1983, entitled the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1049) [by Act].

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

PRAYERS.

London Transport (Liverpool Street) Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the London Transport (Liverpool Street) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

King's College London Bill [Lords].—A Motion being made, That the King's College London Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords] be read the third time to-morrow.

Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill.—The Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Sixth General Increase) Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg)

Adjournment (Summer).—Resolved, That, at its rising on Friday, this House do adjourn till Monday 24th October and that this House shall not adjourn on Friday until Mr. Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Acts which have been agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg)

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill;

Mr. Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 113 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being put forthwith, 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.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 113 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Archie Hamilton);

Tuesday 26th July 1983

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

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of the Borough of Spelthorne for repeal of section 61(b) of the Education Act 1944, which prohibits charging for instrumental teaching in State schools, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.29 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 25th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Nicholas Ridley:

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 20th July 1983 on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 14th July 1983, entitled the National Health Service (Functions of Health Boards) (Scotland) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1027) [by Act].

Public Health (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th July 1983, entitled the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1008) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Race Relations,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd July 1983, entitled the Race Relations Code of Practice Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1081) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

National Health Service,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 22nd July 1983, entitled the National Health Service (Constitution of District Health Authorities) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1090), and

(2) Regulations, dated 22nd July 1983, entitled the National Health Service (Constitution of District Health Authorities) (Transitory Provision) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1091)

[by Act].

Population Censuses and Surveys,—Copy of Statistics on death, comparing the 8th and 9th Revisions of the International Classification of Diseases, for 1978 (sample) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Parkinson:

Co-operative Development Agency,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Co-operative Development Agency for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Enterprise Zones,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th July 1983, entitled the Rotherham Enterprise Zone (Designation) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1007) [by Act].

London Docklands Development Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the London Docklands Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Merseyside Development Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Merseyside Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Town and Country Planning,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) Regulations 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copies of Reports by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on—

(1) Northern Ireland Housing Executive: Belfast—Housing Renewal Strategy,

(2) Public Expenditure Priorities, and

(3) Rent Structures and Levels

[by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [4th July] from residents of Edinburgh for rejection of the NATO decision of 12th December 1979 to station Cruise missiles in Western Europe [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Countryside Commission,—Copy of the Account of the Countryside Commission for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 68].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of the Account of the Commission for Local Authority Accounts in Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 69].

Tuesday 26th July 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (Money) Bill,—The Greater London Council (Money) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

County of Lancashire Bill [Lords],—The County of Lancashire Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 26th July and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-iv].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-v].

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 26th July and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report).

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

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Michael Shaw reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles Regulations 1983, referred to a Committee on 18th July.

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

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents, European Community Documents Nos. 4579/83, 4093/83 and 5544/83 concerning Research and Development Programmes, together with the following Resolution:

That this Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 4579/83 concerning a plan of action for the evaluation of the results of Community research and development programmes, 5544/83 concerning the utilisation of the results of Community sponsored research and development and 4094/83 concerning a programme of research on forecasting and assessment in science and technology, and supports the Government's intention to ensure that these measures constitute a cost effective means of maximising the effectiveness of Community research and development.
in the pursuit of the policy objectives of the Community and the United Kingdom
and in defining such objectives for the longer term in the sphere or research and develop-
ment.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 74].

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Authorities (Expenditure Powers) Bill, without
Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Medical Bill
[Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Value Added
Tax Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Attendance of Witnesses.—The Lords communicate that they have made the follow-
ing Standing Order, viz.:

Lords attendance at Commons select committees,—Any Lord requested by a com-
mittee appointed by the Commons to attend as a witness before it or before any sub-
committee appointed by it shall have the leave of this House to attend, if his Lordship
thinks fit.

Trade Union (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Jeff Rooker, supported by Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk,
Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Frank Field, and Mr. Robin Corbett, presented a Bill to
amend the Trade Union Act 1913 in order to provide for each member paying into
the political fund the right to vote in respect of certain elections; and for connected
purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time
upon Friday 25th November and to be printed [Bill 36].

Sir Charles Gordon, KCB.—Resolved, nemine contradicente, That this
House requests Mr. Speaker to convey to Sir Charles Gordon, KCB, on his retirement from the office of
Clerk of the House, its deep gratitude for all his devoted work in the service of the House throughout a long and distinguished career.—(Mr. John Biffen.)

Local Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Rate
Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) 1983/84 (House of Commons Paper
No. 26), which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved—(Mr. Secretary
Jenkin):

Royal Assent.—Mr. Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act
1967, That Her Majesty had signified Her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed
upon by both Houses:

1. Appropriation (No. 2) Act 1983.
11. Commons Registration (Glamorgan) Act 1983.
12. Tor Bay Harbour (Torquay Marina &c.) Act 1983.

Local Government.—The Question being again proposed, That the Rate Support Grant
Supplementary Report (England) 1983/84 (House of Commons Paper No. 26) which
was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Norman Hogg: 174.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) 1983/84 (House of Commons Paper No. 26), which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved.

Local Government.—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 3) 1981/82 (House of Commons Paper No. 25), which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin.)

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary (No. 3) Report 1981/82 (House of Commons Paper No. 12), which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Edwards) :—Debate arising:

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motion relating to Members' Salaries and the Motion relating to Car Mileage Allowance may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Local Government.—The Question being again proposed, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary (No. 3) Report 1981/82 (House of Commons Paper No. 12), which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved :—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

Resolved, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary (No. 3) Report 1981/82 (House of Commons Paper No. 12), which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report 1983/84 (House of Commons Paper No. 11), which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Edwards);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Douglas Hogg : 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr. Roger Thomas, Mr. Frank Haynes : 171.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report 1983/84 (House of Commons Paper No. 11), which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.

Parliament.—Resolved, That the draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 21st July, be approved.—(Mr. John Biffen.)

Members' Salaries.—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Members' Salaries;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following provision about salaries of Members of this House be made—

(1) The salaries of Members of each of the descriptions in column 1 of the following Table—

(a) in respect of service on and after 13th June 1983 and before 1st January 1984 shall be at the yearly rate specified in relation to that description in column 2 of that Table;

(b) in respect of service on and after 1st January 1984 and before 1st January 1985 shall be at the yearly rate specified in relation to that description in column 3 of that Table;

(c) in respect of service on and after 1st January 1985 and before 1st January 1986 shall be at the yearly rate specified in relation to that description in column 4 of that Table;

(d) in respect of service on and after 1st January 1986 and before 1st January 1987 shall be at the yearly rate specified in relation to that description in column 5 of that Table; and

(e) in respect of service on and after 1st January 1987 and before 1st January 1988 shall be at the yearly rate specified in relation to that description in column 6 of that Table.
(2) Subject to paragraph (3), in respect of service on and after 1st January 1988—

(a) the salaries of Members not falling within sub-paragraph (b) shall be at a yearly rate equal to eighty-nine per cent. of the rate which represents the maximum point from time to time on the main national pay scale of the Civil Service grade of Senior Principal or, if such a scale ceases to exist, on the scale which supersedes it; and

(b) the salaries of Officers of this House and Members receiving a salary under the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975 or a pension under section 26 of the Parliamentary and Other Pensions Act 1972 shall be at a yearly rate equal to sixty-seven per cent. of the rate which represents the maximum point from time to time on the scale referred to in sub-paragraph (a).

(3) Paragraph (2) shall not authorise the making of any payment out of public funds after the end of the period of three months beginning with the day on which any future Parliament first meets unless within that period the continued operation of that paragraph is approved by a Resolution of this House—(Mr. John Biffen);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Tim Sainsbury : 250.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tony Banks, Mr. Bob Clay : 18.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the following provision about salaries of Members of this House be made—

(1) The salaries of Members of each of the descriptions in column 1 of the following Table—

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(c) in respect of service on and after 1st January 1985 and before 1st January 1986 shall be at the yearly rate specified in relation to that description in column 4 of that Table;

(d) in respect of service on and after 1st January 1986 and before 1st January 1987 shall be at the yearly rate specified in relation to that description in column 5 of that Table; and

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(3) Paragraph (2) shall not authorise the making of any payment out of public funds after the end of the period of three months beginning with the day on which any future Parliament first meets unless within that period the continued operation of that paragraph is approved by a Resolution of this House.

Car Mileage Allowance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the rate of car mileage allowance payable to Members travelling on Parliamentary duties (and accordingly the rate applicable to the car mileage allowances payable in respect of journeys by the spouse of a Member and journeys by the persons in respect of whom the secretarial and research allowance of a Member is payable) should, for journeys commenced on or after 1st October 1983, continue to be 25.8p per mile, notwithstanding any change with effect from that date in the relevant Civil Service rate of car mileage allowance.

In this Resolution the secretarial and research allowance has the same meaning as in the Resolution of this House of 19th July 1983 (Office, Secretarial and Research etc. Allowances)—(Mr. John Biffen):

The Question was amended, in line 7, by leaving out from the word ' mile ' to the end of line 8 and inserting the words ' and should reflect thereafter any change in the Civil Service rate of car mileage allowance presently set at this level ', instead thereof.—(Mr. Terence L. Higgins.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the rate of car mileage allowance payable to Members travelling on Parliamentary duties (and accordingly the rate applicable to the car mileage allowances payable in respect of journeys by the spouse of a Member and journeys by the persons in respect of whom the secretarial and research allowance of a Member is payable) should, for journeys commenced on or after 1st October 1983, continue to be 25.8p per mile and should reflect thereafter any change in the Civil Service rate of car mileage allowance presently set at this level.

In this Resolution the secretarial and research allowance has the same meaning as in the Resolution of this House of 19th July 1983 (Office, Secretarial and Research etc. Allowances).

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 923), a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th June, be approved—(Mr. Michael Neubert): It was agreed to.

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation (Variation) Scheme 1983, which was laid before this House on 30th June, be approved—(Mr. Michael Neubert): It was agreed to.

Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs Act 1976 (Amendment) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 5th July, be approved—(Mr. Michael Neubert): It was agreed to.

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Sheep and Goats (Removal to Northern Ireland) Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 13th May, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr. Michael Neubert): It was agreed to.

Industrial Organisation and Development.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved—(Mr. Michael Neubert): It was agreed to.
Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 12th May, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr. Michael Neubert):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.17 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 26th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Nicholas Ridley:

Public Accounts,—Copy of a Treasury Minute on the First to Eighth, Tenth and Eleventh Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 1982-83 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8995].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 38, 1983),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Brussels on 25th January 1983, amending the Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees concerning aid to refugees in the Near East [by Command] [Cmnd. 8940].

Foreign Affairs,—Copy of Observations by the Government on the Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1982-83, on the Overseas Development Administration's Scientific and Special Units [by Command] [Cmnd. 9003].

Miscellaneous (No. 12, 1983),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Oslo on 2nd March 1983, amending the Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft of 15th February 1972 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8942].

Treaty Series (No. 35, 1983),—Copy of Amendments to Annexes I, II and III to the European Convention on Social and Medical Assistance of 11th December 1953 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8948].

Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 26th July 1983, entitled—

(1) The Gambia Public Officers' Widows' and Orphans' Pensions (United Kingdom) (Amendment) Scheme 1983, and

(2) the Sudan Public Officers' Pensions (United Kingdom) (Amendment) Scheme 1983

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Police,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland for 1982 [by Command] [Cmnd. 8953].


Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence (Army),—Copy of an Order, dated 18th July 1983, amending the Regulations included in the Ulster Defence Regiment Order 1980 [by Act].

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations of the Defence Council, dated 12th July 1983, amending the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Defence (Territorial and Auxiliary Forces),—Copy of an Order, dated 18th July 1983, amending the Regulations included in the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve (No. 3) Order 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census,—Copy of the 1981 Census Evaluation: Post Enumeration Survey [by Act].

National Health Service,—Copy of the Report of the General Practice Finance Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 66].

Mr. Secretary Parkinson:

Broadcasting,—Copy of the Report of the Independent Review of the Radio Spectrum (30-960 MHz) [by Command] [Cmnd. 9000].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Clean Air,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th July 1983, entitled the Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (No. 3) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1018) [by Act].


Water,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st March 1983, entitled the Essex Water Order 1983, with a certificate by the Secretary of State for the Environment under section 2(2) of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

New Towns,—Copy of the Report of the Cwmbran Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 70].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Road and Railway Transport,—Copies of Orders, dated 21st July 1983, entitled—
(1) the Level Crossing (Carrowreagh) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 (S.R. (N.I.), 1983, No. 197),
(2) the Level Crossing (Clooney) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 (S.R. (N.I.), 1983, No. 196), and
(3) the Level Crossing (Eglinton) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 (S.R. (N.I.), 1983, No. 195)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:


Mr. Secretary King:

Transport,—Copy of a Paper on public transport in London [by Command] [Cmnd. 9004].

Civil Aviation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority for the year ended 31st March 1983 [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 Vale of Glamorgan (Land at Welsh St Donats) Compulsory Purchase Order 1980 [by Act].

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

Atomic Energy,—Copy of the Accounts of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for the year ended 31st March 1983 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 75].

Tourism,—Copy of the Accounts of the British Tourist Authority for the year ended 31st March 1983 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 76].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Robert Atkins (nominated in respect of the Telecommunications Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robert Hayward.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 26th July 1983

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ernest Armstrong an additional Chairman of the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 4579/83, 4094/83 and 5544/83.
Wednesday 27th July 1983.

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,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 78-i].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-i].

House of Commons (Services)—Mr. John Biffen reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), That it had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before the Computer Sub-Committee.

Memorandum to lie upon the Table.

Road Traffic (Greater London) Bill,—Mr. Harry Greenway presented a Bill to make further provision for the control of road traffic in the Greater London area: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th November and to be printed [Bill 37].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) and Standing Order No. 4 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c., (negative procedure)), if proceedings on any Motions relating to Social Security and to Housing in the name of a Minister of the Crown or on the Motion in the name of Mr. Michael Foot relating to the Social Security (General Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1983 have not been disposed of before Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker shall at that hour put forthwith any Questions already proposed from the Chair and on such of the said Motions as may then be moved; and thereafter Mr. Speaker shall at half-past Eleven o'clock put any Questions already proposed from the Chair and on such of the remaining Motions relating to Social Security and Housing as may then be moved.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

Social security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 5th July, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Supplementary Benefit Up-rating Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Child Benefit (Up-Rating) Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson.)

Housing,—Resolved, That the draft Housing Benefits (Increase of Needs Allowances) Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Pensioners’ Lump Sum Payments Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson.)

Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Supplementary Benefit (Requirements, Resources and Single Payments) Amendment Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 8th July, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 284.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Frank Haynes: 166.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Supplementary Benefit (Requirements, Resources and Single Payments) Amendment Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 8th July, be approved.
Housing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Housing Benefits Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1014), dated 14th July 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th July, be annulled—[Mr. Derek Foster];

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to the Order this day:—It was negatived.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 11.59 p.m.

APPENDIX

Wednesday 27th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Income Tax,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Trinidad and Tobago) Order 1983, and

(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Tunisia) Order 1983
[by Act].

Mr. Nicholas Ridley:

Income Tax,—Copies of Orders, dated 26th July 1983, entitled—

(1) the Income Tax (Cash Equivalents of Car Benefits) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1102), and

[by Act].

Mr. John Moore:

Banks and Banking,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th July 1983, entitled the Deposit Protection Fund (Excluded Institutions) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1100) [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:


Mr. Secretary Younger:

Education (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 15th July 1983, entitled the Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1030), and

(2) 18th July 1983, entitled the Education Authority Bursaries (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1051)
[by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th July 1983, entitled the Local Authorities (Prohibited Conditions for Licensing of Taxis and Private Hire Cars and their Drivers) (Scotland) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1029) [by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Scottish Hospital Endowments Research Trust for the year ended 31st July 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 29].

New Towns (Scotland),—Copy of the Reports of the Cumbernauld, East Kilbride, Glenrothes, Irvine and Livingston Development Corporations for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 37].

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd July 1983, entitled the Rating (Repayment Procedures etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1095) [by Act].

Solicitors,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Lay Observer for 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 35].
Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th July 1983, entitled the Quarries (Metrication) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1026) [by Act].

Industrial Training.—Copies of the Reports and Accounts of—

(1) the Engineering Industry Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1983, and
(2) the Shipbuilding Industry Training Board for the period 1st April to 1st October 1982
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:


Mr. Secretary Parkinson:

Aircraft and Shipbuilding.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of British Shipbuilders for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Census of Production.—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1981 on—

(1) abrasive products,
(2) asbestos goods,
(3) cement, lime and plaster,
(4) production and distribution of electricity,
(5) production of man-made fibres,
(6) pulp, paper and board, and
(7) water supply industry
[by Act].

Companies.—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th July 1983, entitled the Companies (Annual Return) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1023) [by Act].

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 18th July 1983, entitled the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) (Paper, Paperboard and Printed Products) (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1083) [by Act].

Customs and Excise.—Copy of the Report by the Department of Trade under Schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and section 16 of the Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Act 1979, for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 49].

Gas.—Copies of the Reports of—

(1) the Gas Consumers' Northern Council, and
(2) the South Western Gas Consumers' Council for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Tourism.—Copy of the Report of the Wales Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Coal Industry.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Coal Board for the year ended 26th March 1983 [by Act].

Gas.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Gas Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary King:

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th July 1983, entitled the Road Transport (International Passenger Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1025) [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Northern Ireland.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 27th July 1983, entitled the Companies (Beneficial Interests) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1119) [by Act].
Mr. Michael Jopling:


Agriculture,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Eggs Authority for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland:

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Law Commission on rectification of contractual and other documents [by Act]; to be printed [No. 36].

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

Parliament,—Copy of the Accounts of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund for the year ended 31st March 1982; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 79].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 28th July 1983.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Miss Betty Boothroyd and Mr. John Hunt Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Telecommunications Bill.

[No. 31.]

Thursday 28th July 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Lloyds Bowmaker Bill [Lords],—The Lloyds Bowmaker Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 27th October.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 27th October.

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

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords],—Mr. Robert Hicks reported from the Committee on the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Local Government,—Resolved, That the Code of Local Government Audit Practice for England and Wales, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th July, be approved.—(Mr. William Waldegrave.)
Road Traffic.—Resolved, That the Traffic Areas (Reorganisation) (No. 2) Order 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th May, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved. (Mrs. Lynda Chalker.)

Research and Development Programmes.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 80 (Standing Committees on European Community Documents), That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 4579/83 concerning a plan of action for the evaluation of the results of Community research and development programmes, 5544/83 concerning the utilisation of the results of Community sponsored research and development and 4094/83 concerning a programme of research on forecasting and assessment in science and technology, and supports the Government’s intention to ensure that these measures constitute a cost effective means of maximising the effectiveness of Community research and development in the pursuit of the policy objectives of the Community and the United Kingdom, and in defining such objectives for the longer term in the sphere of research and development.—(Mr. Ian Lang): —It was agreed to.

Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles Regulations 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th July, be approved (Mr. Ian Lang): —It was agreed to.

House of Commons Members’ Fund.—Ordered, That Sir Anthony Berry, Sir Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Alfred Morris, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, and Mr. Richard Wainwright, be appointed Managing Trustees of the House of Commons Members’ Fund in pursuance of section 2 of the House of Commons Members’ Fund Act 1939.—(Mr. John Cope.)

Parliamentary Contributory Pensions Fund.—Ordered, That Sir Anthony Berry, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Sir Anthony Kershaw, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Alfred Morris, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, and Mr. Richard Wainwright, be appointed Managing Trustees of the Parliamentary Contributory Pensions Fund in pursuance of section 1 of the Parliamentary and Other Pensions Act 1972.—(Mr. John Cope.)

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

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. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

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

[Adjourmed at 10.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 28th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Nicholas Ridley:

Ultimus Haeres (Scotland).—Copy of the Account of the Queen’s and Lord Treasurer’s Remembrancer in the administration of estates and treasure trove in Scotland on behalf of the Crown; with a List of estates fallen to the Crown as Ultimus Haeres, for 1982 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 39, 1983).—Copy of Letters, exchanged at Brussels on 1st October 1982 between the European Economic Community and the People’s Republic of Bulgaria, on trade in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector [by Command] [Cmnd. 8949].

European Communities (No. 40, 1983).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Brussels on 28th October 1982, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia on financial and technical co-operation [by Command] [Cmnd. 8954].

European Communities (No. 41, 1983).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Brussels on 28th October 1982, between the European Economic Community and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria on financial and technical co-operation [by Command] [Cmnd. 8955].

Miscellaneous (No. 18, 1983).—Copy of a Memorandum prepared by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on the Report by the Brandt Commission 1983 “Common Crisis: Co-operation for World Recovery” [by Command] [Cmnd. 9001].
Treaty Series (No. 36, 1983),—Copy of a Headquarters Agreement, signed at London on 30th March 1983, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation [by Command] [Cmnd. 8956].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Camps,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish National Camps Association Limited for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th July 1983, entitled the Education (Grants) (Music and Ballet Schools) (Amendment) No. 2 Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1017) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Chromically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Copy of the Report on research and development work on equipment for the disabled [by Act]; to be printed [No. 77].

Mr. Secretary Parkinson:


(1) jewellery and coins,
(2) mining machinery, construction and mechanical handling equipment, and
(3) specialised chemical products mainly for household and office use [by Act].


Export Guarantees,—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the insurance of overseas investment against non-commercial risks for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 71].

Industrial Development,—Copies of Reports by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on—

(1) the counselling activities of the Small Firms Service, and
(2) the exercise of his powers under section 18(1) of the Industry Act 1980 for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Industrial Development,—Copy of a Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales on the exercise of powers under the Industrial Development Act 1982 for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 72].

Industry,—Copy of a Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under section 3 of the Industry Act 1980 (Rolls-Royce Limited) for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

University of London,—Copy of New Statutes for the University of London, made by the Senate of the University on 23rd March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th July 1983, entitled the Grading of Horticultural Produce (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1053) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th July 1983, entitled the Receiving of Trans-shipped Sea Fish (Licensing) (Variation) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1139) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on the incapacitated principal [by Command] [Cmnd. 8977].

[No. 32.]

Friday 29th July 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).
Belize (Independence Gift),—Mr. Carol Mather acquainted the House, That the Members who had been given leave of absence on 8th July to present, on behalf of the House, a gift of a Speaker’s Chair to the House of Representatives of Belize, had presented the said gift.

Belize (Independence Gift),—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That the House of Representatives of Belize, to whom a Speaker’s Chair had been presented, on behalf of the House, by the Members given leave on 8th July, had come to the following Resolution:

That this House records its deep gratitude for the Independence Gift of a Speaker’s Chair from the House of Commons of the United Kingdom to the House of Representatives of Belize and that a message conveying Belize’s appreciation and gratitude be sent to the Speaker of the House of Commons in pledge of the close and friendly relations which exist between our two Commonwealth countries.

Antigua and Barbuda (Independence Gift),—Mr. Carol Mather acquainted the House, That the Members who had been given leave of absence on 8th July to present, on behalf of the House, a gift of a Speaker’s Chair to the House of Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, had presented the said gift.

Antigua and Barbuda (Independence Gift),—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That the House of Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, to whom a Speaker’s Chair had been presented, on behalf of the House, by the Members given leave on 8th July, had come to the following Resolution:

Be it resolved that we, the Members of the House of Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, convey to the House of Commons Parliament at Westminster, our nation’s sincere thanks for the gift of the Speaker’s Chair and Table presented to this Honourable House to mark the independence of Antigua and Barbuda.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones);

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 24th October, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 25th July.

[Adjourned at 2.56 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 29th July 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:


Mr. Secretary Younger:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 27th July 1983, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1983 [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 52].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:


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

Delegated Legislation,—Return to an Order [12th May in the last Session of Parliament] for a Return relating to Delegated Legislation.

Private Bills,—Return to an Order [12th May in the last Session of Parliament] for a Return relating to Private Bills and Private Business.

Select Committees,—Return to an Order [12th May in the last Session of Parliament] for a Return relating to Select Committees; to be printed [No. 50].

Special Procedure Orders,—Return to an Order [12th May in the last Session of Parliament] for a Return relating to Special Procedure Orders.

Sittings of the House,—Return to an Order [12th May in the last Session of Parliament] for a Return relating to Sittings of the House.

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th July 1983, entitled the Legal Aid and Assistance (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1142) [by Act].
Monday 24th October 1983.

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; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix).

New Member sworn.—David John Maclean, Esquire, Member for Penrith and the Border, was sworn.

Prevention of Terrorism Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Terrorism Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which includes the power of arbitrary arrest and detention and the exclusion of British Citizens from parts of the United Kingdom, which is based on a Review that conceives that there can be no clear proof of the effectiveness of such measures, and which, in the opinion of some of Northern Ireland's most distinguished opponents of terrorism, will give nothing but support to the terrorists in Northern Ireland', instead thereof. (Mr. Roy Hattersley.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Harry Cowans: 144.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 302.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41 (Amendment on Second or Third Reading);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 291.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett: 46.

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. 42 (Committal of Bills).

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act of the present Session to repeal and re-enact with amendments the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in connection with—

(a) the control of travel into and out of any part of the United Kingdom, including the provision of facilities for examining officers; and

(b) the making of exclusion orders and the removal from any part of the United Kingdom of persons subject to such orders. (Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Sevenoaks for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Birmingham, Perry Barr for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Norwich South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hove for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or
devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Plymouth, Drake for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Gedling for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.56 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. 140 (Presentation of Command Papers) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Bank of England,—Copy of Revisions to the terms of an indemnity to the Bank of England covering their commitment to the Bank for International Settlements in respect of a credit facility for Brazil [Cmnd. 9029].

Civil Service,—Copy of a Paper entitled Financial Management in Government Departments [Cmnd. 9058].

European Communities,—Copy of a Statement on the 1983 Community Budget [Cmnd. 9030].

Broadcasting,—Copy of a Supplemental Royal Charter relating to the British Broadcasting Corporation [Cmnd. 9013].

Criminal Statistics,—Copy of the Criminal Statistics for England and Wales for 1982 [Cmnd. 9048].

Immigration,—Copy of Tables of persons acquiring citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies for 1982 [Cmnd. 9009].

Prisons,—Copies of—
(1) the prison statistics for England and Wales, and
(2) the Report of the Work of the Prison Department for 1982 [Cmnd. 9027 and 9057].

Madrid Conference,—Text of a Speech by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, delivered at the meeting to follow up the conference on security and co-operation in Europe, held at Madrid on 7th September 1983 [Cmnd. 9067].

Madrid Conference,—Copy of the Concluding Document of the meeting at Madrid of 11th November 1980 to 9th September 1983 to follow up the conference on security and co-operation in Europe [Cmnd. 9066].

European Communities (No. 42, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 18th November 1982, between the European Economic Community and Barbados, Belize, the People's Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative 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, the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Zimbabwe, on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 1982-1983 delivery period [Cmnd. 8961].

European Communities (No. 43, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 23rd December 1982, between the European Economic Community and Turkey fixing the additional amount to be deducted from the levy on imports into the Community of untreated olive oil, originating in Algeria, for 1982-83 [Cmnd. 8962].

European Communities (No. 44, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 23rd December 1982, between the European Economic Community and Turkey fixing the additional amount to be deducted from the levy on im-
ports into the community of untreated olive oil, originating in Turkey, for 1982-83 [Cmnd. 8971].

European Communities (No. 45, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 23rd December 1982, relating to Article 9 of Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel concerning the importation into the community of preserved fruit salads originating in Israel (1983) [Cmnd. 8972].

European Communities (No. 46, 1983),—Copy of a Convention, made at Luxembourg on 25th October 1982, on the Accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Convention of Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters and to the Protocol on its Interpretation by the Court of Justice with the Adjustments made to them by the Convention on the Accession of the Kingdom of Denmark, of Ireland and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland [Cmnd. 8973].

European Communities (No. 47, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement and Final Act, signed at Dublin on 26th May 1982, on the international carriage of passengers by road by means of occasional coach and bus services (ASOR) [Cmnd. 8974].

European Communities (No. 48, 1983),—Copy of an Additional Protocol with Letters exchanged at Brussels on 22nd December 1982 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Hungarian People’s Republic on trade in textile products, consequent on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the European Communities [Cmnd. 8975].

European Communities No. 49, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 17th January 1983, between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic regarding prepared or preserved tomatoes falling within subheading 20.02 C of the Common Customs Tariff [Cmnd. 8976].

European Communities (No. 50, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 15th March 1983, amending the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau on fishing off the coast of Guinea-Bissau [Cmnd. 8983].

European Communities (No. 51, 1983),—Copy of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 15th November 1982 between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Republic of Romania, on trade in sheepmeat and goatmeat [Cmnd. 8984].

European Communities (No. 52, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 23rd December 1982, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia fixing the additional amount to be deducted from the levy on imports into the Community of untreated olive oil, originating in Tunisia, for the period from 1st November 1982 to 31st October 1983 [Cmnd. 8985].

European Communities (No. 53, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 24th March 1983, on the regulation of fisheries in the Skagerrak and the Kattegat in 1983 between the European Economic Community, Norway and Sweden [Cmnd. 8990].

European Communities (No. 54, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 23rd December 1982, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia concerning the import into the Community of preserved fruit salads originating in Tunisia [Cmnd. 8991].

European Communities (No. 55, 1983),—Copy of a Community-COST Concertation Agreement, signed at Brussels on 9th December 1982, on a concerted action project on the effect of processing on the physical properties of food (COST Project 90-12) [Cmnd. 8999].


European Communities (No. 57, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 3rd May 1983, between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation extending and amending the Agreement on a Concerted Action Project in the field of registration of congenital abnormalities (medical and public health research) [Cmnd. 9026].

European Communities (No. 58, 1983),—Copy of a Community—COST Concertation Agreement on a concerted action project in the field of shore-based marine navigation aid systems (COST Project 301), signed at Brussels on 15th April 1983 [Cmnd. 9038].

European Communities (No. 59, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Conakry on 7th February 1983, between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Revolutionary People’s Republic of Guinea on fishing off the Guinean coast, with Exchange of Letters [Cmnd. 9039].

European Communities (No. 60, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 4th May 1983, between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on a concerted action project in the field of cellular ageing [Cmnd. 9053].
European Communities (No. 61, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 28th June 1983, amending certain zero-duty tariff quotas opened by the United Kingdom for 1983 in accordance with Protocol 1 of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Finland [Cmnd. 9054].


Miscellaneous (No. 16, 1983),—Copy of an Additional Protocol, signed at Strasbourg on 29th September 1982, to the European Agreement on the exchange of therapeutic substances of human origin [Cmnd. 8967].

Miscellaneous (No. 17, 1983),—Copy of an Additional Protocol, signed at Strasbourg on 29th September 1982, to the European Agreement on the exchanges of blood-grouping reagents [Cmnd. 8968].


Miscellaneous (No. 20, 1983),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Brussels on 15th June 1983 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation (EUROCONTROL) concerning the application of social security provisions to the staff of the Organisation [Cmnd. 9023].

Miscellaneous (No. 21, 1983),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Paris on 16th November 1982, to amend the Convention on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy of 29th July 1960, as amended by the Additional Protocol of 28th January 1964 [Cmnd. 9028].

Miscellaneous (No. 22, 1983),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Strasbourg on 21st March 1983, on the transfer of sentenced persons [Cmnd. 9049].


Miscellaneous (No. 24, 1983),—Copy of a Resolution, adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organisation on 13th June 1983, to adopt Amendments to the International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC) [Cmnd. 9055].


Treaty Series (No. 37, 1983),—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on 12th January and 6th April 1983 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Swiss Federal Council, further amending the Route Schedules annexed to the Agreement for Air Services between and beyond their respective territories of 5th April 1950 [Cmnd. 8960].


Treaty Series (No. 39, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 3rd March 1983, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, on relations in the scientific, educational and cultural fields for 1983-85, with agreed Minute [Cmnd. 8981].


Treaty Series (No. 43, 1983).—Copy of Notes exchanged at Belmopan on 8th and 14th March 1983, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Belize, concerning the extension to Hong Kong, the Bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey and the Isle of Man of the Agreement for the promotion and protection of investments [Cmnd. 8996].


Treaty Series (No. 45, 1983).—Copy of the First Supplementary List of Ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc, for 1983 [Cmnd. 8998].

Treaty Series (No. 46, 1983).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 8th December 1982, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway, on films co-production [Cmnd. 9007].

Treaty Series (No. 47, 1983).—Copy of an Agreement, with Supplementary Protocol, signed at Paris on 12th October 1953 and Delft on 16th June 1954, concerning the formation of a European Organisation for Experimental Photogrammetric Research [Cmnd. 9016].

Treaty Series (No. 48, 1983).—Copy of an Agreement, with Exchange of Notes, signed at London on 26th April 1983, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Iraq, on co-operation in the fields of education, science and culture [Cmnd. 9019].

Treaty Series (No. 49, 1983).—Copy of Notes exchanged at Berne on 17th May 1983 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Swiss Confederation, concerning the deposit with the Competent Authority of the Republic and Canton of Geneva of the Archives of the Court of Arbitration on the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf between the United Kingdom and France [Cmnd. 9020].


Treaty Series (No. 52, 1983).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Cairo on 14th May 1981, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt for air services between and beyond their respective Territories [Cmnd. 9025].


Treaty Series (No. 57, 1983).—Copy of a Convention, signed at Geneva between 13th and 16th November 1979, on long-range transboundary air pollution [Cmnd. 9034].

Treaty Series (No. 58, 1983).—Copy of Amendments, done at Geneva on 1st July 1978, to Articles 3, 6, 10, 11, 12 and 14 of the European Agreement concerning the work of crews of vehicles engaged in international road transport (AETR) [Cmnd. 9037].

Treaty Series (No. 59, 1983).—Copy of an Amendment to Chapter VII of the Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Commercial Road Vehicles, done at Geneva on 18th May 1956 [Cmnd. 9040].
Treaty Series (No. 60, 1983),—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on 18th July 1983 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic, concerning exchanges of information in the event of emergencies occurring in one of the two states which could have radiological consequences for the other state [Cmd. 9041].

Treaty Series (No. 61, 1983),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Seoul on 26th and 31st May 1983 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Korea, designating the British Council to act as the Principal Agent for the Government of the United Kingdom for the execution of the Measures falling within the scope of the Cultural Agreement signed on 21st April 1982 [Cmd. 9045].


Treaty Series (No. 64, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Havana on 22nd July 1983, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Cuba, on certain commercial debts [Cmd. 9056].

Treaty Series (No. 65, 1983),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Maseru on 19th January 1983 and 16th March 1983 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho, concerning the extension to Hong Kong, the Bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey and the Isle of Man of the Agreement for the promotion and protection of investments signed at Maseru on 18th February 1981 [Cmd. 9060].

Treaty Series (No. 66, 1983),—Copy of a Cultural Convention, signed at Quito on 18th June 1979, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Ecuador, with amending Notes exchanged at Quito on 17th May and 6th June 1983 [Cmd. 9061].


Agriculture.—Copies of the Reports on—
(1) Agriculture in Scotland, and
(2) Proceedings of the Scottish Land Court for 1982 [Cmd. 8922 and 8946].

Fire Services.—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire Services for Scotland for 1982 [Cmd. 9011].

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of a Paper on Valuation and Rating in Scotland: Proposals for Reform [Cmd. 9018].

Prisons.—Copies of the Reports—
(1) of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland, and
(2) on Prisons in Scotland for 1982 [Cmd. 9035 and 8980].

Roads.—Copy of the Report on Roads in Scotland for 1982 [Cmd. 9010].


Defence.—List of exceptions to the Army Regulations as to pay, non-effective pay, and allowances during the year ended 31st March 1983.


Monopolies and Mergers.—Copies of the Reports of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed mergers of—
(1) A. Alfred Taubman and Sotheby Parke Bernet Group PLC,
(2) the enterprises of Alan J. Lewis and Illingworth, Morris PLC, and
(3) London Brick PLC and Ibstock Johnson PLC [Cmd. 9046, 9012 and 9015].

Monopolies and Mergers.—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the Yorkshire Electricity Board [Cmd. 9014].
Local Government.—Copies of Papers on—
(1) Rates: proposals for rate limitation and reform of the rating system, and
(2) Streamlining the Cities: proposals for local government reform
[Cmnd. 9008 and 9063].

Northern Ireland.—Copy of the Account of Public Income and Expenditure of
Northern Ireland, with the Balance in the Consolidated Fund, for the year ended 31st
March 1983 [Cmnd. 9042].

Northern Ireland Development Agency.—Copy of the Accounts of the Northern
Ireland Development Agency for the year ended 31st March 1982; with the Report
of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon [Cmnd. 9017].


Criminal Statistics.—Copy of Judicial Statistics for England and Wales for 1982
[Cmnd. 9065].

Law Commissions.—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on foreign money
liabilities [Cmnd. 9064].

Papers presented pursuant to several Acts of Parliament and delivered to the Votes and
Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates pursuant to Standing Order No. 141
(Presentation of Statutory Instruments) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

1st August 1983

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st July 1983, entitled the Merchant

Magistrates' Courts.—Copy of Rules, dated 28th July 1983, entitled the Magistrates'
Courts (Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders) (Amendment) Rules 1983

2nd August 1983

Industrial Training.—Copy of an Order, dated 29th July 1983, entitled the Industrial

Landlord and Tenant.—Copy of an Order, dated 21st July 1983, entitled the Assured

Agriculture.—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1983, entitled the Butter Subsidy
(Protection of Community Arrangements) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983,
No. 1098).

3rd August 1983

Armorial Bearings, Ensigns and Flags.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th July 1983,

Highways.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th July 1983, entitled the Highways (Road

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th July 1983, entitled the Traffic Signs

Supreme Court.—Copy of Rules, dated 8th July 1983, entitled the Rules of the

Legal Aid and Advice.—Copies of Regulations, dated 12th July 1983, entitled—
(1) the Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern
Ireland) 1983 (S.R. (N.I.), 1983, No. 189), and
(2) the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983

4th August 1983

National Debt.—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th July 1983, entitled the National

Industrial Training.—Copies of Orders, dated 26th July 1983, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Training Levy (Clothing and Allied Products) Order 1983 (S.I.,
1983, No. 1132), and
1133).

Pensions.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 27th July 1983, entitled the Personal Injuries
(1) the Anguilla Consequential Provisions Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1107), and
(2) the Montserrat and Virgin Islands (Supreme Court) Modifications Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1112).


National Health Service,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 27th July 1983, entitled—
(1) the Health Service Commissioner for England (Mental Health Act Commissioner) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1114), and
(2) the Health Service Commissioner for England (Rural Dispensing Committee) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1115).

Pensions,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 27th July 1983, entitled the Naval Military and Air Forces etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Amendment Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1116).

South Atlantic Territories,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 27th July 1983, entitled—
(1) the Falkland Islands and Dependencies (Interim Administration) (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1110), and
(2) the St. Helena Supreme Court (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1113).

Supreme Court,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 26th July 1983, entitled the Non-contentious Probate Fees (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1180), and

5th August 1983

Representation of the People,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 27th July 1983, entitled the European Assembly Elections (Day of Election) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1152),
(2) Rules, dated 27th July 1983, entitled the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (Amendment) Rules 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1153),
(3) Rules, dated 27th July 1983, entitled the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Amendment) Rules 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1154), and

8th August 1983

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th July 1983, entitled the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1165).


9th August 1983


10th August 1983


National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th July 1983, entitled the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1172).


Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 25th July 1983, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1147), and

Medicines,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th July 1983, entitled the Medicines (Exemptions from Restrictions on the Retail Sale or Supply of Veterinary Drugs) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1156).

11th August 1983

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th July 1983, entitled the Education (Fees and Awards) (Scotland) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1215).

12th August 1983


15th August 1983


Sea Fisheries,—Copies of Orders, dated 27th July 1983, entitled—
(1) the Herring and White Fish (Specified Manx Waters) Licensing Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1204),
(2) the Sea Fish Licensing Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1206), and
(3) the Sea Fishing (Specified Western Waters) (Restrictions on Landing) (Variation) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1205).

16th August 1983


17th August 1983


18th August 1983


22nd August 1983


23rd August 1983


24th August 1983


26th August 1983


30th August 1983

Pensions,—Copies of Regulations, dated 17th August 1983, entitled—
(1) the Local Government Superannuation (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1269),
(2) the Local Government Superannuation (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1270),
(3) the Local Government Superannuation (National Water Council Dissolution) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1271), and


1st September 1983


2nd September 1983

Enterprise Zones.—Copies of Orders, dated 25th August 1983, entitled—
(1) the Dale Lane (Wakefield) and Kinsley (Wakefield) Enterprise Zones (Designation) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1305), and


5th September 1983

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd August 1983, entitled the Motorways (M621 Motorway) (Speed Limit) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1280).

7th September 1983

8th September 1983


9th September 1983


**National Health Service.**— Copies of—

1. an Order, dated 5th September 1983, entitled the National Health Service Training Authority (Establishment and Constitution) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1351), and


12th September 1983


13th September 1983

**Police.**— Copies of Regulations, dated 1st September 1983, entitled—

1. the Police (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1349), and


14th September 1983


15th September 1983


16th September 1983


19th September 1983


21st September 1983


Sea Fisheries,—Copies of Orders, dated 7th September 1983, entitled—
(1) the Immature Scallops (Wales) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1384) and
(2) the Scallops (Cardigan Bay) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1383).


22nd September 1983

Public Health,—Copies of Orders, dated 13th September 1983, entitled—
(1) the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the Borough of Ashford) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1391), and

23rd September 1983


26th September 1983


29th September 1983


30th September 1983


3rd October 1983


4th October 1983


10th October 1983

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th September 1983, entitled the Teachers' Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1431).


Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 29th September 1983, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Small Ships Register) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1470), and
(2) 6th October 1983, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1471).
24th October 1983


11th October 1983


Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th October 1983, entitled the Legal Aid (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1483).

12th October 1983


13th October 1983


Road and Railway Transport,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 27th September 1983, entitled the Level Crossing (Myroe) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 (S.R. (N.I.), 1983, No. 290), and


17th October 1983

Clean Air,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th October 1983, entitled the Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (No. 4) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1472).


18th October 1983


Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 24th October 1983:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copy of the Betting Licensing Statistics for Great Britain for the year ended 31st May 1983 [by Act].

Broadcasting,—Statements of determination of salaries of—
(1) the Chairman, deputy Chairman and members of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, and
(2) the Chairman and members of the Welsh Fourth Channel Authority [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 24th August 1983, entitled the Indian Civil Service Family Pension Fund (Transferred) Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Census (Scotland),—Copies of the Reports on—
(1) Country of birth,
(2) New Towns (Volume 1), and
(3) New Towns (Volume 2)
for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Census (Scotland),—Copy of the Scottish Summary Report (Volume 1) for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Food,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th October 1983, entitled the Sweeteners in Food (Scotland) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1497) [by Act].

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Scottish Seed Potato Development Council for 1982 [by Act].

Museums and Galleries,—Copy of the Review of the National Galleries of Scotland for 1982 [by Act].

Tourism,—Statements of—
(1) appointment and determination of salary of two members, and
(2) determination of salary of Chairman and members
of the Scottish Tourist Board [by Act].

Town and Country Planning (Scotland),—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Regulations 1983 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:


Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence,—Copy of Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Third Report from the Defence Committee, Session 1982-83, on the future defence of the Falkland Islands [by Command] [Cmnd. 9070].

Defence,—List of Exceptions to the Queen’s Regulations as to pay, non-effective pay and allowances for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Industrial Training,—Copies of the Reports and Accounts of—
(1) the Chemical and Allied Products Industry Training Board for the period ended 8th October 1982,
(2) the Distributive Industry Training Board for the period ended 30th March 1983,
(3) the Footwear, Leather and Fur Skin Industry Training Board for the period ended 26th November 1982,
(4) the Hotel and Catering Industry Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1983,
(5) the Iron and Steel Industry Training Board for the period ended 1st October 1982, and
(6) the Man-made Fibres Producing Industry Training Board for the period ended 30th September 1982

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census.—Copies of—

(1) the Report on Housing and Households—England and Wales,
(2) the Report on New Towns—England and Wales (Part 2),
(3) the Report for Wales,
(4) the Ward and Civil Parish Monitor for Bedfordshire,
(5) the Ward and Civil Parish Monitor for the Isle of Wight,
(6) the Ward and Civil Parish Monitor for Oxfordshire, and
(7) the Ward Monitor for Greater London

for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Population Censuses and Surveys.—Copies of Reports on—

(1) local authority vital statistics for 1981,
(2) mortality statistics by area of usual residence for 1981, and
(3) trends in cancer mortality 1951-1980

[by Act].

Sex Discrimination.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Sex Discrimination (Midwives) (Specified Date) Order 1983 [by Act].

Pensions.—List of exceptional awards of pensions and allowances sanctioned by the Treasury to disabled members and dependants or deceased members of the armed forces during the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Census of Production.—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1981 on—

(1) aerospace equipment manufacturing and repairing,
(2) animal feeding stuffs,
(3) building products of concrete, cement or plaster,
(4) clothing, hats and gloves,
(5) cotton and silk industries,
(6) electrical equipment for industrial use, and batteries and accumulators,
(7) extraction and preparation of metalliferous ores,
(8) fur goods,
(9) grain milling,
(10) hosiery and other knitted goods,
(11) household textiles and other made-up textiles,
(12) ice-cream, cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery,
(13) industrial plant and steelwork,
(14) leather goods,
(15) leather (tanning and dressing) and fellmongery,
(16) machinery for printing, paper, wood, leather, rubber, glass and related industries ; laundry and dry cleaning machinery,
(17) measuring, checking and precision instruments and apparatus,
(18) metal doors, windows, etc.,
(19) mineral oil processing.
(20) miscellaneous electronic equipment,
(21) miscellaneous vehicles,
(22) preparation of milk and milk products,
(23) printing and publishing,
(24) processing of bacon, meat and poultry,
(25) processing of fruit and vegetables,
(26) shipbuilding and repairing,
(27) soap and toilet preparations,
(28) soft drinks,
(29) spirit distilling and compounding, and
(30) tobacco industry
[by Act].

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Wool Industry Research Association for the period ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Industry,—Statement of determination of salary of Chairman and members of the English Industrial Estates Corporation [by Act].


National Research Development Corporation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Post Office,—Copies of the Reports of—
(1) the Post Office Users' Council for Scotland,
(2) the Post Office Users' Council for Wales, and
(3) the Post Office Users' National Council for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the British Tourist Authority for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Tourism,—Statements of—
(1) appointment and determination of salary of two members of the English Tourist Board, and
(2) determination of salary of the Chairmen and members of the British Tourist Authority and the English Tourist Board [by Act].

Trade,—Returns in Part to an Address to Her Majesty of 2nd December 1982 for a Return of Statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1983, for—
(1) June,
(2) July, and
(3) August

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Water,—Copy of Guidelines issued by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the representation of consumers' interests [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Tourism,—Statement of determination of salary of Chairman and members of the Wales Tourist Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland,—Copies of Reports by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on—
(1) the Amended Proposal for a draft Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983,
(2) Cash Limit adjustment 1983-84, and
(3) the draft Regional Strategic Plan for Health and Personal Social Services 1983-88 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Atomic Energy,—Copies of—
(1) the Report and Accounts of British Nuclear Fuels Limited, and
(2) the Report of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]

Electricity,—Copies of—
(1) the Report of the Secretary of State for Energy of proceedings under the Electricity Acts 1947 and 1957,
(2) the Statement of Accounts and Statistics of the Electricity Council, and
(3) the Statistical Yearbook of the Central Electricity Generating Board for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].
Electricity,—Copies of the Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) the Central Electricity Generating Board,
   (2) the East Midlands Electricity Board,
   (3) the Eastern Electricity Board,
   (4) the Electricity Council,
   (5) the London Electricity Board,
   (6) the Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Board,
   (7) the Midlands Electricity Board,
   (8) the North Eastern Electricity Board,
   (9) the North Western Electricity Board,
   (10) the South Eastern Electricity Board,
   (11) the South Wales Electricity Board,
   (12) the South Western Electricity Board,
   (13) the Southern Electricity Board, and
   (14) the Yorkshire Electricity Board
for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

   Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th October 1983, entitled

   Pilotage,—Copies of—
   (1) the Report and Accounts of the Pilotage Commission for the year ended 31st
   March 1983, and
   (2) the Summary of Pilotage Returns for 1982
   [by Act].

   Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Port of London Authority for
   1982 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

   Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th
   October 1983, entitled the Naval Reserves (Gibraltar) Pay Order 1983 [by Act].

   Universities and Colleges (Trusts),—Copy of a Supplemental Scheme, dated 15th June
   1983, made by the Governing Body of Brasenose College, Oxford, for administering
   certain funds of the college [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

   Agriculture,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Agricultural Training Board
   for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

   Covent Garden Market Authority,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Covent
   Garden Market Authority for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

   Plant Breeders’ Rights,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th October 1983, entitled the
   Plant Breeders’ Rights (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No.
   1501) [by Act].

   Sea Fish Industry,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Sea Fishing Industry
   Authority for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

   Sea Fish Industry,—Statement of account for grants in respect of the acquisition
   and improvement of fishing vessels for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

   Seeds,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th October 1983, entitled the Seeds (National
   List of Varieties) (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1500)
   [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr Speaker:

Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermen-
tioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Par-
liament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came
into operation [pursuant to Standing Order No. 142 (Notification in respect of certain
Statutory Instruments):

Legal Advice and Representation (Duty Solicitor) (Remuneration) Regulations 1983.
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions,—Observations by—

(1) the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the Petition [25th July] from citizens of the Borough of Spelthorne for repeal of section 61(1) of the Education Act 1944,

(2) the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [11th May in the last Session of Parliament] from the Association for Improvements in the Maternity Services, the Birth Centre, the International Women's Council on Obstetrical Practices and others for legislation to ensure that the rights of parents and their babies during pregnancy and childbirth are respected, and

(3) the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [8th July] from residents of Perivale for the strengthening of local authorities' powers to control the emission of objectionable smells

(by Standing Order); to be printed.


Ironstone Restoration Fund,—Copy of the Account showing the nature and nominal amount of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31st March 1983, as investments for moneys forming part of the Ironstone Restoration Fund [by Act].

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on offences relating to public order [by Act]; to be printed [No. 85].

National Insurance Fund,—Copy of the Account showing the nature and nominal amount of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31st March 1983, as investments for moneys, forming part of the National Insurance Fund [by Act].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Second Report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1983-84 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 84].

Supreme Court,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Maximum Number of Judges Order 1983 [by Act].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Sex Discrimination,—Draft Sex Discrimination (Midwives) (Specified Date) Order 1983 [laid 22nd June].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 24th October 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Telecommunications Bill.

Tuesday 25th October 1983

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

PRAYERS.

Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Thursday.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report). Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-vid].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and
had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 42-iv].

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 Lords 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 2nd November at half-past Four o'clock.

Adjournment (Invasion of Grenada).—Mr. Denis Healey, Member for Leeds East, 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 invasion of Grenada, an independent Commonwealth State, by American and other forces, against the apparent advice of the British Prime Minister: and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over under Standing Order No. 10 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) until the commencement of public business to-morrow.

British Shipbuilders (Borrowing Powers) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Tebbit, supported by Mr. Secretary Prior, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Secretary King, Mr. Secretary Ridley, and Mr. Norman Lamont, presented (under Standing Order No. 111 (Procedure upon Bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to amend section 11(7) of the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries 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 38].

Education (Grants and Awards) Bill.—Secretary Sir Keith Joseph, supported by Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Secretary Jenkin, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Peter Brooke, and Mr. Robert Dunn, presented (under Standing Order No. 111 (Procedure upon Bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to make provision for the payment of education support grants to local education authorities in England and Wales; and to amend section 1(3)(d) of the Education Act 1962 so as to refer to the higher national diploma of the Business & Technician Education Council instead of to the corresponding diplomas of the Councils there mentioned: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 40].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Horses and Ponies) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1099) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg)

Criminal Law Act 1977 (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the application of section 9 of the Criminal Law Act 1977 to Royal premises: And that Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. James Molyneaux, Sir John Bigg-Davison, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. Peter Thumham, and Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, do prepare and bring it in.

Criminal Law Act 1977 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Ivor Stanbrook accordingly presented a Bill to extend the application of section 9 of the Criminal Law Act 1977 to Royal premises: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th November and to be printed [Bill 41].

Tenants' Rights Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading, of the Tenants' Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Norman Hogg, Mr. Hugh McCartney: 127.

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. 42 (Committee of Bills).
Gas.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the British Gas Corporation (Transfer of Shares of Subsidiaries) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 967), dated 5th July 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th July, be annulled—(Mr. John Smith);

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c., (negative procedure)).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Norman Hogg, Mr. Allen McKay: 88.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. John Major: 204.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Mr. Richard Needham and Mr. Secretary Ridley be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr. John Moore and Mr. Fred Silvester be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hove for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Pudsey for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Mid Sussex for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent 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. Robert Boscawen);

Wednesday 26th October 1983

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.5 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 25th October 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Gas,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—

(1) 15th August 1983,
(2) 15th August 1983,
(3) 24th August 1983,
(4) 24th August 1983,
(5) 24th August 1983,
(6) 24th August 1983,
(7) 24th August 1983,
(8) 24th August 1983, and
(9) 24th August 1983

on borrowing by the British Gas Corporation [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:


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Mr. Secretary King:
Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th October 1983, entitled the Baking and Sausage Making (Christmas and New Year) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1502) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Film Fund Agency for the year ended 16th October 1982 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 83].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Water,—Copies of the Report and Accounts of—
1. the Anglian Water Authority,
2. the National Water Council,
3. the North West Water Authority,
4. the Northumbrian Water Authority,
5. the Severn-Trent Water Authority,
6. the South West Water Authority,
7. the Southern Water Authority,
8. the Thames Water Authority,
9. the Wessex Water Authority, and
10. the Yorkshire Water Authority
for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th August 1983, entitled the Chester-Bangor Trunk Road (Holywell By-Pass) Compulsory Purchase Order 1983 ; with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Wales under section 2(2) of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Public Accounts,—Copy of a Memorandum by the Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel on the Ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1982-83 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9071].


Mr. Michael Jopling:
Medicines,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th October 1983, entitled the Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1506) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Highlands and Islands Development Board,—Copy of the Accounts of the Highlands and Islands Development Board for the year ended 31st March 1983 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 90].

National Savings Bank,—Copy of the Accounts of the National Savings Bank Investment Account Fund for 1982 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 91].

CHAIRMEN'S PANEL
In pursuance of Standing Order No. 127 (Chairmen's Panel), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. David Knox to be a member of the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

MEMORANDUM
Tuesday 25th October 1983
In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Prevention of Terrorism Bill to Standing Committee D, the Tenants' Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill to the First Scottish Standing Committee; the draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 1983 to the First Standing Committee...
on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Sixth General Increase) Order 1983 and the draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1983 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1983 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Value Added Tax (Horses and Ponies) Order 1983 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 35.]

Wednesday 26th October 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill,—Ordered, That the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered to-morrow.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be considered to-morrow.

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

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 78-il].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-il].

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged from considering the draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 1983.

Prohibition of Female Circumcision (No. 2) Bill,—Mr. Clement Freud presented a Bill to prohibit female circumcision: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 25th November and to be printed [Bill 42].

Police and Criminal Evidence Bill,—Mr. Secretary Brittan, supported by Mr Secretary Prior, Mr. Secretary Heseltine, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Douglas Hurd, and Mr. Barney Hayhoe, presented a Bill to make further provision in relation to the powers and duties of the police, criminal evidence, police discipline and complaints against the police; to provide for arrangements for obtaining the views of the community on policing and for a rank of deputy chief constable; to amend the law relating to the Police Federations and Police Forces and Police Cadets in Scotland; and for connected purposes: The same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 44].

Trade Union Bill,—Mr. Secretary King, supported by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. John Biffen, Mr Secretary Tebbit, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. John Selwyn Gummer, and Mr. Alan Clark, presented a Bill to make provision for election to certain positions in trade unions and with respect to ballots held in connection with strikes or other forms of industrial action; and to amend the law relating to expenditure by trade unions on political objects: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 43].

Control of Dog Nuisance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to protect the public from some aspects of dog nuisance by the introduction of limited controls—(Mr. Tony Marlow); 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. 15 (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. Den Dover, Mr. Jack Aspinwall: 173.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Matthew Parris: 47.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Tony Marlow, Mr. Dennis Walters, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Clive Soley, Mr. Richard Needham, Mr. John Townend, Mr. Alfred Dubs, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Teddy Taylor, and Mr. Neil Hamilton, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

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Control of Dog Nuisance Bill.—Mr. Tony Marlow accordingly presented a Bill to protect the public from some aspects of dog nuisance by the introduction of limited controls; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 2nd December and to be printed [Bill 39].

Adjournment (Invasion of Grenada).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Denis Healey);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 211.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 336.

So the Question was negatived.

Civil Defence.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Civil Defence (Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 12th July, be approved—(Mr. Douglas Hurd);

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

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

Civil Defence.—The Question being again proposed, That the draft Civil Defence (Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 12th July, be approved:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 335.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Ron Leighton: 195.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Civil Defence (Grant) (Amendment) Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 12th July, be approved.

Civil Defence.—Resolved, That the draft Civil Defence (General Local Authority Functions) Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 12th July, be approved.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Civil Defence.—Resolved, That the draft Civil Defence (Grant) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 12th July, be approved.—(Mr. Michael Ancram.)

Civil Defence.—Resolved, That the draft Civil Defence (General Local Authority Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 12th July, be approved.—(Mr. Michael Ancram.)

Ways and Means.—Oil Taxation.—Resolved, That provision may be made for and in connection with—

(a) varying the reliefs available for certain expenditure incurred in connection with assets used or to be used in connection with oil fields; and

(b) bringing into charge to petroleum revenue tax certain sums received or receivable after 30th June 1982 in respect of—

(i) assets used or to be used in connection with oil fields, and

(ii) certain other assets situated in the United Kingdom, the territorial sea thereof or a designated area, within the meaning of the Continental Shelf Act 1964; and

(c) the treatment of sums so received or receivable for the purposes of income tax and corporation tax.—(Mr. John Moore.)

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Walker, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, and Mr. Ian Stewart, do prepare and bring it in.

Oil Taxation Bill.—Mr. John Moore accordingly presented a Bill to vary the reliefs available for certain expenditure incurred in connection with assets used or to be used in connection with oil fields; to bring into charge to petroleum revenue tax certain sums received
or receivable in respect of such assets and of certain other assets situated in the United Kingdom, the territorial sea thereof or a designated area, within the meaning of the Continental Shelf Act 1964; to amend Part II of the Oil Taxation Act 1975 in relation to sums so received or receivable; 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 45].

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wallsend for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Preston for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wanstead and Woodford for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Salford East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bury South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wolverhampton South West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Knowsley South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Crosby for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North Warwickshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Thursday 27th October 1983

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

[Adjourned at 12.20 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 26th October 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Appropriation Accounts.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for—

(1) Class I; with the Operating Accounts of H.M. Dockyards and the Production Accounts of the Hydrographic Department,
(2) Class III, and
(3) Classes IV and V
for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon and upon certain Store Accounts [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 88-1, III and IV].

National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—
(1) 10th August 1983,
(2) 31st August 1983,
(3) 30th September 1983, and
(4) 30th September 1983
on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Police,—Copies of Papers, entitled—
(1) An Independent Prosecution Service for England and Wales, and
(2) Police Complaints and Discipline Procedures
[by Command] (Cmnd. 9074 and 9072).

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Food,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 17th October 1983, entitled the Milk (Special Designations) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1527),
(2) Regulations, dated 17th October 1983, entitled the Cream (Heat Treatment) (Scotland) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1515),
(3) Regulations, dated 21st October 1983, entitled the Importation of Milk (Scotland) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1545),
(4) Regulations, dated 17th October 1983, entitled the Milk and Dairies (Semiskimmed and Skimmed Milk) (Heat Treatment and Labelling) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1526), and
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Coast Protection,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th October 1983, entitled the Coast Protection (Variation of Excluded Waters) (River Wear) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1503) [by Act].

New Towns,—Copies of the Reports of—
(1) the Commission for the New Towns, and
(2) the Development Corporations of Aycliffe, Basildon, Bracknell, Central Lancashire New Town, Milton Keynes, Northampton, Peterborough, Peterlee, Redditch, Skelmersdale, Telford, Warrington and Runcorn and Washington
for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 82 and 81].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Prisons,—Copy of the Report on the Administration of the Prison Service in Northern Ireland for 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 63].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th October 1983, entitled the Manwinding without Keps (Specified Shafts in Mines) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1547) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Food,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 24th October 1983, entitled the Importation of Milk Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1563),
(2) 18th October 1983, entitled the Milk and Dairies (Heat Treatment of Cream) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1509),
(3) 18th October 1983, entitled the Milk and Dairies (Semi-skimmed and Skimmed Milk) (Heat Treatment and Labelling) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1511),

(4) 18th October 1983, entitled the Milk-based Drinks (Hygiene and Heat Treatment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1508), and

(5) 18th October 1983, entitled the Milk (Special Designation) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1510)

[by Act].

Land Drainage,—Copy of a Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the Anglian Water Authority (Appeal against Precept) Order 1983 [by Act].

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

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on Land Registration [by Act]; to be printed [No. 86].

Legal Aid,—Copy of the Legal Aid Annual Reports for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1982 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 80].

Papers withdrawn and Orders to lie upon the Table discharged:

Consumer Protection,—Draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 1983 [laid 19th July].

Town and Country Planning,—Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Regulations 1983 [laid 24th October].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Prevention of Terrorism Bill, viz.: Mr. David Ashby, Mr. Tony Baldry, Mr. Gerald Berrymingham, Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. Christopher Chope, Mr. Martin Flannery, Miss Harriet Harman, Mr. Jerry Hayes, Mr. Robert Key, Mr. Ron Leighton, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. K. Harvey Proctor, Miss Clare Short, Mr. Tim Smith, Mr. Clive Soley, Mr. Neil Thorne, and Mr. David Waddington.

First Scottish Standing Committee,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Tenants' Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Donald Dewar, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael B. Forsyth, Dr. Norman A. Godman, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Norman Hogg, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Ian Lang, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. John Maxton, and Mr. Bill Walker.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Sixth General Increase) Order 1983 and the draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Derek Conway, Mr. Tim Eggar, Mr. Roger Freeman, Mr. Ted Garrett, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Robert Litherland, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Colin Moynihan, Mr. Timothy Raison, Mr. Mark Robinson, Mr. Ernie Ross, Mr. George Walden, Mr. Bowen Wells, Mr. Alec Woodall, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Peter Archer, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Henry Bellingham, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Alex Corrile, Mr. Alfred Dubs, Sir Edward Gardner, Mr. Kenneth Hind, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Mr. Francis Maude, Mr. Patrick Nicholls, Mr. William Powell, Mr. Ernie Roberts, Mr. John Ryman, and Mr. Derek Spencer.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Horses and Ponies) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Gregor MacKenzie, Dr. Brian Mawhinney, Mr. George Park, Mrs. Angela Rumbold, Mr. Tom Sackville, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Nicholas Soames, Mr. Michael Stern, Mr. Jack Straw, Mr. John Townend, Mr. Charles Wardle, Mr. David Winnick, and Mr. David Young.
MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 26th October 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ted Leadbitter an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Telecommunications Bill; Mr. Ian Campbell Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Tenants' Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill; Mr. Stan Gower Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Sixth General Increase) Order 1983 and the draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1983; Mr. David Knox Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1983; and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Horses and Ponies) Order 1983.

Thursday 27th October 1983.

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: Lloyds Bowmaker Act 1983.

British Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 3rd November.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 3rd November.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 3rd November.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 3rd November.

Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 3rd November.

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

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee),—Mr. Roger Moate reported from the Committee on the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, that for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at half-past Ten o'clock.

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of 25th October 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 a Message be sent to the Lords informing their Lordships that the Commons have not yet nominated a Committee to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills and requesting accordingly that the meeting proposed for Wednesday 2nd November at half-past Four o'clock be postponed.
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—The Lords have agreed to the request by the Commons that the meeting of the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills proposed by the Lords for Wednesday 2nd November at half-past Four o'clock be postponed.

Opposition day [1st allotted day].—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Government Cuts in the National Health Service.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House reaffirms its active belief in the principles of the National Health Service established by the Labour Government in 1947; pledges itself to maintain and to improve the standards of health care, free for all at time of use and need, to which the people are entitled; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to reverse its stated policy of cuts in hospital and medical services—(Mr. Neil Kinnock);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word "House" to the end of the Question and add the words "reaffirms its commitment to the National Health Service and to the maintenance and improvement of standards of patient care; congratulates Her Majesty's Government on the progress made over the last four years; and endorses its efforts to ensure the best value for money spent on patient care", instead thereof.—(Mr. Secretary Fowler.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Norman Hogg: 205.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 338.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 331.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Norman Hogg: 204.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House reaffirms its commitment to the National Health Service and to the maintenance and improvement of standards of patient care; congratulates Her Majesty's Government on the progress made over the last four years; and endorses its efforts to ensure the best value for money spent on patient care.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Charles McGhee for release from the remainder of his prison sentence was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stamford and Spalding for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Doncaster Central for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Tatton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bolton West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Carshalton and Wallington for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ryedale for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ceredigion and Pembroke North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Esher for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Paisley North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wolverhampton South East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bexhill and Battle for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Mid Sussex for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Solihull for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Barrow and Furness for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Knowsley South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wimbledon for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North West Durham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bolton West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Nottingham East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Liverpool, Garston for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ellesmere Port and Neston for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of South Ribble for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Davyhulme for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of South Worcestershire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Chorley for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Uxbridge for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.57 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 27th October 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Mozambique.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 27th October 1983, concerning Retrospective Terms Adjustment (RTA) for Mozambique [by Command] [Cmnd. 9076].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Miscellaneous (No. 25, 1983).—Copy of a Convention, signed at Paris on 15th July 1983, establishing the European Telecommunications Satellite Organisation “EUTELSAT” (with the Operating Agreement) [by Command] [Cmnd. 9069].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Housing (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 17th October 1983, entitled the Housing (Payments for Well Maintained Houses) (Scotland) Order 1983 [by Act].

Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Regulations 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Pensions.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 19th October 1983, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Amendment (No. 2) Scheme 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1540) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Acquisition of Land.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th September 1983, entitled the Chester-Bangor Trunk Road (Conwy Morfa—Llanfairfechan, Dwygyfylchi/Penmaenbach Sections) Compulsory Purchase Order 1983; with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Wales under section 2(2) of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Walker:


Mr. John Biffen:

Maintenance of Dependants,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th October 1983, entitled the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (Hague Convention Countries) (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1523) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th October 1983, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Anguilla) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1519) [by Act].


Pensions,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th October 1983, entitled the Naval, Military and Air Forces etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Amendment (No. 2) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1521) [by Act].

Trustees,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th October 1983, entitled the Trustee Investments (Additional Powers) (No. 2) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1525) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Meat and Livestock Commission for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

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

National Heritage,—Copy of the Account of the National Heritage Memorial Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 93].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark (nominated in respect of the Value Added Tax (Horses and Ponies) Order 1983) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Harry Greenway.

[No. 37.]

Friday 28th October 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Castle Point for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Basildon for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ealing North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newbury for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hull East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Shoreham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Sutton and Cheam for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wirral South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Warwick and Leamington for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Cardiff Central for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ravensbourne for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Edinburgh East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Croydon North East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Altrincham and Sale for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Birmingham, Yardley for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Aylesbury for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North West Hampshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North Bedfordshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Suffolk Central for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Lewes for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Redcar for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wallasey for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Surbiton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Cambridge for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bromsgrove for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Chislehurst for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Caerphilly for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stretford for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Montgomery for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Carlisle for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of St. Helens South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Aberdeen North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Epping Forest for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Cardiff South and Penarth for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Darlington for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ilford South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of St. Helens North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bexhill and Battle for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Richmond and Barnes for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Donald Thompson);
The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

British Shipbuilders (Borrowing Powers) Bill,—Ordered, That, in respect of the British Shipbuilders (Borrowing Powers) 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. Archie Hamilton.)

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Archie Hamilton);
And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday next. 

[Adjourned at 2.54 p.m]

APPENDIX

Friday 28th October 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Appropriation Accounts,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for—
   (1) Class II, and
   (2) Class IX
for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon and upon certain Store Accounts [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 88-II and VI].

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Savings Banks,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th October 1983, entitled the Trustee Savings Banks (Funds for the Banks for Savings) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1584) [by Act].

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Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of a Report from the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on additionality of receipts from European Funds [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Friday 28th October 1983

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Prevention of Terrorism Bill.

[No. 38.]

Monday 31st October 1983.

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, &c.,—Ordered, That the Sheep Variable Premium (Protection of Payments) (Amendment) Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House reaffirms its support for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation 1979 twin track decision on intermediate range nuclear forces; strongly backs the West's efforts to achieve a balanced and verifiable agreement at the Geneva negotiations; but confirms that in the absence of agreement on the zero option Cruise missiles must be operationally deployed in the United Kingdom at the end of 1983—(Mr. Secretary Heseltine);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'strongly backs the multilateral disarmament and arms control efforts, in particular the Geneva negotiations for reduction in both sides' strategic and intermediate range nuclear weapons; believes that, without weakening its bargaining position, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation should continue to negotiate for the remaining period scheduled for the Intermediate Nuclear Forces talks in 1983; calls on Her Majesty's Government to persuade the United States to take a new initiative, building on the position informally proposed by Ambassador Nitze to his Soviet counterpart, on the new Soviet readiness to dismantle some SS20 missiles, on the United States preparedness to give up the zero option, and on both sides' willingness to discuss nuclear capable aircraft; and urges Her Majesty's Government to negotiate immediately on the basis of the United States offer for the installation at British expense of a dual-key system for any Cruise missiles based in the United Kingdom', instead thereof.—(Mr. David Steel.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. John Cartwright: 22.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Alastair Goodlad: 360.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Alastair Goodlad: 362.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Norman Hogg: 218.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House reaffirms its support for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation 1979 twin track decision on intermediate range nuclear forces; strongly backs the West's efforts to achieve a balanced and verifiable agreement at the Geneva negotiations; but confirms that in the absence of agreement on the zero option Cruise missiles must be operationally deployed in the United Kingdom at the end of 1983.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Glasgow, Springburn for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Kingston upon Hull North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of East Kilbride for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Glasgow, Shettleston for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of East Lothian for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Glasgow, Provan for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Monklands East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Monklands West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Dundee East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Norwood for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Kingston upon Hull West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Manchester, Gorton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Heywood and Middleton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ellesmere Port and Neston for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Liverpool, Broadgreen for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Mansfield for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the residents of the constituency of Wimbledon for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Brentwood and Ongar for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Erith and Crayford for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Gravesham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Oldham Central and Royton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Glasgow, Maryhill for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Westmorland and Lonsdale for rejection of the Serpell Report's proposals for the closure of the Windermere-Oxenholme railway was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.-(Mr. Ian Lang.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.4 p.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 31st October 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:
Northern Ireland,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th October 1983, entitled the Northern Ireland (Share of United Kingdom Taxes) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1599) [by Act].

Mr. John Moore:
Appropriation Accounts,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for—
(1) Classes VI to VIII, and
(2) Class X
for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon and upon certain Store Accounts [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 88-V and 88-VII].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Education (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 18th October 1983, entitled—
(1) the Education Authority Bursaries (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1535), and
(2) the Students' Allowances (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1536)
[by Act].
Mr. Secretary King:
Industrial Training.—Copy of the Account of the Paper and Paper Products Industry Training Board for the period ended 30th November 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Census.—Copy of the Report on national migration for the Census 1981 [by Act].
Population Censuses and Surveys.—Copies of the Reviews of the Registrar General on—
(1) deaths in England and Wales 1981, and
(2) deaths by cause, sex and age in England and Wales 1982 [by Act].
Social Security.—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th October 1983, entitled—
(1) the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1588), and
(2) the Social Security (Sickness and Invalidity Benefit and Non-Contributory Invalidity Pension) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1587) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Consumer Safety.—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on consumer safety for the period 1st November 1978 to 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 89].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
British Library.—Statement of increase in the value of indemnities for total loss of objects loaned to the British Library [by Command].
Landlord and Tenant.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1983, entitled the Assured Tenancies (Approved Bodies) (No. 8) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1537) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Legal Aid and Advice.—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th October 1983, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Prospective Cost) Regulations 1983 [by Act].

Tuesday 1st November 1983.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.
Pwllheli Harbour Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Pwllheli Harbour Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
An Amendment made to the Bill.
Bill to be read the third time.

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 1st November and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report).
Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-vii].
Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-viii].

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennettreported from the Select Committee on
Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it,
and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 42-v].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Order of the House yesterday, That the Sheep
Variable Premium (Protection of Payments) (Amendment) Order 1983 be referred to a
Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That in respect of the British Shipbuilders (Borrowing
Powers) Bill, if the 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 Money Resolution come to by the House in relation to the Bill have been concluded,
this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Donald
Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Water Authorities (Appointments, etc.)
Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1318) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory
Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Control of Pollution (Exemption of Certain
Discharges from Control) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1182) be referred to a Standing
Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations
1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1135) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instru-
ments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Companies,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the
election and responsibilities of directors of companies; to require the circulation of parti-
culars of candidates to the members and the consideration of the appointment of non-
executive directors before any election of directors; to make provision in regard to the
establishment of audit committees; and to make other changes in the law relating to
companies: And that Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Robert
Edwards, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, Mr. Robert
McCrindle, Mr. Tom Normanton, Sir David Price, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Cyril Smith,
and Mr. Mark Wolfson, do prepare and bring it in.

Companies Bill,—Sir Brandon Rhys Williams accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the
election and responsibilities of directors of companies; to require the circulation of particulars of candidates to
the members and the consideration of the appointment of non-executive directors before any election of directors;
to make provision in regard to the establishment of audit committees; and to make other changes in the law relating to
companies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th December and
to be printed [Bill 46].

British Shipbuilders (Borrowing Powers) Bill,—The British Shipbuilders (Borrowing
Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

British Shipbuilders (Borrowing Powers) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation
having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to British Shipbuilders (Borrowing
Powers) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the British Shipbuilders
(Borrowing Powers) Bill ('the Act'), it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase in the sums payable out of the National Loans Fund, the Con-
solidated Fund or money provided by Parliament under the Aircraft and Ship-
building Industries Act 1977 which is attributable to provisions of the Act in-
creasing to £1,000 million the limit imposed by section 11(7) of the said Act
of 1977 and authorising the Secretary of State to provide by order for that limit
to be further increased to £1,200 million; and
(b) the payment of any sums into the National Loans Fund or the Consolidated
Fund.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the British Shipbuilders (Borrowing
Powers) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David
Hunt.)

British Shipbuilders (Borrowing Powers) Bill,—The House, according to the Order this day,
resolved itself into a Committee on the British Shipbuilders (Borrowing Powers) Bill.
(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Education (Fees and Awards) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 973), dated 6th July 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th July, be annulled—(Mr. A. J. Beith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. David Alton: 50.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. David Hunt: 175.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Liverpool, Mossley Hill for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Berkshire East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Birkenhead for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of St. Ives for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Brentford and Isleworth for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Harborough for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Staffordshire, Moorlands for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Salford East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Portsmouth South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Cardiff South and Penarth for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Pontefract and Castleford for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of
consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Grantham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Fareham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Elmet for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Portsmouth North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Elmet for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Chertsey and Walton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of South Shields for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Gateshead East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Worsley for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Liverpool, West Derby for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ashfield for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North West Leicestershire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bristol East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent 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. Robert Boscawen);

Wednesday 2nd November 1983

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.9 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Tuesday 1st November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
- Appropriation Accounts,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for—
  (1) Classes XIII and XIV, and
  (2) Class XV
for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and upon certain Store Accounts [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 88-IX and XI].
- Electricity,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
  (1) 28th July 1983,
  (2) 31st August 1983,
  (3) 21st September 1983, and
  (4) 20th October 1983
on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].
- Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 26th July 1983 on borrowing by the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
- Clean Air,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th October 1983, entitled the Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (Scotland) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1573) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
- Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th October 1983, entitled the Education (Approval of Special Schools) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1499) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
- Public Libraries and Museums,—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Wales on Public Libraries for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:
- Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 19th October 1983, entitled the Naval and Marine Pay and Allowances (Youth Training Scheme) Order 1983 [by Act].

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

- Agriculture,—Account of the Central Council for Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed together with the Appropriation Accounts [No. 88-III].
- Agricultural Research Council,—Account of the Agricultural Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed together with the Appropriation Accounts [No. 88-VII].
- British Library,—Account of the British Library for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed together with the Appropriation Accounts [No. 88-VII].
- Forestry,—Account of the Forestry Fund (Grant in Aid) for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed together with the Appropriation Accounts [No. 88-III].
- Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks),—Account of the Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks) Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed together with the Appropriation Accounts [No. 88-IV].
- Medical Research Council,—Account of the Medical Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed together with the Appropriation Accounts [No. 88-VII].
Natural Environment Research Council,—Account of the Natural Environment Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1983 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed together with the Appropriation Accounts [No. 88-VII].


Social Science Research Council,—Account of the Social Science Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1983 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed together with the Appropriation Accounts [No. 88-VII].

**APPENDIX II**

**Committee of Selection**

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Peter Archer (nominated in respect of the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1983) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Morris.

**CHAIRMEN'S PANEL**

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 127 (Chairmen's Panel), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Harry Gourlay and Mr. Michael Morris to be members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

**MEMORANDUM**

Tuesday 1st November 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Water Authorities (Appointments, etc.) Regulations 1983 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. ; the Control of Pollution (Exemption of Certain Discharges from Control) Order 1983 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. ; and the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 1983 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

Wednesday 2nd November 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

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

European Legislation,—Mr. David Knox reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 78-iii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-iii].

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Stan Crowther reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Sixth General Increase) Order 1983 and the draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 25th July.

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

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. David Knox reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 25th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 95].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Value Added Tax (Horses and Ponies) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 25th October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 96].
Televising of Parliament.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the televising of the proceedings of the House of Commons and its committees and to set up a Parliamentary television unit to install the equipment, control the televising, provide feeds and recordings to outside organisations and maintain an electronic Hansard—(Mr. Austin Mitchell);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Jonathan Aitken : 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Browne, Mr. Kenneth Carlisle : 159.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Jack Ashley, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Edward du Cann, Sir Ian Gilmour, Mr. George Foulkes, Mr. Roy Hattersley, Mr. Roy Jenkins, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, and Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Televising of Parliament Bill.—Mr. Austin Mitchell accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the televising of the proceedings of the House of Commons and its committees and to set up a Parliamentary television unit to install the equipment, control the televising, provide feeds and recordings to outside organisations and maintain an electronic Hansard; And the same was read the first time; an ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 18th November and to be printed [Bill 47].

Petroleum Royalties (Relief) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Petroleum Royalties (Relief) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Hunt, Mr John Major : 221.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Harry Cowans, Mr Ron Leighton : 117.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Town and Country Planning.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 25th July, be approved—(Mr. Neil Macfarlane);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Douglas Hogg : 178.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Norman Hogg : 110.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 25th July, be approved.

Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—Resolved, That the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 26th October, be approved.—(Mr. John Major.)

Local Government (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th July, be approved—(Mr. Michael Ancram);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Norman Hogg : 80.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th July, be approved.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Blaenau Gwent for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wrexham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wrexham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Alyn and Deeside for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Glasgow, Rutherglen for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Eccles for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Elmet for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North East Fife for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Neath for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North Norfolk for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Eastleigh for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Liverpool, Riverside for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of South Derbyshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hendon North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the residents of the constituency of Westminster North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Jarrow for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Romsey and Waterside for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Huntingdon for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Lewisham East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Westmorland and Lonsdale for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Manchester, Withington for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Daventry for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Gillingham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Saffron Walden for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Manchester, Blackley for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Pendle for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Edinburgh West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Carol Mather.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 2nd November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

British Telecommunications,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—

(1) 20th October 1983,
(2) 20th October 1983,
(3) 20th October 1983, and
(4) 20th October 1983

on borrowing by British Telecommunications [by Act].
Electricity (Scotland).—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 28th July 1983 on borrowing by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Charities.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Charities (The Hospital of Sir John Hawkins, Knight in Chatham) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Provisional Orders (Scotland).—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the representation by the Metals Society and that they have decided that the powers sought would be more properly obtained by the promotion of a Private Bill than by the promotion of a Private Bill and of a Provisional Order.

Mr. Secretary King:

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Transport.—Statement of determination of the salaries of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the British Railways Board [by Act].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee A Dr. John Cunningham and Mr. Stanley Orme (nominated in respect of the Telecommunications Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John McWilliam and Mr. Roger Stott.

Standing Committee B.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Gerald Kaufman (nominated in respect of the Housing and Building Control Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Eric S. Heffer.

Standing Committee D.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Ron Leighton (nominated in respect of the Prevention of Terrorism Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hugh McCartney.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Water Authorities (Appointments, etc.) Regulations 1983, viz.: Mr. Spencer Batiste, Mr. Vivian Bendall, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Robert C. Brown, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Michael Fallon, Mr. Terry Fields, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Ken Hargreaves, Mr. John Heddle, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. John Major, Mr. Richard Ottaway, Mr. Malcolm Thornton, and Mr. William Waldegrave.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Control of Pollution (Exemption of Certain Discharges from Control) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Stuart Bell, Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. Richard Caborn, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Frank Cook, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Terry Dicks, Mr. Den Dover, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Gregory Knight, Mr. Michael Knowles, Mr. John Major, Mr. Piers Merchant, Mr. John Powley, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. Martin Stevens, Mr. John M. Taylor, and Mr. William Waldegrave.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 1983, viz.: Mr. Tony Banks, Mr. Roland Boyes, Mr. Peter Brooke, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Alan Haselhurst, Mr. Christopher Hawkins, Mr. Andrew Hunter, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. Richard Ryder, and Mr. Patrick Thompson.
MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 2nd November 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Stan Crowther Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Water Authorities (Appointments, etc.) Regulations 1983; Mr. David Knox Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Control of Pollution (Exemption of Certain Discharges from Control) Order 1983; and Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 1983.

[No. 41.]

Thursday 3rd November 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 10th November.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 10th November.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 10th November.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 10th November.

Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 10th November.

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

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr. Roger Moate reported from the Committee on the Ginnns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at half-past Ten o'clock.

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix I).

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976 so as to abolish certain offences respecting foreign lotteries; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to regulate the use of automatically processed information relating to individuals and the provision of services in respect of such information; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Data Protection Bill [Lords].

Data Protection Bill [Lords].—The Data Protection Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 51].

Coal Industry.—Mr. Secretary Walker, supported by Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, and Mr. Giles Shaw, presented (under Standing Order No. 111 (Procedure upon Bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue) a Bill to increase the limit on the borrowing powers of the National Coal Board; and to make further provision with respect to grants and payments by the Secretary of State in connection with the coal industry: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 48].
Restrictive Trade Practices (Stock Exchange) Bill.—Mr. Secretary Tebbit, supported by Mr. Secretary Prior, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Peter Rees, and Mr. Alexander Fletcher, presented a Bill to exempt certain agreements relating to the Stock Exchange from the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 50].

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

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

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Mansfield for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Birmingham, Hodge Hill for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Scarborough for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Devizes for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Dunfermline East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bolton North East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Caerphilly for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Middlesbrough for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Lower Nithsdale for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Crosby for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Moray for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of South West Cambridgeshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Lancaster for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Littleborough and Saddleworth for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Knowsley North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Swansea East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Exeter for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wakefield for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Croydon North West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hammersmith for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Strathkelvin and Bearsden for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Birmingham, Hall Green for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Broxtowe for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Brent East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wealden for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Burnley for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Beaconsfield for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of York for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of South Suffolk for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Woking for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Leicester East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Lewisham, Deptford for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hartlepool for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Epsom and Ewell for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Sherwood for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.25 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 3rd November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Appropriation Accounts.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Classes XVII and XVIII for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon and upon certain store accounts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 88-XII].

Coal Industry.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 25th July 1983 on borrowing by the National Coal Board [by Act].

Commonwealth Development Corporation.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th July 1983 on borrowing by the Commonwealth Development Corporation [by Act].

Income Tax.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Incomes) (Netherlands) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Licences and Licensing.—Copy of an Order, dated 26th October 1983, entitled the Pedlars' Certificates (Variation of Fee) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1589) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Consumer Credit,—Copies of Regulations, dated 24th October 1983, entitled—

(1) the Consumer Credit (Agreements) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1553),
(2) the Consumer Credit (Agreements to Enter Prospective Agreements) (Exemptions) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1552),
(3) the Consumer Credit (Cancellation Notices and Copies of Documents) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1557),
(4) the Consumer Credit (Conduct of Business) (Pawn Records) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1565),
(5) the Consumer Credit (Credit-Token Agreements) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1555),
(6) the Consumer Credit (Enforcement, Default and Termination Notices) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1561),
(7) the Consumer Credit (Guarantees and Indemnities) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1556),
(8) the Consumer Credit (Linked Transactions) (Exemptions) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1560),
(9) the Consumer Credit (Loss of Pawn-Receipt) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1567),
(10) the Consumer Credit (Notice of Cancellation Rights) (Exemptions) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1558),
(11) the Consumer Credit (Pawn Receipts) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1566),
(12) the Consumer Credit (Payments Arising on Death) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1554),
(13) the Consumer Credit (Prescribed Periods for Giving Information) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1569),
(14) the Consumer Credit (Realisation of Pawn) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1568),
(15) the Consumer Credit (Rebate on Early Settlement) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1562),
(16) the Consumer Credit (Repayment of Credit on Cancellation) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1559),
(17) the Consumer Credit (Running-Account Credit Information) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1570), and
(18) the Consumer Credit (Settlement Information) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1564)

[by Act].

Consumer Credit,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Consumer Credit (Increase of Monetary Limits) Order 1983 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Giles Radice (nominated in respect of the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 1983); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Andrew F. Bennett.

[No. 42.]

Friday 4th November 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of South West Hertfordshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Cardiff West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Cardiff North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stockport for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newark for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stockton South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bury South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Harrogate for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bradford West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Birmingham, Edgbaston for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Calder Valley for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Makerfield for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Slough for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Luton South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Blackburn for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Nuneaton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Nuneaton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Blackpool South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Waveney for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Eddisbury for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Manchester, Wythenshawe for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Manchester, Wythenshawe for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Blackpool South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Normanton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Blaydon for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North Hertfordshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North West Leicestershire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newport West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Beaconsfield for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of South West Surrey for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Sutton Coldfield for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wirral West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Battersea for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn (Mr. Alastair Goodlad);
And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Oil Taxation Bill.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Oil Taxation 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. Tim Sainsbury.)

Business of the House (Oil Taxation Bill).—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the practice of the House relating to the interval between the various stages of a Bill brought in on a Ways and Means Resolution, more than one stage of the Oil Taxation Bill may be proceeded with at any sitting of the House. (Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Business of the House (European Community Asbestos Directives).—Ordered, That, at any sitting of the House, Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Motion relating to European Community Asbestos Directives (European Community Documents Nos. 10664/82 and 9369/82) with the substitution of One o'clock or three hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, for the provisions in paragraph (1)(b) of the Standing Order. (Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn (Mr. Tim Sainsbury);
And the Question having been proposed at half-past Two 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 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 4th November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Appropriation Accounts.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for—

1. Classes XI and XII, and
2. Class XVI

for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon and upon certain Store Accounts [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 88-VIII and XII].

Post Office.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th September 1983 on borrowing by the Post Office [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:


Mr. Secretary Prior:


Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th October 1983, entitled the Eggs (Marketing Standards) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1600) [by Act].

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

Development of Rural Wales,—Copy of the Accounts of the Development Board for Rural Wales for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 100].

County Courts,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th October 1983, entitled the Attachment of Debts (Expenses) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1621) [by Act].

Monday 7th November 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords] and had amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Staffordshire Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Staffordshire Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it in the last Parliament: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Matters relating to HM Customs and Excise].

Report, together with an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 101].

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

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it in the last Parliament: And
the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [Prevention and detection of evasion of National Insurance contributions and of fraud and abuse relating to Social Security benefits].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 102].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 102].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report) [Department of Industry supervision and monitoring of BL].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 103].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 103].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it in the last Parliament: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report) [Special employment measures administered by the Department of Employment and the Manpower Services Commission].

Report, together with an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 104].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 104].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it in the last Parliament: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report) [Economy Measures in the Civil, Defence and Overseas Estates].

Report, together with an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 106].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 106].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 7th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 105].

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Housing (Payments for Well Maintained Houses) (Scotland) Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Police and Criminal Evidence Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police and Criminal Evidence 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. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 339.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Frank Haynes: 188.

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. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Police and Criminal Evidence Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Police and Criminal Evidence Bill [Money];—

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of a Minister of the Crown incurred in consequence of the provisions of the said Act, including any increase attributable to those provisions in sums so payable under any other Act.—(Mr. John Major.)

Agriculture,—Resolved, That the Sheep Variable Premium (Protection of Payments) (Amendment) Order 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th July, be approved.—(Mr. John MacGregor.)

Overseas Development and Co-operation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Inter-American Development Bank (Sixth General Increase) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 8th July, be approved—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.

Overseas Development and Co-operation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Asian Development Bank (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 8th July, be approved—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.

Supreme Court,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 24th October, be approved—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.

Value Added Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Horses and Ponies) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1099), a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th July, be approved—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newcastle under Lyme for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Mole Valley for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Eltham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Plymouth, Drake for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Birmingham, Selly Oak for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wycombe for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Windsor and Maidenhead for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newcastle upon Tyne North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hornchurch for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Greenock and Port Glasgow for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Manchester, Withington for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Monmouth for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Motherwell North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Chelsea for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Southport for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Morecambe and Lunesdale for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stafford for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Western Isles for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Norwich South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Watford for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Arundel for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Eastleigh for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Christchurch for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Twickenham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Rutland and Melton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of South West Norfolk for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Old Bexley and Sidcup for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Croydon North West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Falkirk West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Nottingham East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ynys Môn for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent 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. Douglas Hogg);

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

[Adjourned at 11.13 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Monday 7th November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Ancient and Historic Monuments.—Copy of the Fortieth Interim Report of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions of England, relating to architectural monuments in north Northamptonshire [by Command] [Cmnd. 9073].


Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Census.—Copies of the Ward and Civil Parish Monitors for—
(1) Kent, and
(2) North Yorkshire
for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Social Security.—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 31st October 1983, entitled the Social Security (Credits) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1610), and
(2) 27th October 1983, entitled the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1598)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Mr. John Biffen:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute, made by the University of Oxford on 19th May 1983, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
Legal Services.—Copy of the Government Response to the Report of the Royal Commission on Legal Services [by Command] [Cmnd. 9077].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Stan Thorne (nominated in respect of the Telecommunications Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Stuart Randall.

First Scottish Standing Committee.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the First Scottish Standing Committee Mr. John Maxton (nominated in respect of the Tenants' Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jim Craigen.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Dr. John Cunningham (nominated in respect of the Water Authorities (Appointments, etc.) Regulations 1983) ; and had appointed in substitution Dr. David Clark.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Dr. John Cunningham (nominated in respect of the Control of Pollution (Exemption of Certain Discharges from Control) Order 1983) ; and had appointed in substitution Dr. David Clark.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Pwllheli Harbour Bill [Lords].—A Motion being made, That the Pwllheli Harbour Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

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

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

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

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 41-i-x].

House of Commons (Services).—Mr. John Biffen reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Computer Sub-Committee on 8th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 109-i].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 42-vi].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Severn-Trent Water Authority Bill, with Amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Private Tenants' Rights.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give the tenants of private landlords the right to buy their dwellings and the right to repair and maintenance ; to provide for full information as to the identity of their landlord ; and for other related purposes: And that Mr. Allan Roberts, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Terry Fields, and Mr. David Winnick, do prepare and bring it in.

Private Tenants' Rights Bill,—Mr. Allan Roberts accordingly presented a Bill to give the tenants of private landlords the right to buy their dwellings and the right to repair and maintenance ; to provide for full information as to the identity of their landlord ; and for other related 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].

Trade Union Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Union 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. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 362.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ron Leighton, Mr. Allen McKay : 189.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Mr. Michael Cocks);

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ron Leighton, Mr. Allen McKay: 187.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 556.

So the Question was negatived.

The Bill was accordingly committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

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

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Trade Union Bill, it is expedient to authorise payment, out of money provided by Parliament, of any increase attributable to that Act in sums so payable under section 1 of the Employment Act 1980 (payments in respect of secret ballots).—(Mr. John Major.)

European Community Asbestos Directives.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 9369/82 for a Council Directive amending for the fifth time Directive 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of dangerous substances and preparations, and of the Explanatory Memoranda of 14th April 1983 and 3rd November 1983; and of European Community Document No. 10664/82 for a Council Directive on the protection of workers from the risks due to exposure to chemical, physical and biological agents at work: asbestos, and of the Explanatory Memoranda of 14th April 1983 and 3rd November 1983; and welcomes the achievement by the Community of a large measure of harmonised control in this crucial area, and both the Government's success in reaching agreement on these directives without reduction in the standards of protection of United Kingdom workers and the Government's intention of seeking early agreement on further restrictions on the marketing and use of asbestos fibres—(Mr. John Selwyn Gummer);

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

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Manchester, Blackley for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of St. Ives for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Solihull for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bristol West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Gedling for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Torfaen for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Dagenham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Woodspring for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Oldham West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ribble Valley for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Eastwood for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wokingham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bexleyheath for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ellesmere Port and Neston for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Tyne Bridge for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Gosport for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of New Forest for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Batley and Spen for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Halton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hamilton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Maidstone for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Poole for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Chesham and Amersham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Chichester for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Spelthorne for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Romford for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Beckenham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Mid Worcestershire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Westminster North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Nottingham North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Blyth Valley for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Fylde for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Glasgow, Pollok for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Cunninghame South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Banbury for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bromsgrove for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newcastle upon Tyne East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Kirkcaldy for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Lewisham West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Salisbury for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Rugby and Kenilworth for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Holborn and St. Pancras for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Rugby and Kenilworth for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Honiton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent 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. Alastair Goodlad); and the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Tuesday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes past One o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.29 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 8th November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Transport.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 20th October 1983 on borrowing by the British Railways Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Broadcasting.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Welsh Fourth Channel Authority for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:


Mr Secretary King:
Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th November 1983, entitled the Asbestos (Licensing) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1649) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Development Commission,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Development Commissioners on the work of the Development Commission and its main agency, the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas, for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 87].


Mr. Secretary Edwards:


Mr. Secretary Prior:


Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of an Order, dated 6th November 1983, entitled the Aviation Security Fund (Date of Completion of Winding Up) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1644) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Draft of a Scheme, entitled the Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) (Extension of Duration) Scheme 1983 [by Act].

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

Companies,—Copy of Rules, dated 28th October 1983, entitled the Companies (Winding-Up) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1645) [by Act].

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copies of Regulations, dated 8th November 1983, entitled—

(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1652),

(2) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983,

(3) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Prospective Cost) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, and

(4) the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 [by Act].

Northern Ireland,—Copies of Regulations, dated 8th November 1983, entitled—

(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 (S.R. (N.I.), 1983, No. 360),

(2) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 (S.R. (N.I.), 1983, No. 359),

(3) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Prospective Cost) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 (S.R. (N.I.), 1983, No. 361), and

(4) the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 (S.R. (N.I.), 1983, No. 358) [by Statutory Instrument].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 8th November 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill to Standing Committee E; the Trade Union Bill to Standing Committee F; the Housing (Payments for Well Maintained Houses) (Scotland) Order 1983 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

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

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

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

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

Report to lie upon the Table.

European Legislation.—Mr. Robert Hicks reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-iv].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 9th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 113-ii].

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Stan Crowther reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Water Authorities (Appointments etc.) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1518) referred to a Committee on 1st November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 111].

Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 2nd December and to be printed [Bill 54].

Representation of the People (Elector on Holiday) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 11th November, the Representation of the People (Elector on Holiday) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 16th December.

Private Tenants' Rights Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 11th November, the Private Tenants' Rights Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 13th April.

Green Belt (Preservation from Development) Bill.—Mr. Christopher Murphy presented a Bill to amend section 10(1) of the Green Belt (London and Home Counties) Act 1938; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 11th November and to be printed [Bill 49].

Occupational Pension Schemes.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require trustees of occupational pension schemes to treat deferred pension rights on an equal basis with pensions in payment whenever increases are made: And that Mr. Roger Freeman, Mr. Reg Prentice, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Richard Ryder, Mr. Neil Hamilton, Mr. Michael Stern, and Mr. Michael Howard, do prepare and bring it in.
Occupational Pension Schemes Bill.—Mr. Roger Freeman accordingly presented a Bill to require trustees of occupational pension schemes to treat deferred pension rights on an equal basis with pensions in payment whenever increases are made: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th December and to be printed [Bill 53].

Oil Taxation Bill.—The Oil Taxation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 15 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Schedule No. 3 (Tariff receipts allowance).
Amendment (No. 1) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 4 to 6 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. David Hunt reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Speaker certified that the Oil Taxation Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Houghton and Washington for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wallasey for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Rhondda for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bridgend for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Birmingham, Northfield for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Great Yarmouth for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of South West Bedfordshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Pontypridd for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Henley for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of South East Cornwall for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wellingborough for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Southampton, Test for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ashford for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Enfield, Southgate for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North East Cambridgeshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Leeds East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Middlesbrough for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Torridge and West Devon for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Woolwich for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wentworth for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Grantham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North Durham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Langbaurgh for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Leeds North West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, with-and Question put.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.17 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 9th November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 20th October 1983 on borrowing by the British Airports Authority [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Eurocontrol (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:


Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Monopolies and Mergers,—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the Civil Aviation Authority [by Command] [Cmnd. 9068].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Transport,—Draft of an Order, entitled the British Waterways Board (Limit for Borrowing) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:


Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th October 1983, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1602) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, viz.: Mr. Stuart Bell, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. Kenneth Carlisle, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Alfred Dubs, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Warren Hawksley, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Douglas Hurd, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. David Maclean, Mr. David Mellor, Mr. Patrick Nicholls, Mrs. Marion Roe, Mr. Roger Sims, and Mr. John Wheeler.
Standing Committee F.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Thirty Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Trade Union Bill, viz.: Mr. Spencer Batiste, Mr. Vivian Bendall, Mr. Tony Blair, Mr. Godon Brown, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. John Evans, Mr. David Evennett, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Roger Freeman, Mr. John Selwyn Gummer, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Neil Hamilton, Mr. Robert Harvey, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Richard Holt, Mr. Andrew Hunter, Mr. Secretary King, Mr. David Lighthown, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Michael Martin, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. Richard Ryder, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Lewis Stevens, Mr. John Townend, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Housing (Payments for Well Maintained Houses) (Scotland) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Jim Craig, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Ian Lang, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Michael Martin, Mr. Bill Walker, and Mr. James White.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Tom Arnold, Mr. Henry Bellingham, Mr. R. Bonner Pink, Mr. Chrisitopher Murphy, Mr. Richard Needham, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Chris Patten, Mr. Ernie Ross, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Clive Soley, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, and Mr. Mark Wolfson.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 9th November 1983

In pursuance of paragraphs (1) and (2) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Michael Shaw Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill; Mr. Patrick Cormack Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Housing (Payments for Well Maintained Houses) (Scotland) Order 1983; and Mr. Michael Shersby Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983; and discharged Mr. R. Bonner Pink as an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Telecommunications Bill.

Thursday 10th November 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 17th November.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 17th November.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 17th November.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 17th November.
Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 17th November.

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

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr. Roger Moate reported from the Committee on the Ginnis and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at half-past Ten o'clock.

House of Commons (Services).—Mr. John Biffen reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Computer Sub-Committee on 10th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 109-II].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. David Crouch reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 973), referred to a Committee on 1st November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 114].

Opposition day [2nd allotted day].—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Employment Opportunities for Young People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is concerned at the lack of employment opportunities for young people, including those completing the Youth Training Scheme next year; believes that continuing youth unemployment will create dangerous disillusionment; and calls on the Government to undertake an immediate public investment programme to renew Britain’s economic infrastructure, and to reverse the cuts in house improvement and repair grant, so as to provide useful employment for thousands of people—(Mr. David Penhaligon);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘fully endorses the Government’s industrial and economic policies in tackling the root causes of unemployment through the control of inflation and public expenditure, thereby creating the conditions for lasting increases in prosperity and jobs; and, in particular, congratulates the Government on the successful launching of the Youth Training Scheme’, instead thereof.—(Mr. Peter Morrison.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. John Cartwright: 72.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Donald Thompson: 184.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House fully endorses the Government’s industrial and economic policies in tackling the root causes of unemployment through the control of inflation and public expenditure, thereby creating the conditions for lasting increases in prosperity and jobs; and, in particular, congratulates the Government on the successful launching of the Youth Training Scheme.

Community Care Through Personal Social Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns Her Majesty’s Government’s disregard for, and lack of understanding of, community care; rejects current policies which seriously damage the capacity of social services departments to enable more of the elderly, disabled and chronically sick to live at home rather than in institutions; and calls for action to assist local communities to take more responsibility for those in need, help for voluntary bodies to develop alternative ways of coping with increasing social needs, and an end to curbs on local authorities’ ability to provide essential services—(Mr. Charles Kennedy);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘recognising the constraints imposed by the needs of the national economy, applauds the Government's initiative in promoting new policies for personal social services as set out in “Care in the Community” including new measures to ensure that more of the elderly, mentally ill and mentally handicapped are enabled to be cared for at or near their own homes rather than in institutions; welcomes the Government’s action in improving and extending the Joint Finance Scheme, improving co-operation between statutory services and voluntary groups and increasing financial support for the voluntary sector; and looks forward to
continuing steady improvement in the level and quality of support available to those in need in the community', instead thereof.—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question:
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. John Cartwright: 46.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. Michael Neubert: 164.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments):
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. Michael Neubert: 161.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. John Cartwright: 40.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House, recognising the constraints imposed by the needs of the national economy, applauds the Government’s initiative in promoting new policies for personal social services as set out in “Care in the Community” including new measures to ensure that more of the elderly, mentally ill and mentally handicapped are enabled to be cared for at or near their own homes rather than in institutions; welcomes the Government’s action in improving and extending the Joint Finance Scheme, improving co-operation between statutory services and voluntary groups and increasing financial support for the voluntary sector; and looks forward to a continuing steady improvement in the level and quality of support available to those in need in the community.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Streatham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wantage for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Warrington North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Berwick-upon-Tweed for parents and legal guardians to be informed of and give consent to all medication for their children under 16 years of age was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Warrington South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Liverpool, Garston for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Sunderland North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Southend East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Southport for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bishop Auckland for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Edinburgh Central for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Orpington for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Sunderland South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Staffordshire Moorlands for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North Norfolk for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Croydon North West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North Wiltshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Aberavon for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Harrogate for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Dunfermline West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Cheadle for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Elmet for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Caerphilly for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North Durham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Delyn for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of South Dorset for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Chertsey and Walton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Dundee West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wells for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Croydon North East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Rotherham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Leicester West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Dartford for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Mid Bedfordshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Lewes for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Leeds East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Glasgow, Hillhead for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Harrow West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Buckingham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stratford-on-Avon for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.53 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 10th November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Electrical.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 2nd November 1983 on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Prisons.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Eligibility for Release on Licence Order 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Licesnces and Licensing.—Copy of an Order, dated 1st November 1983, entitled the Pedlars' Certificates (Variation of Fee) (Scotland) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1626) [by Act].

Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 31st October 1983, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1620) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Weights and Measures.—Copies of Regulations, dated 8th November 1983, entitled—
(1) the Capacity Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1655),
(2) the Weights and Measures (Local and Working Standard Capacity Measures) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1654), and
(3) the Weights and Measures (Local and Working Standard Weights and Testing Equipment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1653)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Mr. Secretary Prior:
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hampstead and Highgate to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Isle of Wight for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Congleton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Reigate for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Reading East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hendon South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Harrow East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Torbay for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Skipton and Ripon for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Welwyn Hatfield for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of East Hampshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from young people resident in the constituency of Islington South and Finsbury and in many other constituencies for Cruise missiles to be refused and genuine steps to be taken to survival so that there can be a future without fear was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Brigg and Cleethorpes for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hayes and Harlington for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bradford North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Richmond (Yorks) for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wansbeck for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Cirencester and Tewkesbury for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Sevenoaks for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Lincoln for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ilford South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Northampton North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Braintree for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Blaenau Gwent for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Loughborough for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wallsend for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Leyton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Windsor and Maidenhead for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Folkestone and Hythe for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Weston super Mare for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Swansea West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hexham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Gower for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Greenwich for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Reading East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hertford and Stortford for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Barking for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bexhill and Battle for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Crawley for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hertsmere for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Election Expenses.—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a return of the expenses of each candidate at the General Election of June 1983 in the United Kingdom as transmitted to the returning officers pursuant to the Representation of the People Act 1983, and of the number of votes polled by each candidate, the descri-
tion of each candidate, the number of polling districts and stations, the number of electors, the number of postal votes and the number of rejected ballot papers.—(Mr. Secretary Brittan.)

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

Video Recordings Bill.—The Video Recordings Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill;

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 18th November.

Partnership in Youth Service Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Partnership in Youth Service Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 9th December.

Agriculture (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agriculture (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 18th November.

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th December.

Cycle Tracks Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cycle Tracks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 18th November.

Green Belt (Preservation from Development) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Green Belt (Preservation from Development) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th March.

Scottish Grand Committee.—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 71 (Scottish Grand Committee) be amended, in line 20, at the end, by adding—

(3) Whenever any bill, estimate or matter has been referred to the Scottish Grand Committee, a motion may be made by a Minister of the Crown that, in the course of its consideration thereof, the Committee may meet in Edinburgh on any specified Monday at half-past Ten o'clock, and the Question on that motion shall be put forthwith; and if, on the Question being put, not fewer than twenty Members rise in their places and signify their objection, Mr. Speaker shall declare that the noes have it:

Provided that nothing in this order shall prevent the committee from considering the same bill, estimate or matter on other days at Westminster.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That upon the next Opposition day, proceedings on the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business) shall, if not previously concluded, lapse at Seven o'clock and shall be counted as a half day as provided by that Order; and upon that day the Motion relating to Milk (Northern Ireland), in the name of the Right honourable Member for Lagan Valley, may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or such time thereafter as is necessary to enable the Motion to be moved and the Question thereupon to be decided forthwith.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones)

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

Adjourned at 2.56 p.m.
APPENDIX

Friday 11th November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Land Commission.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 11th November 1983, relating to the gift of grazing land to Leeds City Council [by Command] [Cmnd. 9086].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Trade.—Return in Part to an Address to Her Majesty of 2nd December 1982 for a Return of Statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1983, for September.

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Gas.—Copies of Orders, dated 10th November 1983, entitled—
(1) the British Gas Corporation (Transfer of Shares of Subsidiaries) (No. 2) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1667), and
(2) the Gas Act 1972 (Modifications) (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1668)
[by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Judgments Enforcement (Attachment of Debts) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 [by Act].

Monday 14th November 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords].—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with.

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 the year 1984 and for each month during 1984.—(Mr. David Hunt)

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

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 14th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 113-ii].

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Pwllheli Harbour Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Trinidad and Tobago) Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Tunisia) Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang)
Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands) Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Prospective Cost) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Education (Grants and Awards) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Grants and Awards) 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. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Ian Lang: 197.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Ron Leighton: 115.

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. 42 (Committee of Bills).

Education (Grants and Awards) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Education (Grants and Awards) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Education (Grants and Awards) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of that Act.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Dulwich for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Southend West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Devon West and Torridge for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of City of Chester for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Richmond and Barnes for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of West Dorset for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Mid Bedfordshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Islington South and Finsbury for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Burton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of York for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Birmingham, Perry Barr for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Argyll and Bute for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Warley West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North West Durham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hornsey and Wood Green for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Swansea West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Glanford and Scunthorpe for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of West Bromwich West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wimbledon for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Copeland for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Gordon for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Havant for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Kingswood for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newham North East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Brighton, Kemp-town for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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

Monday 14th November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Coal Industry.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd November 1983, entitled the Open-cast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1629) [by Act].

National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 31st October 1983 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—Copies of Regulations, dated 10th November 1983, entitled—

(1) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 3) Regulations 1983,
(2) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 4) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1665),
(3) the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Prospective Cost) Regulations 1983, and
(4) the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 [by Act].

Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 3rd November 1983, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Shorthand Writers’ Fees) 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1635) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census.—Copy of the Ward and Civil Parish Monitor for Hertfordshire for the Census 1981 [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 Essex Water Order 1983; and that they had certified as proper to be received and as a Petition of General Objection the Petition of Miss W. Few [by Act].

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 Chester-Bangor Trunk Road (Holywell By-Pass) Compulsory Purchase Order 1983 [by Act].
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Broadcasting.—Copy of the Accounts of additional payments to the Independent Broadcasting Authority by programme contractors and of sums paid into the Consolidated Funds of the United Kingdom and of Northern Ireland in the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 117].

Police.—Copy of the Account of the Police Complaints Board for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 118].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Scottish Standing Committee,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Scottish Standing Committee Mr. Donald Dewar and Mr. Norman Hogg (nominated in respect of the Tenants’ Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ron Brown and Mr. Dick Douglas.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 14th November 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Video Recordings Bill to Standing Committee C.

Tuesday 15th November 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Severn-Trent Water Authority Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Severn-Trent Water Authority Bill; and the same were agreed to.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 15th November and a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-x].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xi].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 42-vii].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Greater London Council (Money) Bill, without Amendment.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)
Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 3) Regulations 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Prospective Cost) Regulations 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Working Conditions of Government Trainees.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend enactments relating to health, safety and other working conditions of employees to the trainees on Government schemes; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Dave Nellist, Mr. Terry Fields, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Roland Boyes, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. John Evans, Miss Jo Richardson, and Mr. Dennis Canavan, do prepare and bring it in.

Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill.—Mr. Dave Nellist accordingly presented a Bill to extend enactments relating to health, safety and other working conditions of employees to the trainees on Government schemes; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 27th January and to be printed [Bill 55].

Coal Industry Bill.—The Coal Industry Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Coal Industry Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

Increase of borrowing limits

1. Any payment out of the National Loans Fund, the Consolidated Fund or money provided by Parliament resulting from increasing to £5,500 million, with power to increase by order to £6,000 million, the limit on borrowing by the National Coal Board.

Deficit grants

2. Any increase in payments out of money provided by Parliament resulting from—
   (a) providing for the period in respect of which grants may be made under section 3 of the Coal Industry Act 1980 (grants in respect of group deficits) to be the financial years of the Board ending in March 1984, 1985 and 1986; and
   (b) imposing a limit of £1,200 million, with power to increase it by order to £2,000 million, on the aggregate amount of such grants.

Grants in connection with pit closures

3. Any increase in payments out of money provided by Parliament resulting from—
   (a) extending the period in respect of which grants may be made under section 6 of the Coal Industry Act 1977 (grants in connection with pit closures) to cover the financial years of the Board ending in March 1985 and 1986; and
   (b) increasing to £400 million the limit on the aggregate amount of such grants.

Redundant workers

4. Any increase in payments out of money provided by Parliament resulting from—
   (a) extending the qualifying period for payments under a scheme under section 7 of the Coal Industry Act 1977 (payments to redundant workers) until 29th March 1986; and
   (b) increasing to £1,200 million the limit on the aggregate amount of such payments during an extended period covering the financial years of the Board ending in March 1985 and 1986.

Receipts

5. Payments into the National Loans Fund or the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)
Education (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Education (Fees and Awards) (Scotland) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1215), dated 26th July 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th August, be annulled—(Mr. Norman Hogg);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Norman Hogg : 84.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Michael Neubert : 173.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Kettering for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Morecambe and Lunesdale for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Worthing for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North East Cambridgeshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Lewisham West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Edmonton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Tatton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Rugby and Kenilworth for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Coventry North East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Monklands East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Guildford for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Carshalton and Wallington for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bury South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wrexham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Horsham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Renfrew West and Inverclyde for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newcastle-upon-Tyne North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Uxbridge for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Normanton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Edinburgh, Pentlands for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Clackmannan for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Worsley for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.32 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Tuesday 15th November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:
National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Health Service Planning Council for 1982 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
Medical Research Council,—Copy of the Report of the Medical Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd November 1983, entitled the Home Purchase Assistance (Price Limits) (No. 2) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1646) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Fisheries (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 [by Act].

Police,—Copies of Regulations, dated 7th November 1983, entitled—
(1) the Police Cadets (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 (S.R. (N.I.), 1983, No. 362), and
(2) the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.R. (N.I.), 1983, No. 363)
[by Statutory Instrument].

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

County Courts,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th November 1983, entitled the County Court Fees (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1681) [by Act].

Supreme Court,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th November 1983, entitled the Supreme Court Fees (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1680) [by Act].

MEMORANDA

Tuesday 15th November 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Education (Grants and Awards) Bill to Standing Committee G; the Coal Industry Bill to Standing Committee H; the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Trinidad and Tobago) Order 1983, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Tunisia) Order 1983 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands) Order 1983 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Prospective Cost) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Aid and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 and the Legal Aid and Assistance (Scotland) (Prospective Cost) Regulations 1983 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Forrester Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Trade Union Bill.
Wednesday 16th November 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

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

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 78-v].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-v].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 16th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 122-i].

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Patrick Cormack reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Housing (Payments for Well Maintained Houses) (Scotland) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 7th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 119].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Michael Shersby reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 7th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 120].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. David Knox reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Control of Pollution (Exemption of Certain Discharges from Control) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1182), referred to a Committee on 1st November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 121].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Prevention of Delays of Trials,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish the maximum period spent in custody pending trial; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Alfred Duhs, Mr. Robin Corbett, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. David Penhallgon, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Miss Harriet Harman, Mr. Stuart Bell, and Mr. Paddy Ashdown, do prepare and bring it in.

Prevention of Delays of Trials Bill,—Mr. Gerald Bermingham accordingly presented a Bill to establish the maximum period spent in custody pending trial; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th December and to be printed [Bill 56].

Opposition day [3rd allotted day: first part],—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

The Effect on Householders of Government Improvement Grant Cuts,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the proposals of Her Majesty's Government to cut improvement grants from 90 per cent. to 75 per cent. and severely limit their availability, so disadvantaging individual householders, worsening the effects of previous cuts in housing capital expenditure, housing subsidies and inner city and urban aid, and thereby increasing unemployment in the building and associated industries, retarding home modernisation and impeding recovery in the construction trades and the national economy—(Mr. Eric S. Heffer);
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'welcomes the priority given by the Government to the promotion of home ownership and the repair and improvement of the housing stock through repair and improvement grants and the introduction of the Tenants' Charter and the entitlement of local authority tenants to improvement grants; and believes that these measures are of real benefit both to individual householders and to the construction industry', instead thereof.—(Mr. Ian Gow.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 196.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 342.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the priority given by the Government to the promotion of home ownership and the repair and improvement of the housing stock through repair and improvement grants and the introduction of the Tenants' Charter and the entitlement of local authority tenants to improvement grants; and believes that these measures are of real benefit to individual householders and to the construction industry.


The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Harry Cowans: 212.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 323.

So the Question was negatived.

Milk (Northern Ireland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Order [11th November], That, in the opinion of this House, the Importation of Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983 (S.R. (N.I.), 1983, No. 330) ought to be revoked.—(Mr. William Ross);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. William Ross: 208.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 321.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Coventry North East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Greenwich for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Aldershot for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Sedgefield for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Brentwood and Ongar for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Coventry South West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of West Derbyshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Leicester South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Sheffield, Hallam for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Tunbridge Wells for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Carlisle for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Canterbury for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Leeds North East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of the City of Durham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bath for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Brent South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Carmarthen for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Vale of Glamorgan for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Vale of Glamorgan for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Dover for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent 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. Tim Sainsbury);

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

[Adjourned at 12.26 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 16th November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Income Tax,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order 1983 [by Act].
Taxes Management,—Copy of a Treasury Warrant appointing Basil James as a Commissioner for the special purposes of the Income Tax Acts [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
British Phosphate Commissioners,—Copy of the Report of the British Phosphate Commissioners for the year ended 30th June 1983 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Law Commission for the year ended 15th June 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 92].

Mr. Secretary King:
Social Security,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on the Strangford Lough Ferry [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Health and Safety,—Copies of Regulations, dated 10th November 1983, entitled—
(1) the Riccall Mine (No. 1 Shaft) (Winding) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1678),
(2) the Stillingfleet Mine (No. 1 Shaft) (Winding) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1676), and
(3) the Stillingfleet Mine (No. 2 Shaft) (Friction Winding) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1677)
[by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Peterhouse, Cambridge, on 1st June 1983, amending the statutes of the College [by Act].
The Chairman of Ways and Means:

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Chester-Bangor Trunk Road (Conwy Morfa-Llanfairfechan, Dwygyflych/Penmaenbach Sections) Compulsory Purchase Order 1983 [by Act].

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

Ecclesiastical Law.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th November 1983, entitled the Payments to Redundant Churches Fund Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1687) [by Measure].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Video Recordings Bill, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mrs. Margaret Beckett, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Graham Bright, Mr. Kenneth Carlisle, Mr. Michael Colvin, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, Mr. Jerry Hayes, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Robert Madden, Mr. David Mellor, Mr. Patrick Nicholls, Mr. Matthew Parris, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Gareth Wardell, and Mr. John Wheeler.

Standing Committee E.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated a further Member to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, viz.: Mr. Secretary Brittan.

Standing Committee G.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of the Education (Grants and Awards) Bill, viz.: Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Bob Dunn, Mr. Ioan Evans, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Alan Haselhurst, Mr. Christopher Hawkins, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. David Maud, Mr. Giles Radice, Mr. Michael Stern, Mr. John Straddling Thomas, Mr. Jack Thompson, Mr. Richard Tracey, and Dr. Ian Twinn.

Standing Committee H.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee H in respect of the Coal Industry Bill, viz.: Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. Alistair Burt, Mr. Michael Fallon, Mr. Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Peter Lilley, Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr. Francis Maude, Mr. Terry Pethick, Mr. Martin Reeswood, Mr. Ted Rowlands, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. Andrew Stewart, Mr. Tony Speller, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. James Wallace, Mr. John Watson, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Trinidad and Tobago) Order 1983, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Tunisia) Order 1983 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands) Order 1983, viz.: Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr. John Browne, Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Frank Cook, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Alan Howarth, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. John Maples, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Ernie Roberts, Mr. Richard Shepherd, Mr. Peter Viggers, Mr. John Whitfield, and Mr. Tim Yeo.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Prospective Cost) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 3) Regulations 1983 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Prospective Cost) Regulations 1983, viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Nicholas Baker, Mr. Gerald Bowden, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Tony Favell, Mr. Kenneth Hind, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Mr. Michael Martin, Mr. Bill Michie, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. John Morris, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. David Sumberg.
MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Video Recordings Bill; Mr. Stan Crowther Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Education (Grants and Awards) Bill; Mr. John Spence Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Coal Industry Bill; Mr. Michael Morris Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Trinidad and Tobago) Order 1983, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Tunisia) Order 1983 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands) Order 1983; and Mr. Patrick Cormack Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Prospective Cost) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 3) Regulations 1983 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Prospective Cost) Regulations 1983.

[No. 51.]

Thursday 17th November 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 24th November.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 24th November.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 24th November.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 24th November.

Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 24th November.

Autumn Statement 1983.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a copy of Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer’s Autumn Statement 1983.——(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

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).—Mr. Roger Moate reported from the Committee on the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at half-past Ten o’clock.

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law of England and Wales as to the liability of persons as occupiers of premises for injury suffered by persons other than their visitors; and to amend the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977, as it applies to England and Wales, in relation to persons obtaining access to premises for recreational or educational purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Occupiers’ Liability Bill [Lords].
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for the service of improvement notices and prohibition notices in connection with statutory provisions relating to the safety of ships and other matters; to make further provision with respect to the ascertainment of ships' tonnages for the purposes of section 503 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 and section 4 of the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Act 1971; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords].

Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords].—The Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 58].

Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 57].

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

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

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Selby for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wakefield for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Barnsley West and Penistone for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bridgend for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wyre for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bury North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Liverpool, Riverside for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 17th November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Autumn Statement.—Copy of Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Statement 1983 [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 112].
Mr. John Moore:

Supply Estimates, 1983-84.—Supplementary Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1984 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 97].

Supply Estimates, 1983-84.—Copy of a Note by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury on the Supply Estimates for the year ending 31st March 1984: Winter Supplementary Estimates and provisional outturn for the first half of the year [by Command].

Supply Estimates, 1984-85.—Estimates showing the services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 98].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 68, 1983).—Copy of the Second Supplementary List of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc. for 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9075].

Treaty Series (No. 69, 1983).—Copy of Amendments to the Plant Protection Agreement for the South-East Asia and Pacific Region, signed at Rome on 27th February 1956, approved by the Council of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations by Resolution 5/75 at its Seventy-fifth Session [by Command] [Cmnd. 9088].

Treaty Series (No. 72, 1983).—Copy of an Amendment to Annex I to the Agreement for Joint Financing of North Atlantic Ocean Stations [by Command] [Cmnd. 9084].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security.—Copy of the Report by the Government Actuary on the draft Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Order 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9092].

Social Security.—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 14th November 1983, entitled the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1689), and
(2) 15th November 1983, entitled the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 7) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1691)
[by Act].

Social Security.—Drafts of—
(1) an Order, entitled the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Order 1983,
(2) an Order, entitled the Social Security (Treasury Supplement to Contributions) Order 1983, and
(3) Regulations, entitled the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 1983
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

[by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Supply Estimates, 1984-85.—Estimate for the National Audit Office (Class XIII-B) for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 110].

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Bodies of—
(1) Jesus College, Oxford, on 8th June 1983, and
(2) Wadham College, Oxford, on 16th June 1983, amending the Statutes of the Colleges [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Supply Estimates, 1984-85.—Estimate for the House of Commons Administration (Class XIII-A) for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 99].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee C Mr. Chris Smith (nominated in respect of the Video Recordings Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peter Pike.
Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, that it had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Jim Craigen (nominated in respect of the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Prospective Cost) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 3) Regulations 1983 and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Prospective Cost) Regulations 1983): and had appointed in substitution Mr. Martin J. O'Neill.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 17th November 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ted Leadbitter an additional Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Prevention of Terrorism Bill.

MR SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

Thursday 17th November 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 70 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 52.]

Friday 18th November 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Rochford for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Rochford for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Teignbridge for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Thanet North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Sevenoaks and District Council of Women's Organisations for the retention and development of the radiotherapy unit at Pembury Hospital was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the users and employees of the Health Services in Brent for withdrawal of cuts in the National Health Service resulting in loss of jobs was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from people living or working or representing people in the constituency of Wycombe for the withdrawal of Cruise missiles and the abandonment of Trident was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North Tayside for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Gosport for parents or guardians to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Upminster for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Berwick upon Tweed for parents and legal guardians to be informed of and give consent to all medication for their children under 16 years of age was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Pembroke for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Rushcliffe for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Livingstone for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill;

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

Mr Alfred Morris 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 Kevin Barron, Mr Allan Rogers: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gary Waller, Mr Michael Stern: 210.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being after half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 25th November.

Caravan and Tent Sites Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Caravan and Tent Sites Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th November.

Televising of Parliament Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Televising of Parliament Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th November.

Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 11th November, That the Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 25th November.
Agriculture (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agriculture (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th November.

Cycle Tracks Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cycle Tracks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 25th November.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 21st November, the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business) may be proceeded with after Ten o’clock, though opposed, until three hours after being first entered upon; and shall be counted as a half day as provided by that Order.—(Mr. John Biffen.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 3.14 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 18th November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:


Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 25th October, entitled the Local Government Administration (Representative Body for Wales) (Variation) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1661) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:


Mr. Secretary Tebbit:


Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 8th November 1983, entitled—

(1) the Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1663), and

(2) the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1662)

[by Act].

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

Government Trading Funds,—Copy of the Accounts of the Property Services Agency Supplies Trading Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 125].

Nature Conservancy Council,—Copy of the Account of the Nature Conservancy Council for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 124].
Monday 21st November 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Standard Chartered Merchant Bank Bill; and the same were agreed to.

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

European Legislation.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 126-i].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 127-i].

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

Committee

1. The Standing Committee to which the Bill is allocated shall report the Bill to the House on or before 1st December 1983.

Report and Third Reading

2.—(1) The proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed in two allotted days and shall be brought to a conclusion at Ten o'clock on the second of those days; and for the purposes of Standing Order No. 45 (Business Committee) this Order shall be taken to allot to the proceedings on Consideration such part of those days as the Resolution of the Business Committee may determine.

(2) The Business Committee shall report to the House its Resolutions as to the proceedings on Consideration of the Bill, and as to the allocation of time between those proceedings and proceedings on Third Reading, not later than the fourth day on which the House sits after the day on which the Chairman of the Standing Committee reports the Bill to this House.

(3) The Resolutions in any Report made under Standing Order No. 45 may be varied by a further Report so made, whether or not within the time specified in sub-paragraph (2) above, and whether or not the Resolutions have been agreed to by the House.

(4) The Resolutions of the Business Committee may include alterations in the order in which proceedings on Consideration of the Bill are taken.

Procedure in Standing Committee

3.—(1) At a sitting of the Standing Committee at which any proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion under a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee the Chairman shall not adjourn the Committee under any Order relating to the sittings of the Committee until the proceedings have been brought to a conclusion.

(2) No Motion shall be moved in the Standing Committee relating to the sitting of the Committee except by a member of the Government, and the Chairman shall permit a brief explanatory statement from the Member who moves, and from a Member who opposes, the Motion, and shall then put the Question thereon.

4. No Motion shall be moved to alter the order in which Clauses, Schedules, new Clauses and new Schedules are to be taken in the Standing Committee but the Resolutions of the Business Sub-Committee may include alterations in that order.

Conclusions of proceedings in Committee

5. On the conclusion of the proceedings in any Committee on the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

Dilatory motions

6. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, proceedings on the Bill shall be moved in the Standing Committee or on an allotted day except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.
Extra time on allotted days

7.—(1) On the first allotted day paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings on the Bill for two hours after Ten o’clock.

(2) Any period during which proceedings on the Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o’clock under paragraph (7) of Standing Order No. 10 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) shall be in addition to the said period of two hours.

(3) If the first allotted day is one to which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10 stands over from an earlier day, a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings upon that Motion shall be added to the said period of two hours.

Private Business

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

Conclusion of proceedings

9.—(1) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee or the Business Sub-Committee and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr Speaker shall forthwith put the following Questions (but no others), that is to say—

(a) any Question already proposed from the Chair;

(b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed (including in the case of a new Clause or new Schedule which has been read a second time, the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill);

(c) the Question on any amendment or Motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of any Member, if that amendment or Motion is moved by a member of the Government;

(d) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded; and on a Motion so moved for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(2) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (1) above shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(3) If an allotted day is one on which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) would, apart from this Order, stand over to Seven o’clock—

(a) that Motion shall stand over until the conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time; and

(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion after that time shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

(4) If an allotted day is one to which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10 stands over from an earlier day, the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

Supplemental orders

10.—(1) The proceedings on any Motion moved in the House by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order (including anything which might have been the subject of a report of the Business Committee or Business Sub-Committee) shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after they have been commenced, and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

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

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

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

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

Re-committal

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

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

Interpretation

13. In this Order—

't allotted day' means any day (other than a Friday) on which the Bill is put down as first Government Order of the Day provided that a Motion for allotting time to the proceedings on the Bill to be taken on that day either has been agreed on a previous day or is set down for consideration on that day;

'the Bill' means the Telecommunications Bill;

't Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee' means a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee as agreed to by the Standing Committee;

't Resolution of the Business Committee' means a Resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by the House—(Mr. John Biffen);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Speaker put the Question necessary to dispose of them, pursuant to Standing Order No. 46 (Allocation of time to Bills).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 330.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Austin Mitchell: 200.

So the Question was agreed to.

Opposition day [3rd allotted day: second part].—The House, pursuant to the Order [18th November], proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Co-operation and Economic Development in the Commonwealth.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House condemns the failure of Her Majesty’s Government to promote political co-operation and economic development in the Commonwealth, deprecates its international policies which delay economic recovery in both the United Kingdom and other European and world economies, and calls on it to initiate a major project for international economic recovery which would benefit the United Kingdom, the countries of the Commonwealth and the world—(Mr. Stuart Holland);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Austin Mitchell: 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 332.

So the Question was negatived.

Steel.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 6374/83, Fourth Report on the application of the rules for aids to the steel industry, 6450/83, General Objectives for Steel 1985, and 6375/83, Proposal for a Council Decision relating to a contribution to the European Coal and Steel Community out of the General Budget of the Communities; and welcomes the Government’s support given in the Council of Ministers for the ECSC Steel Anti-Crisis Measures—(Mr. Norman Lamont);

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And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business):—It was agreed to.
Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 6374/83, Fourth Report on the application of the rules for aids to the steel industry, 6540/83, General Objectives for Steel 1985, and 6375/83, Proposals for a Council Decision relating to a contribution to the European Coal and Steel Community out of the General Budget of the Communities; and welcomes the Government's support given in the Council of Ministers for the ECSC Anti-Crisis Measures.

Housing (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Housing (Payments for Well Maintained Houses) (Scotland) Order 1983, dated 17th October 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th October, be approved.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury):—It was agreed to.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 27th October, be approved.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Sutton and Cheam for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Cheltenham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Corby for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of East Surrey for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Clwyd North West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Enfield North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Carshalton and Wallington for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Mid Sussex for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes to One o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.39 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 21st November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary King:

Industrial Training.—Copy of the Account of the Food, Drink and Tobacco Industry Training Board for the period ended 28th February 1983 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census,—Copies of the Ward and Civil Parish Monitors for—
(1) Cleveland, and
(2) Tyne and Wear
for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:


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

Countryside (Scotland),—Copy of the Account of the Countryside Commission for Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 128].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Income Tax,—Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order 1983 [laid 16th November].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 21st November 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 81 (Business Sub-Committees), Mr. Speaker nominated the following members of Standing Committee A to be members of the Business Sub-Committee to consider the Allocation of Time Order relating to the Telecommunications Bill, viz.: Miss Betty Boothroyd (Chairman), Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. John Butcher, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Richard Page, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, and Mr. Roger Stott.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighth Report). Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xii].

Trade Union (Amendment) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 25th November, the Trade Union (Amendment) Bill, was read and discharged. Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 16th March.

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the draft Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) (Extension of Duration) Scheme 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the draft Eligibility for Release on Licence Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the draft Consumer Credit (Increase of Monetary Limits) Order 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Electoral Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish limits on the total expenditure by political parties during the period of a general election; to establish the right of shareholders of public companies to contract out of political donations made by public companies; to make provisions for elections in political party organisations to certain senior offices concerned with administering political expenditure; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. David Winnick, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Bob Edwards, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Bill Michie, and Mr. Dennis Skinner, do prepare and bring it in.
Electoral Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—Mr. David Winnick accordingly presented a Bill to establish limits on the total expenditure by political parties during the period of a general election; to establish the right of shareholders of public companies to contract out of political donations made by public companies; to make provision for elections in political party organisations to certain senior offices concerned with administering political expenditure; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th December and to be printed [Bill 59].

Restrictive Trade Practices (Stock Exchange) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Restrictive Trade Practices (Stock Exchange) 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. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 343.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Austin Mitchell: 202.

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. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Committee to-morrow.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motion relating to New Parliamentary Building may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

New Parliamentary Building.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) in its Third Report in the last Session of Parliament, House of Commons Paper No. 269; New Parliamentary Building (Phase I)—(Mr. John Biffen);

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House agrees with the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), in its Third Report in the last Session of Parliament, House of Commons Paper No. 269: New Parliamentary Building (Phase I).

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Oxford West and Abingdon for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Epping Forest for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Edinburgh South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Mid Kent for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Edinburgh, Leith for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent 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. Michael Neubert):—Debate arising;

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

[Adjourned at 1.14 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Tuesday 22nd November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Currency,—Returns, dated 22nd November 1983, of the amount of bank notes which have been written from the total amount of notes issued from the Issue Department of the Bank of England on—
(1) 28th April 1983, and
(2) 21st July 1983
[by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
New Zealand (No. 1, 1983),—Copy of a Convention on social security, done at London on 1st November 1983, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of New Zealand [by Command] [Cmnd. 9091].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Law Commission on the mental element in crime [by Command] [Cmnd. 9047].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:
Injuries in War Compensation,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 8th November 1983, entitled the Injuries in War (Shore Employments) Compensation (Amendment) (No. 2) Scheme 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1713) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th November 1983, entitled the Assured Tenancies (Approved Bodies) (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1675) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Participation Agreements,—Copy of a Statement by the Secretary of State for Energy of the certification, dated 21st November 1983, of an agreement dated 21st September 1983 as an agreement to which section 1 of the Participation Agreements Act 1978 applies [by Act].

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) (Extension of Duration) Scheme 1983 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Consumer Credit (Increase of Monetary Limits) Order 1983 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Eligibility for Release on Licence Order 1983 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
Wednesday 23rd November 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

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

European Legislation.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 78-vii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-vii].

European Legislation.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-vii].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 23rd November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 127-ii].

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Michael Morris reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Trinidad and Tobago) Order 1983, the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Tunisia) Order 1983, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 14th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 134].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Patrick Cormack reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, and the Legal Advice and Assistance (Prospective Cost) (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Prospective Cost) Regulations 1983, referred to a Committee on 15th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 133].

Cycle Tracks Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Cycle Tracks Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 30th March.

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 16th December, the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 23rd March.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged from considering the draft Eligibility for Release on Licence Order 1983.

Emphysema (Compensation of Coalminers).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide compensation for mineworkers under the Industrial Injuries Acts for emphysema: And that Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr. Roy Mason, Mr. Alec Woodall, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. J. D. Conconnon, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Martin Redmond, Mr. Terry Patchett, Mr. Walter Harrison, Mr. Kevin Barron, and Mr. Alex Eadie, do prepare and bring it in.
Emphysema (Compensation of Coalminers) Bill.—Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse accordingly presented a Bill to provide compensation for mineworkers under the Industrial Injuries Acts for emphysema: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th December and to be printed [Bill 60].

Opposition day (4th allotted day).—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Pensioners' Loss of Purchasing Power.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets that this week's pension uprating is below the current rate of inflation, leading to a significant loss in purchasing power for over nine million pensioners; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to reverse its damaging and increasingly discredited economic policies which are depriving pensioners of the higher living standards they deserve.—(Mr. Michael Meacher);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'congratulates Her Majesty's Government for successive increases in retirement pensions which have increased the purchasing power of nine million pensioners since 1978-79; recognises the success of this Government's economic policies in reducing and controlling inflation; and notes that the greatest single threat to the security, savings, and living standards of pensioners would be the reversal of these policies', instead thereof.—(Mr. Secretary Fowler.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

Mr. James Hamilton 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.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. John McWilliam: 197.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 343.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on Amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 343.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 198.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House congratulates Her Majesty's Government for successive increases in retirement pensions which have increased the purchasing power of nine million pensioners since 1978-79; recognises the success of this Government's economic policies in reducing and controlling inflation; and notes that the greatest single threat to the security, savings, and living standards of pensioners would be the reversal of these policies.

Transfrontier Shipment of Hazardous Wastes.—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 4342 /83, Proposal for a Council Directive on the Supervision and Control of Transfrontier Shipment of Hazardous Wastes Within the European Community, and 8124 /83, Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Supervision and Control of Transfrontier Shipment of Hazardous Wastes Within the European Community; and supports the European Community's efforts to improve control over the transfrontier shipment of hazardous wastes.—(Mr. William Waldegrave.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North West Leicestershire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Lewisham East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Glasgow, Maryhill for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wansdyke for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent 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. Douglas Hogg);

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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 three minutes past Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 23rd November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:
Customs and Excise,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9087].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the Horserace Totalisator Board for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
National Heritage,—Copy of the Report of the National Heritage Memorial Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 [by Act].

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copies of Reports by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on—

(1) gas supply in Northern Ireland, including coal gasification, and

(2) the Proposal for a draft Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:
Opticians,—Copy of the Accounts of the General Optical Council for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) (Extension of Duration) Scheme 1983, viz.: Mr. Henry Bellingham, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Roland Bovey, Mrs. Peggy Fenner, Mr. David Harris, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Geraint Howells, Dr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Robert Jackson, Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Michael Lord, Mr. Paul Marland, Sir Peter Mills, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. Gavin Strang, and Mr. Tom Torney.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Consumer Credit (Increase of Monetary Limits) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Robert Atkins, Mr. David Atkinson, Mr. Eric Cockeram, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Eric Deanlts, Mr. Robert Edwards, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Ted Garrett, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Conal Gregory, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. Geoff Lawler, Mr. Iain Mills, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. John Ward, Mr. Mike Woodcock, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Wednesday 30th November at Seven o'clock.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 1st December.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 1st December.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 1st December.

Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 1st December.

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

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committees).—Mr. Roger Moate reported from the Committee on the Ginn and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Younger, supported by Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Mr. John Moore, presented a Bill to amend the law of Scotland as regards rating, valuation and local government finance; 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 61].

Autumn Statement.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Autumn Statement presented by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer on 17th November: welcomes the continuing prospect of low inflation and steady growth; and congratulates Her Majesty's Government on keeping the public expenditure planning total for 1984-5 unchanged at the level published in the 1983 Public Expenditure White Paper (Cmnd. 8789)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'believes that the Government's economic policy fails to plan or provide for reductions in the level of unemployment, accepts and accommodates a continuing decline in investment and stagnation in output and is based on the proven fallacy that a reduction in Government spending will, notwithstanding the hardship that such cuts cause, produce an automatic improvement in the economic prospects of this country', instead thereof. (Mr. Roy Hattersley.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 187.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 351.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 346.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 186.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That this House approves the Autumn Statement presented by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer on 17th November; welcomes the continuing prospect of low inflation and steady growth; and congratulates Her Majesty's Government on keeping the public expenditure planning total for 1984-85 unchanged at the level published in the 1983 Public Expenditure White Paper (Cmnd. 9789).

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stroud for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Makerfield for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Coventry South East, for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 24th November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:
Value Added Tax.—Copy of an Order, dated 18th November 1983, entitled the Value Added Tax (Charities, Etc.) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1717) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 70, 1983),—Copy of an Agreement on certain commercial debts, signed at Khartoum on 20th August 1983, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan [by Command] [Cmnd. 9082].

Treaty Series (No. 71, 1983),—Copy of a Second Agreement, signed at Oslo on 22nd June 1983, supplementary to the Agreement of 16th October 1979 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Norway, relating to the Exploitation of the Murchison Field Reservoir and the offtake of petroleum therefrom [by Command] [Cmnd. 9083].

Treaty Series (No. 73, 1983),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Kuwait on 11th April 1983 and 2nd May 1983 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the State of Kuwait, further amending the Schedule to the Air Services Agreement signed at Kuwait on 24th May 1960 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9079].

Treaty Series (No. 74, 1983),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Kuala Lumpur on 16th March 1983 and 11th July 1983 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Malaysia, further revising the Route Schedules annexed to the Agreement for air services between and beyond their respective territories signed at London on 24th May 1973 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9080].

Treaty Series (No. 75, 1983),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Beirut on 7th August 1983 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Lebanese Republic, concerning the deployment of the British component of the multi-national force in Lebanon for a further period [by Command] [Cmnd. 9081].

Treaty Series (No. 76, 1983),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at London on 25th March 1980, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of New Zealand, amending the Agreement for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income signed at Wellington on 13th June 1966 [by Command] [Cmnd 9085].
Mr. Secretary Younger:
Prisons,—Copy of Rules, dated 3rd November 1983, entitled the Local Review Committee (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1694) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:
Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th November 1983, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Road Transport) (No. 2) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1679) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Social Services,—Copy of the Government’s Reply to the Third Report from the Social Services Committee, Session 1981-82, on the age of retirement [by Command] [Cmnd. 9095].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Homes Insulation,—Copy of an Amendment, entitled the Homes Insulation Scheme 1983 Amendment 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Agriculture,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority for the year ended 31st July 1983 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Roland Boyes (nominated in respect of the draft Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) (Extension of Duration) Scheme 1983); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ray Ellis.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 24th November 1983

In pursuance of paragraphs (1) and (2) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr Speaker appointed Mr. James Lamond Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Trade Union Bill, in place of Mr. John Forrester; Mr. Michael Shersby Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) (Extension of Duration) Scheme 1983; and Mr. Roy Hughes Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Consumer Credit (Increase of Monetary Limits) Order 1983.

[No. 57.]
Friday 25th November 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of South Staffordshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Social Security (Age of Retirement) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Social Security (Age of Retirement) Bill;

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

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 2nd December.
Immigration Offences (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Immigration Offences (Amendment) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th April.

Road Traffic Control (Greater London) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic Control (Greater London) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 3rd February.

Criminal Law Act 1977 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law Act 1977 (Amendment) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 2nd December.

Prohibition of Female Circumcision (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prohibition of Female Circumcision (No. 2) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th December.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 18th November, That the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 2nd December.

Caravan and Tent Sites Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Caravan and Tent Sites Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 2nd December.

Televising of Parliament Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Televising of Parliament Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th December.

Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 11th November, That the Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 2nd December.

Agriculture (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agriculture (Amendment) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 2nd December.

House of Commons Members' Fund.—Resolved, That one-tenth of the sums deducted or set aside in the current year from the salaries of Members of Parliament under section 1 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1939 and one-tenth of the contribution determined by the Treasury for the current year under section 1 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1957, as amended by the House of Commons Members' Fund and Parliamentary Pensions Act 1981, be appropriated for the purposes of section 4 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1948.-(Mr. Alfred Morris.)

House of Commons Members' Fund.—Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of section 3 of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1948 and of section 2 of the House of Commons Members' Fund and Parliamentary Pensions Act 1981 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, and the annual rate of any payments made under section 1 of the said Act of 1981 shall be varied as from 1st December 1983 as follows:

(a) for paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the said Act of 1939, as 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 £2,091 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £3,868 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 £4,038 or such sum as, in their opinion, will bring his income up to £5,815 per annum, whichever is the less:

(b) for paragraph 2 of that 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 £1,047 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring her income up to £2,824 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 £2,016 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring her income up to £3,793 per annum, whichever is the less:

(c) in paragraph 2A of that 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 £1,047 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £2,824 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 £2,016 or such sum as, in the opinion of the trustees, will bring his income up to £3,793 per annum, whichever is the less:

(d) in section 2(1) of the said Act of 1981, for the words from the beginning to the end of paragraph (b) there shall be substituted the words:

'the annual rate of any payments made under section 1 shall be—

(a) £1,218 if the payments are made to a past Member ; and

(b) £609 if the payments are made to the widow or widower of a past Member'—(Mr. Alfred Morris.)

Northern Ireland Committee.—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 76 (Northern Ireland Committee) be amended, in line 8, by leaving out the word ' twenty ' and inserting the word ' twenty-five '.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

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

And the Question having been proposed after half-past Two 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 thirteen minutes past Three o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 3.13 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 25th November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Trading Accounts and Balance Sheets,—Accounts and Balance Sheets of certain Trading or Commercial Services conducted by Government Departments in the year 1982-83; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 135].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Museums and Galleries,—Statement of increase in indemnities for loss of objects loaned to the British Museum [by Command].


Water,—Statements of remuneration and allowances payable to the Chairman and members of the National Water Council and the members of the Water Space Amenity Commission [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Continental Shelf,—Copy of the Report of the Secretary of State for Energy under the Continental Shelf Act 1964 for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 115].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Transport,—Statements of—

(1) additional pension scheme for a member of the British Railways Board,

(2) determination of pensions of two former members of the British Airports Authority,

(3) determination of salary of a member of the National Bus Company, and

(4) pension arrangement for a member of the British Railways Board [by Act].
Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of the Accounts of the Aviation Security Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 136].

[No. 58.]

Monday 28th November 1983.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, that it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it in the last Parliament: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report) [Monitoring and control activities of sponsor departments of nationalised industries].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 139].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 139].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Oil Taxation Bill, without Amendment.

Essex Water Order 1983 (Petition of General Objection),—The Lords have appointed a Committee of three Lords to join with a Committee of the House of Commons as the Joint Committee to which the Petition of General Objection of Miss W. Few against the Essex Water Order 1983 may stand referred, pursuant to section 4 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945: they have ordered that such Committee have power to agree with the Committee of the House of Commons in the appointment of a Chairman.

Northern Ireland Committee,—Ordered, That matters arising from the Energy Discussion Document issued by the Department of Economic Development in July 1983, being matters relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee. (Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the Education (Approval of Special Schools) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1499) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c,—Ordered, That the British Gas Corporation (Transfer of Shares of Subsidiaries) (No. 2) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1667) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

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

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

Income Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Trinidad and Tobago) Order 1983 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 27th July—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—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. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Tunisia) Order 1983 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 27th July—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—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. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands) Order 1983 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 3rd November—(Mr. Douglas Hogg) :—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.

Legal Aid and Advice.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, dated 8th November 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th November, be approved—(Mr. Douglas Hogg) :—It was agreed to.

Legal Aid and Advice,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Legal Aid and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, dated 8th November 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th November, be approved—(Mr. Douglas Hogg) :—It was agreed to.

Legal Aid and Advice,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Legal Aid and Assistance (Prospective Cost) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th November, be approved—(Mr. Douglas Hogg) :—It was agreed to.

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2) Regulations 1983, dated 10th November 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th November, be approved—(Mr. Douglas Hogg) :—It was agreed to.

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Legal Aid and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 3) Regulations 1983, dated 10th November 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th November, be approved—(Mr. John Biffen) :—It was agreed to.

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Legal Aid and Assistance (Scotland) (Prospective Cost) Regulations 1983, dated 10th November 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th November, be approved—(Mr. John Biffen) :—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Dundee East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.25 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 28th November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Royal Patriotic Fund,—Copy of the Report of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for 1982 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Census,—Copies of the Ward and Civil Parish Monitors for—
(1) Lancashire, and
(2) South Yorkshire
for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:
British Nationality,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 18th November 1983, entitled the British Nationality (Brunei) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1699) [by Act].
Copyright.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 18th November 1983, entitled the Copyright (International Conventions) (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1708) [by Act].

European Communities.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 18th November 1983, entitled the European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1700) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 18th November 1983, entitled—

(1) the Merchant Shipping Act 1983 (Guernsey) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1701),
and

(2) the Merchant Shipping Act 1983 (Jersey) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1702) [by Act].


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

(1) the Governing Body of Churchill College, Cambridge, on 20th June 1983, amending the Statutes of the College, and

(2) the University of Oxford, on 28th June 1983, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

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

Closure.—Return to an Order [12th May, in the last Session of Parliament] for a Return relating to Closure.

MR SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

Monday 28th November 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 70 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 59.]

Tuesday 29th November 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Staffordshire Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Staffordshire Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Amendments made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Richard Alexander reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 29th November and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Ninth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xiii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xiv].
Housing and Building Control Bill.—Mr. John Wells reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Housing and Building Control Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. 

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 63].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 140].

People's Right to Fuel.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to stop disconnections of domestic fuel supply in cases of hardship and to help eliminate fuel poverty; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Ernie Ross, Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. Gavin Strong, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. David Winnick, Mr. Dave Nellist, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Tom Dalyell, Mr. Allen McKay, and Mr. Dennis Skinner, do prepare and bring it in.

People's Right to Fuel Bill.—Mr. Dennis Canavan accordingly presented a Bill to stop disconnections of domestic fuel supply in cases of hardship and to help eliminate fuel poverty; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th December and to be printed [Bill 64].

Scottish Economy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the remarkable progress made in restructuring and strengthening the Scottish economy through the emergence of innovative new firms, the attraction of high technology investment, the growth of financial and business services, the seizing of the industrial opportunities afforded by North Sea oil, and the modernisation of traditional industries, thus equipping Scottish industry to compete more effectively in home and overseas markets; and the major initiatives by the Government in improving the training system so that all unemployed may take full advantage of these new opportunities.—(Mr. Secretary Younger);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word ' House ' to the end of the Question and add the words ' notes with growing anger and alarm the Government's failure to sustain Scotland's industrial base and to protect her people from the ravages of economic depression and high unemployment; calls on Her Majesty's Government to reverse policies which have struck both at the traditional heavy industries and those based on the new technologies; and condemns the tragic waste of North Sea oil revenue largely committed to paying for ever-lengthening dole queues and the all too obvious inability of the Secretary of State for Scotland to fight within the Cabinet for recognition of Scotland's pressing economic needs ', instead thereof.(Mr. Donald Dewar.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Home Robertson : 186.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 328.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 326.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Home Robertson : 185.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the remarkable progress made in restructuring and strengthening the Scottish economy through the emergence of innovative new firms, the attraction of high technology investment, the growth of financial and business services, the seizing of the industrial opportunities afforded by North Sea oil, and the modernisation of traditional industries, thus equipping Scottish industry to compete more effectively in home and overseas markets; and the major initiatives by the Government in improving the training system so that all unemployed may take full advantage of these new opportunities.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom for a select committee to be appointed to consider matters relating to parliamentary privilege and Article 9 of the Bill of Rights was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 10.52 p.m.]
APPENDIX
Tuesday 29th November 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:
Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Council,—Copy of the Communiqué of the Anglo-Irish Summit on 7th November 1983 and related documents [by Command] [Cmd. 9094].

Mr. John Moore:
Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 22nd November 1983 on borrowing by the Northumbrian Water Authority [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:
Customs and Excise,—Copies of Orders, dated 21st November 1983, entitled—
(1) the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs for Goods Permanently Imported) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1710), and
(2) the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs for Goods Temporarily Imported) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1711)[by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
Iceland (No. 1, 1983),—Copy of a Convention on social security, signed at Reykjavik on 25th August 1983, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Iceland [by Command] [Cmd. 9098].

Treaty Series (No. 77, 1983),—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on 23rd August and 5th September 1983 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark amending the Agreement on the international carriage of goods by road signed at London on 29th June 1972 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9090].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Hospital Trust for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 123].

Provisional Orders (Scotland),—Reports by the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under section 1 (4) of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, on representations by—
(1) Barclays Bank plc, and
(2) Standard Chartered Bank plc
[by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
Social Science Research Council,—Copy of the Report of the Social Science Research Council for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Statutory Sick Pay Up-rating (No. 2) Order 1983 [by Act].

MEMORANDUM
Tuesday 29th November 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr Speaker allocated the Education (Approval of Special Schools) Regulations 1983 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the British Gas Corporation (Transfer of Shares of Subsidiaries) (No. 2) Order 1983 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instrument, &c.; and the draft Pneumoconiosis Etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
Wednesday 30th November 1983.

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.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 78-viii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-viii].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 30th November.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 144-i].

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Essex Water Order 1983 (Petition of General Objection) (Joint Committee).—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated three Members to serve on the Joint Committee on the Essex Water Order 1983 (Petition of General Objection), viz.: Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Ian Grist, and Mr. Jonathan Sayeed.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Michael Shersby reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) (Extension of Duration) Scheme 1983, referred to a Committee on 22nd November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 141].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Roy Hughes reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Consumer Credit (Increase of Monetary Limits) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 22nd November 1983.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 142].

Access to the Countryside.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to increase access to the countryside: And that Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Ken Eastham, Mr. Alfred Dubs, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Jim Callaghan, and Mr. Chris Smith, do prepare and bring it in.

Access to the Countryside Bill.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett accordingly presented a Bill to increase access to the countryside: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th December and to be printed [Bill 66].

Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of the National Health Service in Scotland, being a matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Restrictive Trade Practices (Stock Exchange) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Restrictive Trade Practices (Stock Exchange) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Exemption of certain agreements relating to The Stock Exchange).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 5, at the end, to insert the words 'for the time being'.—(Mr. Bryan Gould.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 1, line 14, at the end, to insert the words 'provided always that any such agreements under (a) and (b) above be made public'.—(Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 1, line 19, after the word 'above', to insert the words 'and shall at the same time publish any such particulars, together with any documents relating to such particulars which he has filed with the Restrictive Practices Court'.—(Mr. Bryan Gould.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Frank Haynes: 139.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Michael Neubert: 192.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 130.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

British Railways Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the British Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Judgments Enforcement (Attachment of Debts) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 11th November, be approved.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That in the course of its consideration of the matter of the National Health Service in Scotland, the Scottish Grand Committee may meet in Edinburgh on Monday 12th December at half-past Ten o'clock.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Mr. and Mrs. A. Reed for their obtaining justice was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Southend East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjourment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.54 p.m.]
Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st November 1983, entitled the Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1740) [by Act].

Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9093].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census,—Copies of the Reports on regional migration for—
(1) East Anglia (Part 1),
(2) the North (Part 1),
(3) the South West (Part 1),
(4) Wales (Part 1), and
(5) Yorkshire and Humberside (Part 1)
for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Consumer Credit,—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st November 1983, entitled the Consumer Credit (Advertisements and Quotations) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1721) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Police (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Accounts of the Police Authority for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1983, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 116].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Draft of a Scheme, entitled the Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1983 [by Act].

Agriculture,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 29th November 1983, entitled the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 3) Scheme (S.I., 1983, No. 1764) [by Act].

Agriculture,—Copies of Regulations, dated 29th November 1983, entitled—
(1) the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1763), and
(2) the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1762)
[by Act].

Covent Garden Market,—Statement of determination of remuneration and allowances for members of the Covent Garden Market Authority [by Act].

Land Drainage,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the Anglian Water Authority (Appeal by the Witham Third District Internal Drainage Board) Order 1983 [by Act].


Medicines,—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st November 1983, entitled—
(1) the Medicines (Applications for Manufacturer’s and Wholesale Dealer’s Licences) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1725),
(2) the Medicines (Applications for Product Licences and Clinical Trial and Animal Test Certificates) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1726),
(3) the Medicines (Fees) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1731),
(4) the Medicines (Labelling) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1729),
(5) the Medicines (Leaflets for Veterinary Drugs) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1727),
(6) the Medicines (Medicines Act 1968 Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1724),
(7) the Medicines (Restriction on the Administration of Veterinary Medicinal Products) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1732), and
[by Act].
National Insurance Fund,—Copy of the Account of the National Insurance Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 143].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Northern Ireland Committee,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Twenty-five Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of matters arising from the Energy Discussion Document issued by the Department of Economic Development in July 1983, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Tom Arnold, Mr. Tony Banks, Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Sir John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Roland Boyes, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Robert C. Brown, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Mr. John Farr, Mr. David Maclean, Mr. Robert Maclean, Mr. Colin Moynihan, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. Richard Needham, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Clive Soley, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, and Mr. Mark Wolfson.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Education (Approval of Special Schools) Regulations 1983, viz.: Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Gerald Bowden, Mr. Bob Dunn, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Alan Haselhurst, Mr. Christopher Hawkins, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Robert Jackson, Mr. Michael Knowles, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Fiers Merchant, Mr. Dave Nellist, and Mr. John Powley.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the British Gas Corporation (Transfer of Shares of Subsidiaries) (No. 2) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Jack Aspinwall, Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Dr. Michael Clark, Mr. Stephen Dorrell, Mr. Roger Gale, Mr. Gerald Howarth, Mr. Roger King, Mr. Stuart Randall, Mr. Ernie Roberts, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mr. Peter Rost, Mr. Ted Rowlands, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. Gavin Strong, Mr. Jack Thompson, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. James Wallace, and Mr. John Watson.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Pneumoconiosis Etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1983, viz.: Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. James Couchman, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Roy Galley, Mr. John Selwyn Gummer, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Barry Sheerman, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Andrew Stewart, Mr. Stefan Terlecki, and Mr. John Whitfield.

Income Tax,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Addresses of 28th November relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Trinidad and Tobago) Order 1983, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Tunisia) Order 1983, and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Netherlands) Order 1983 be made in the form of drafts laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 8th December.
Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 8th December.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 8th December.

Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 8th December.

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

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Telecommunications Bill.—Miss Betty Boothroyd reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Telecommunications Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 65].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 145].

Essex Water Order 1983 (Petition of General Objection).—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of 28th November as relates to the Joint Committee on the Essex Water Order 1983 (Petition of General Objection) be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them that this House has appointed three Members to serve on the said Joint Committee.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

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 to by both Houses:


London Regional Transport Bill.—Mr. Secretary Ridley, supported by Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. Secretary Jenkin, Mr. Secretary Tebbit, Mr. Secretary King, Mr. Peter Rees, and Mrs. Lynda Chalker, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to transport in and around Greater London 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 68].

Town and Country Planning Bill.—Mr. Secretary Jenkin, supported by Mr. Secretary Heseltine, Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Secretary Fowler, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Neil MacFarlane, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the application to Crown land of the enactments relating to town and country planning; and to enable persons in occupation of land by virtue of a licence in writing to appeal against certain enforcement notices issued under those enactments: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 67].

European Community Budgetary Proposals.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 6863/83, on future financing of the Community; 8822/83, on the Community structural funds; 5500/83 and 8552/83, on the supplementary measures scheme; 8385/83, the preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No. 2 for 1983; the subsequent draft supplementary and amending budget No. 2 for 1983; the letter of amendment to the draft supplementary and amending budget No. 2 for 1983; and the Report by the Court of Auditors on financial management of Community activities (Official Journal C 287)—(Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 8, at the end, to add the words ' and believes that the own resources of the European Community should not be increased.'—(Mr. Robin Cook.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 316.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 6863/83, on future financing of the Community; 8822/83, on the Community structural funds; 5500/83 and 8552/83, on the supplementary measures scheme; 8385/83, the preliminary draft supplementary and amending budget No. 2 for 1983; the subsequent draft supplementary and amending budget No. 2 for 1983; the letter of amendment to the draft supplementary and amending budget No. 2 for 1983; and the Report by the Court of Auditors on financial management of Community activities (Official Journal C 287).

European Community Common Agricultural Policy Proposals.—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 8068/83 and 8823/83, communications from the Commission to the Council on the further development of the Common Agricultural Policy; 9596/83, introducing a tax on certain oils and fats; 9797/83, relating to the continuation of New Zealand butter imports into the United Kingdom under special conditions; 9797/83, Addendum 1, Commission report on the operation of arrangements for the importation of New Zealand butter during the years 1973-1983; 9988/83, on the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables; 9989/83, on the market in cereals; 9730/83, on the granting of aid for the use of butter and milk products; 9986/83 and 9986/83 Addendum 1, on the market in oils and fats; 9233/83, on the market in milk and milk products; 9691/83, on agricultural structures policy; 9686/83, 9686/83 Corrigendum 1 and 9686/83 Addendum 1, Report on the rules for calculating monetary compensatory amounts; and 10422/83, Report on the sheepmeat regime; and urges Her Majesty's Government to negotiate arrangements which will contain the cost of the Common Agricultural Policy, constrain surplus production, bear evenly on all Member States and take into account the interests of producers, consumers and food processors.—(Mr. Michael Jopling.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Hackney North and Stoke Newington for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 1st December 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th November 1983 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Prisons.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Eligibility for Release on Licence Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Census (Scotland).—Copy of the Scottish Summary (Volume 2) for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Employment Protection.—Copy of a Report by the Secretary of State for Employment on limits on guarantee payments [by Act]; to be printed [No. 138].
Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on the Merger of the Ulster Polytechnic and the New University of Ulster [by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [31st October] from residents of Westmorland and Lonsdale for rejection of the Serpell Report's proposals for the closure of the Windermere-Oxenholme railway [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Tribunals and Inquiries,—Copy of the Report of the Council on Tribunals for the year ended 31st July 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 129].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Prisons,—Draft Eligibility for Release on Licence Order 1983 [laid 10th November].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Robin Corbett (nominated in respect of the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1983); and had appointed in substituted Mr. Alec Woodall.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 1st December 1983

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 45 (Business Committee), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Kenneth Baker, Mr. John Butcher, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Iain Mills, Mr. Richard Fuge, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, and Mr. Roger Stott, to be members of the Business Committee in respect of the Telecommunications Bill.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of matters arising from the Energy Discussion Document issued by the Department of Economic Development in July 1983; Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Education (Approval of Special Schools) Regulations 1983; and Mr. David Knox Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1983.

Friday 2nd December 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ilford South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Leeds West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Roxburgh and Berwickshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix).
Health and Social Security Bill.—Mr. Secretary Fowler, supported by Mr. Secretary Prior, 
Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Secretary Tebbit, Mr. Secretary 
King, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Dr. Rhodes Boyson, and Mr. Tony New-
ton, presented a Bill to amend the Opticians Act 1958 in relation to the supply of 
optical appliances and publicity relating to their supply; to make amendments of the 
National Health Service Act 1977 and the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 
in relation to general ophthalmic services and finance in the National Health Service; 
to make amendments of the National Health Service Act 1977 in relation to Family 
Practitioner Committees; to amend the law relating to social security, statutory sick pay 
and contracted-out occupational pension schemes; and for connected purposes: And the 
same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday 5th 
December and to be printed [Bill 69].

Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Bill.—The Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Bill 
was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Com-
mittee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Northern Ireland Act 1982 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the 
Second Reading of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 (Amendment) Bill;

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Juries (Disqualification) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of 
the Juries (Disqualification) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 9th December.

Generic Substitution (National Health Service) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for 
the Second Reading of the Generic Substitution (National Health Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 30th March.

Control of Dog Nuisance Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of 
the Control of Dog Nuisance Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th December.

Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second 
Reading of the Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 9th December.

Criminal Law Act 1977 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second 
Reading of the Criminal Law Act 1977 (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 9th December.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, 
for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 18th November, That 
the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill be now read a second 
time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 9th December.

Caravan and Tent Sites Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of 
the Caravan and Tent Sites Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 9th December.

Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming 
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 11th November, That the Trade 
Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 9th December.

Agriculture (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of 
the Agriculture (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 9th December.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o'clock, 
adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Friday 2nd December 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:
Acquisition of Land.—Copies of Regulations, dated 21st November 1983, entitled—
(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 3) Regulations 1983
(S.I., 1983, No. 1735), and
(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1736)
[by Act].

Mr. John Moore:
Electricity.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th November 1983
on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Savings Banks.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th November 1983, entitled the
National Savings Bank (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1750)
[by Act].

Mr. Ian Stewart:
Building Societies.—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th November 1983, entitled the
Building Societies (Designation for Trustee Investment) (Amendment) Regulations 1983
(S.I., 1983, No. 1766) [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:
Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, entitled the Customs and Excise (ECSC)
(Amendment No. 3) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1782) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:
Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copy of an Order, dated 16th November 1983, amend-
ing the rates of pay, allowances and pensions of the Royal Air Force [by Act].

Museums and Galleries.—Copy of an Order, dated 28th November 1983, entitled
the Armed Forces Museums (Designation of Institutions) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1780)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:
Industrial Training.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Con-
struction Board) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Education.—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th October 1983, entitled the State Awards
(State Bursaries for Adult Education) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1983
(S.I., 1983, No. 1747) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Lands Tribunal.—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd November 1983, entitled the Lands
Tribunal (Salaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 (S.R. (N.I.), 1983, No. 373) [by Act].

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

Industrial Organisation and Development.—Copy of the 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 1983, viz.:
(1) the Cutlery and Stainless Steel Flatwear Industry (Scientific Research Levy)
Account,
(2) the Hosiery 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. 146].
MEMORANDUM

Friday 2nd December 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Wells an additional Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Trade Union Bill; and Mr. Michael Shersby Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the British Gas Corporation (Transfer of Shares of Subsidiaries) (No. 2) Order 1983.

[No. 63.]

Monday 5th December 1983.

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).

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 5th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 150-i].

Education (Grants and Awards) Bill,—Mr. Stan Crowther reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Education (Grants and Awards) 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. 147].

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

Essex Water Order 1983 (Petition of General Objection),—The Lords propose that the Joint Committee on the Essex Water Order 1983 (Petition of General Objection) do meet in the Moses Room on Wednesday 14th December at Eleven o'clock.

Essex Water Order 1983 (Petition of General Objection),—Ordered, That the Lords Message this day, relating to the Joint Committee on the Essex Water Order 1983 (Petition of General Objection) be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That the Members appointed to serve on the said Committee do meet the Lords appointed to serve thereon as proposed by their Lordships.—(Mr. Ian Grist.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of the National Health Service in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill ; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

Mr. Ian Lang rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put ;

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

And the Question being accordingly put :

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Home Robertson : 198.

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. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purpose of any Act resulting from the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State under the Act, and

(b) any increase attributable to the provisions of the Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under any other Act.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1630), dated 3rd November 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 4th November, be annulled—(Mr. Alfred Morris);

And it being half-past Eleven o’clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c. (negative procedure)).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. John Home Robertson: 98.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Michael Neubert: 201.

So the Question was negatived.

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Farm Structure (Payments to Outgoers) (Extension of Duration) Scheme 1983, which was laid before this House on 8th November, be approved—(Mr. Archie Hamilton):

It was agreed to.

Consumer Credit.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Consumer Credit (Increase of Monetary Limits) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 3rd November, be approved—(Mr. Archie Hamilton):

It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Southampton, Itchen for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Truro for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Crosby for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Thurrock for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent 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. Archie Hamilton):

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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 Twelve o’clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.12 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Monday 5th December 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census,—Copies of the Ward and Civil Parish Monitors for—

(1) Merseyside, and

(2) West Midlands

for the Census 1981 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Consumer Protection,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th December 1983, entitled the Expanding Novelties (Safety) Order (S.I., 1983, No. 1791) [by Act].


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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [18th November] from users and employees of the Health Services in Brent for withdrawal of cuts in the National Health Service resulting in loss of jobs [by Standing Order] ; to be printed.

Radiological Protection,—Copy of the Account of the National Radiological Protection Board for the year ended 31st March 1983 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 149].

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Land Purchase Account of the Supreme Court of Judicature, Northern Ireland, for the year ended 31st March 1983 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 148].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 5th December 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Bill to the Second Scottish Standing Committee.

[No. 64.]

Tuesday 6th December 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Staffordshire Bill [Lords].—The Staffordshire Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House ; and had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Tenth Report).
Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xv].

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Coal Industry Bill.—Mr. John Spence reported from Standing Committee H, That it had gone through the Coal Industry 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. 152].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Staffordshire Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Companies (Political Contributions).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit political donations by companies so that such donations are paid by assenting shareholders in proportion to the size of their shareholdings and to regulate the method of payment; and for connected purposes—(Mr. Austin Mitchell);

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. 15 (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. Allen McKay, Mr. George Foulkes: 172.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Atkins, Mr. Christopher Murphy: 271.

So the Question was negatived.

Education (Grants and Awards) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Education (Grants and Awards) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Limitation on use of grants)—(Mr. Giles Radice)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam: 152.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. David Hunt: 238.

Another Clause (Funding for education support grants)—(Mr. Clement Freud)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 152.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 236.

Another Clause (Nursery schools)—(Mr. Giles Radice)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:— Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (School development)—(Mr. Andrew F. Bennett)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. John McWilliam: 109.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Michael Neubert: 199.

Another Clause (Rate Support Grants)—(Mr. Clement Freud)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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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. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 193.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr. Don Dixon: 102.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

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 the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Hunt)

Adjournment.—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—
The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That during the proceedings on the matter of the National Health Service in Wales, the Welsh Grand Committee have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet; and that, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 67 (Meetings of standing committees), the second such sitting shall not commence before Four o'clock nor continue after the Committee has considered the matter for two hours at that sitting.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Redcar for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Redcar for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of The Wrekin for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.28 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 6th December 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 62, 1983).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Brussels on 6th July 1983, between the European Economic Community and the Government of Finland on fisheries [by Command] [Cmd. 9097].

Treaty Series (No. 78, 1983).—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on 1st May 1981, amending the Agreement of 1977 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts concerning social security arrangements for staff at the Centre [by Command] [Cmd. 9098].

Treaty Series (No. 79, 1983).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Sana'a on 25th February 1982, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Yemen Arab Republic for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cmd. 9096].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Allan Rogers (nominated in respect of the British Gas Corporation (Transfer of Shares of Subsidiaries) (No. 2) Order 1983) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr Ray Ellis.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 6th December 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill to the First Scottish Standing Committee.

[No. 65.]

Wednesday 7th December 1983.

PRAYERS.

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

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table ; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix I).

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Ninth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-ix].

House of Commons (Services),—Mr. John Biffen reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Computer Sub-Committee on 7th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 109-iii].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 7th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 150-ii].

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

That the allotted days which under the Order [21st November] are given to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be allotted in the manner shown in the Table set out below and, subject to the provisions of that Order, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the third column of that Table.

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First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. David Crouch reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Education (Approval) of Special Schools Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1499), referred to a Committee on 29th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 153].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. David Knox reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1983, referred to a Committee on 28th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 154].

Powers of Criminal Courts (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the criminal courts of England and Wales to pass wholly and partly suspended youth custody orders; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. Roy Jenkins, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Robert Maclemon, Mr. David Ashby, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Simon Hughes, and Mr. David Alton, do prepare and bring it in.

Powers of Criminal Courts (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Alex Carlile accordingly presented a Bill to enable the criminal courts of England and Wales to pass wholly and partly suspended youth custody orders; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th March and to be printed [Bill 71].

Town and Country Planning Bill.—The Town and Country Planning Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

Committee to-morrow.

Fisheries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 7021/83, 8076/83 and 8076/83 Amendment 1 on the 1983 total allowable catches, quotas and the conditions under which they may be taken, 7022/83, 7955/83 on technical conservation measures, 7973/83, 8126/83 on quota allocations for Norway, 10158/83 on 1984 fish guide prices, 10568/83 amending the provisional quota arrangements in respect of North Sea herring as well as the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's unnumbered explanatory memorandum of 22nd November 1983 on fixing the total allowable catch and quotas for the eastern saithe stock for 1983 and of the agreement reached in the Council of Ministers on 3rd and 4th October on technical conservation and structural measures and Norway quotas and on 15th November on eastern saithe and the provisional herring quotas; and urges Her Majesty's Government to secure such improvements to the remaining proposals as may be necessary to meet the needs of the United Kingdom fishing industry—(Mr. Michael Jopling); An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words 'including an agreement on herring quotas acceptable to the United Kingdom fishing fleet, an agreement on 1984 total allowable catches at the earliest possible date, and an immediate lifting of the ban on sprat fishing by boats less than 40 feet in length; and further calls upon the Government to seek an increase in the Community Fisheries Inspectorate and a speedy introduction of log books, and to undertake further discussion with the industry about the minimum mesh size applicable in the North Sea, and the regulations relating to the minimum size of lobsters'—(Mr. James Wallace).

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 European Community Documents Nos. 7021/83, 8076/83, and 8076/83 Amendment 1 on 1983 total allowable catches, quotas and the conditions under which they may be taken, 7022/83, 7955/83 on technical conservation measures, 7973/83, 8126/83 on quota allocations for Norway, 10158/83 on 1984 fish guide prices, 10568/83 amending the provisional quota arrangements in respect of North Sea herring as well as the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's unnumbered explanatory memorandum of 22nd November 1983 on fixing the total allowable catch and quotas for the eastern saithe stock for 1983 and of the agreement reached in the Council of Ministers on 3rd and 4th October on technical conservation and structural measures and Norway quotas and on 15th November on eastern saithe and the provisional herring quotas; and urges Her Majesty's Government to secure such improvements to the remaining proposals as may be necessary to meet the needs of the United Kingdom fishing industry.
Noise at Work.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 10322/82 setting out proposals for a Council Directive on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to noise at work and of the Department of Employment's explanatory memorandum of 1st December 1983; and welcomes the Government's intention to seek agreement on harmonised, practicable and enforceable legislation to minimise those risks without imposing unreasonable burdens—(Mr. John Selwyn Gummer);

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And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business);—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 10322/82 setting out proposals for a Council Directive on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to noise at work and of the Department of Employment's explanatory memorandum of 1st December 1983; and welcomes the Government's intention to seek agreement on harmonised, practicable and enforceable legislation to minimise those risks without imposing unreasonable burdens.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Kincardine and Deeside for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Neath for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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 nine minutes to One o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.  

[Adjourned at 12.51 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 7th December 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Customs and Excise,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 6th December 1983, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 4) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1802),

(2) an Order, dated 6th December 1983, entitled the Customs Duties (Greece) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1803), and


[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Nuclear Industry (Finance),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Energy with the consent of the Treasury on 6th December 1983 on borrowing by British Nuclear Fuels Limited [by Act].

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


Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Injuries in War Compensation,—Injuries in War (Shore Employments) Compensation (Amendment) (No. 2) Scheme 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1713) [laid 22nd November].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Scottish Standing Committee.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Donald Dewar, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Bob McCartney, Mr. Gerald Malone, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Alexander Pollock, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, and Mr. Bill Walker.

Second Scottish Standing Committee.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Alex Eadie, Mr. Harry Ewing, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Gerald Malone, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Martin J. O'Neill, Mr. Alexander Pollock, Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland, Mr. Donald Stewart, and Mr. Bill Walker.

Second Reading Committee.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr. Gerald Bowden, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Alfred Dubs, Mr. Cecil Franks, Mr. Patrick Ground, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Michael Howard, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Mr. Humfrey Malins, Mr. Dave Nellist, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Richard Ottaway, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Chris Smith.

Second Reading Committee.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Conrad Gregory, Mr. David Harris, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. David Marshall, Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Keith Speed, Mr. Robin Squire, Mr. Jack Thompson, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. Charles Wardle, and Mr. James White.

Welsh Grand Committee.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the National Health Service in Wales.

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ian Campbell Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the National Health Service in Scotland; Mr. Roy Hughes Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the National Health Service in Wales; Mr. Harry Gourlay Chairman of the Second Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Bill; Mr. David Knox Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords]; and Mr. Michael Morris Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords].

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

PRAyERS.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 15th December.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 15th December.
Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 15th December.

Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 15th December.

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

Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill.—Ordered, That the Committee on the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill have leave to make a Special Report.

Mr. Roger Moate reported from the Committee on the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill.—Mr. Roger Moate reported from the Committee on the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, That it had examined the allegations of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended, to lie upon the Table.

Prevention of Terrorism Bill (changed to Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill).—Miss Janet Fookes reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Prevention of Terrorism Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 72].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 155].

Tenants’ Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill.—Mr. Ian Campbell reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That it had gone through the Tenants’ Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 70].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 156].

Prohibition of Female Circumcision (No. 2) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 16th December, the Prohibition of Female Circumcision (No. 2) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 16th March.

Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of Electricity in Scotland—Generation and Capacity, being a matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved. That the draft Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, be approved.—(Mr. Adam Butler.)

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 24th November, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Prior);

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. John Major: 125.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dennis Canavan, Miss Harriet Harman: 10.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No. 2) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 24th November, be approved.
Select Committees related to Government Departments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Standing Order No. 99 (Select committees related to Government departments) be amended, as follows:

Paragraph 2, in the Table, item 1, leave out '9' and insert '11'.
Paragraph 2, in the Table, item 3, leave out '9' and insert '11'.
Paragraph 2, in the Table, item 4, leave out '9' and insert '11'.
Paragraph 2, in the Table, leave out item 9.
Paragraph 2, in the Table, item 11, leave out '9' and insert '11'.
Paragraph 2, in the Table, after item 11, insert Trade and Industry/Department of Trade and Industry/11/3'.
Line 20, leave out 'Industry and Trade' and insert 'Trade and Industry'.
Line 38, at end insert ‘(d) to communicate to any other such committee its evidence and any other documents relating to matters of common interest, and (e) to meet concurrently with any other such committee for the purposes of deliberating, taking evidence, or considering draft reports.’—(Mr. John Biffen);

And it being after Ten o'clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Ordered, That Mr. David Ashby, Mr. Jack Aspinwall, Sir Antony Buck, Mr. Ray Ellis, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. James Pawsey, Mr. Bill Walker, and Mr. Ken Weetch, be members of the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—(Mr. John Cope.)

Sound Broadcasting.—Ordered, That Mr. Harry Cowans, Sir Philip Goodhart, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. Tim Rathbone, and Mr. Merlyn Rees, be members of the Select Committee on Sound Broadcasting.—(Mr. John Cope.)

Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Mr. Barry Sheerman be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr. Eric Deakins be added to the Committee.—(Mr. John Cope.)

House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That Mr. Don Dixon be discharged from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) and Mr. Norman Hogg be added to the Committee.—(Mr. John Cope.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Aberdeen South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent 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. Archie Hamilton);

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

[Adjourned at 12.3 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 8th December 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Civil Aviation.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 6th December 1983 on borrowing by the British Airports Authority [by Act].

Gas.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 6th December 1983 on borrowing by the British Gas Corporation [by Act].

Water.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 6th December 1983 on borrowing by the Southern Water Authority [by Act].
Mr. Ian Stewart:

Building Societies,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 29th November 1983, entitled the Building Societies (Authorised Investments) (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1769), and


[by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 63, 1983),—Copy of a Co-operation Agreement, signed at Brussels on 28th June 1983, between the European Community and the Kingdom of Sweden on a European research and development programme in the field of wood as a renewable raw material [by Command] [Cmnd. 9099].

Treaty Series (No. 80, 1983),—Copy of a Revised Supplementary Agreement, signed at Vienna on 4th February 1983, concerning the provision of technical assistance by the International Atomic Energy Agency to Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom on behalf of Hong Kong [by Command] [Cmnd. 9101].

Treaty Series (No. 81, 1983),—Copy of an International Convention, open for signature at New York from 18th December 1979 to 31st December 1980, against the taking of hostages [by Command] [Cmnd. 9100].

Mr. Secretary Younger:


Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.,—Report of the Registrar General for Scotland for 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Industrial Training,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Road Transport Industry Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Consumer Protection,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copy of the Report of the Central Council for Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation for the period from 1st April 1982 to 22nd March 1983 [by Act].

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

Her Majesty’s Stationery Office,—Copy of the Accounts of Her Majesty’s Stationery Office Trading Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 108].


[No. 67.]

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Clwyd South West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table; and some Papers were withdrawn (see Appendix).
Abuse of Toxic Substances Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 16th December, the Abuse of Toxic Substances Bill was read and discharged.

The Order to be read a second time upon Friday 20th January.

Sex Equality Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sex Equality Bill;

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

And it being Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 5 (Friday sittings).

Sex Equality Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Sex Equality Bill be now read a second time;

Miss Jo Richardson rose in her place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

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

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Clare Short, Miss Betty Boothroyd: 118.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Michael Howard: 198.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th December.

Road Traffic (Driving Instruction) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic (Driving Instruction) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th December.

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 March.

Occupational Pensions Schemes Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Occupational Pensions Schemes Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 13th April.

Partnership in Youth Service Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Partnership in Youth Service Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 9th March.

People's Right to Fuel Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the People's Right to Fuel Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 3rd February.

Juries (Disqualification) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Juries (Disqualification) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th December.

Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th December.

Criminal Law Act 1977 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law Act 1977 (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th December.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 18th November, That the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 16th December.
Caravan and Tent Sites Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Caravan and Tent Sites Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 11th November, That the Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 16th December.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th December.

Select Committees related to Government Departments,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That Standing Order No. 99 (Select committees related to government departments) be amended, as follows:

Paragraph 2, in the Table, item 1, leave out ' 9 ' and insert ' 11 ';
Paragraph 2, in the Table, item 3, leave out ' 9 ' and insert ' 11 ';
Paragraph 2, in the Table, item 4, leave out ' 9 ' and insert ' 11 ';
Paragraph 2, in the Table, leave out item 9;
Paragraph 2, in the Table, item 11, leave out ' 9 ' and insert ' 11 ';
Paragraph 2, in the Table, after item 11, insert Trade and Industry/Department of Trade and Industry/11/3'.
Line 20, leave out ' Industry and Trade ' and insert ' Trade and Industry ';
Line 38, at end insert—

(d) to communicate to any other such committee its evidence and any other documents relating to matters of common interest, and
(e) to meet concurrently with any other such committee for the purposes of deliberating, taking evidence or considering draft reports;

And it being after half-past Two o'clock, and objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Energy,—Ordered, That Mr. Kevin Barron, Dr. Michael Clark, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. Robert Hayward, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. Michael Morris, Mr. Peter Rost, and Mr. Tony Speller, be members of the Energy Committee.—(Sir Philip Holland, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Environment,—Ordered, That Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. David Alton, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. Reginald Eyre, Mr. Reg Freeson, Mr. Robert B. Jones, Mr. Norman McCallum, Mr. Allan Roberts, Sir Hugh Rossi, Mr. Chris Smith, and Mr. John M. Taylor, be members of the Environment Committee.—(Sir Philip Holland, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Foreign Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr. Dennis Canavan, Sir Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Mark Robinson, Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Peter Thomas, Mr. Bowen Wells, and Mr. Michael Welsh, be members of the Foreign Affairs Committee.—(Sir Philip Holland, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Home Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Miss Janet Fookes, Sir Edward Gardner, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, Mr. John Hunt, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Miss Clare Short, Mr. Ivor Stannbrook, Mr. John Wheeler, and Mr. David Winnick, be members of the Home Affairs Committee.—(Sir Philip Holland, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Industry and Trade,—Ordered, That Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Stan Crowther, Sir Peter Emery, Mr. Robert McGrindle, Mr. Michael Martin, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. Martin Stevens, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Charles Wardle, and Mr. Kenneth Warren, be members of the Industry and Trade Committee.—(Sir Philip Holland, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Dr. Norman A. Godman, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. David Lamie, Mrs. Anna McCarley, Mr. William McKelvey, Sir Hector Monro, and Mr. Bill Walker, be members of the Scottish Affairs Committee.—(Sir Philip Holland, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
Transport.—Ordered, That Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. David Gilroy Bevan, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Den Dover, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Roger King, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Matthew Parris, Mr. Stephen Ross, and Mr. Neville Trotter, be members of the Transport Committee.—(Sir Philip Holland, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Treasury and Civil Service.—Ordered, That Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr. John Browne, Mr. Nicholas Budgen, Mr. Mark Fisher, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Peter Lilley, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. John Townend, and Mr. Richard Wainwright, be members of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee.—(Sir Philip Holland, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

And the Question having been proposed after half-past Two 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 thirteen minutes past Three o'clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 3.13 p.m.

APPENDIX
Friday 9th December 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:


Customs and Excise.—Copies of Orders, dated 9th December, entitled—
(1) the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Relief for Goods Permanently Imported) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1828), and
(2) the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Relief for Goods Temporarily Imported) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1829) [by Act].

Race Relations.—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th November 1983, entitled the Race Relations (Prescribed Public Bodies) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1773) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:


Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Children and Young Persons.—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th December 1983, entitled the Secure Accommodation (No. 2) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1808) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th December 1983, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Quota and other Reliefs) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1819) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th December 1983, entitled the Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1797) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Copy of Rules, dated 1st December 1983, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 4) 1983 (S.R. (N.I.), 1983, No. 407) [by Act].

Papers withdrawn and Orders to lie upon the Table discharged:
Customs and Excise,—
(1) the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs for Goods Permanently Imported) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1710), and
(2) the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs for Goods Temporarily Imported) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1711)
[laid 29th November].
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 3) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1782) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Major.)

British Motor Industry.—Resolved, That this House acknowledges the important contribution to the economy of the motor industry; congratulates the car industry on its improved performance; acknowledges Government support; and calls on the Government in the development of its policies to give continued encouragement to the industry.—(Mr. Roger King.)

Coal Industry Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Coal Industry Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, the Coal Industry Bill and the Town and Country Planning Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Coal Industry Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Coal Industry Bill be now read the third time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

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

Town and Country Planning Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Town and Country Planning Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Requirement of planning permission for continuance of use instituted by the Crown).

Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 5, line 15, to leave out subsections (1) and (2) and insert the words—

(1) A local planning authority or, in Scotland, a planning authority in whose area Crown Land is situated may direct that subsection (2) below shall apply to such use or such building or works as is or are specified in such direction, being a use resulting from a material change made or proposed to be made by the Crown in the use of the land or being a building or works constructed or proposed to be constructed by, on behalf of or for use by the Crown.

(2) Where a direction is made under subsection (1) above in respect of any land, then if at any time—

(a) in the case of the use the land ceases to be used by the Crown for the purpose specified in a direction; or

(b) in the case of a building or works any person acquires a private interest in the land

the resumption of that use as a private use or the retention of that building or those works by a person having a private interest, as the case may be, shall for the purposes of the Act of 1971, or in Scotland the Act of 1972, be taken to involve development of the land'.—(Dr. David Clark.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 5 and 6 agreed to.

A Clause (Extension of Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972)—(Mr. John Home Robertson) brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:—

Mr. Secretary Jenkin, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as
Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Mr. Secretary Jenkin, 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 is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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

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

Prisons.—Resolved, That the draft Eligibility for Release on Licence Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 1st December, be approved.—(Mr. David Mellor.)

Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury):—It was agreed to.

House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe and Mr. Walter Harrison be discharged from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) and Mr. Andrew Faulds and Mr. Peter Shore be added to the Committee.—(Mr. John Cope.)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 14th December, the Order relating to Select Committees Related to Government Departments may be proceeded with, though opposed, for one and a half hours after it has been entered upon and, if proceedings thereon have not been disposed of by that hour, any Amendments which may have been selected by Mr. Speaker may be moved, the Questions thereon shall be put forthwith and Mr. Speaker shall then put the Main Question; and thereafter the Motions relating to Agriculture, Defence, Education, Science and Arts, Employment, Social Services and Welsh Affairs, may be proceeded with, though opposed, for one and a half hours after the first Motion has been entered upon and, if proceedings on the Motions have not been disposed of by that hour, any Amendments to the first Motion which may have been selected by Mr. Speaker may be moved, the Questions thereon shall be put forthwith, and Mr. Speaker shall then put the Question upon the said Motion and any Questions necessary to dispose of the other Motions and of any Amendments moved thereto which have been selected by him; and that, notwithstanding the practice of the House, each Motion shall be regarded as a single Motion.—(Mr. John Cope.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Sedgefield for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stevenage for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.15 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 12th December 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Electoral Expenses,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty of 11th November for a Return relating to election expenses; to be printed [No. 130].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Health Service Commissioner,—Copy of the Third Report from the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1983-84 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 131].


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Mr. Secretary Jenkin:


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

National Loans Fund—Copy of the Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 159].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 12th December 1983

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ian Campbell Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Electricity in Scotland—Generation and Capacity.

No. 69.1

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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 I).

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 41-xvi].

House of Commons (Services).—Mr. John Biffen reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Computer Sub-Committee on Tuesday 13th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 109-iv].

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the British Shipbuilders (Borrowing Powers) Bill, without Amendment.

European Human Rights Convention.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give effect to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and to Protocol No. 1 and Protocol No. 4 thereto and to give to the rights and freedoms guaranteed thereby the force of law in the United Kingdom: And that Mr. Robert Maclellan, Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Alex Carlile, Sir Edward Gardner, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Roy Jenkins, Mr. Roy Mason, Mr. Geoffrey Rippon, and Mr. Norman St. John-Stevas, do prepare and bring it in.

European Human Rights Convention Bill.—Mr. Robert Maclellan accordingly presented a Bill to give effect to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and to Protocol No. 1 and Protocol No. 4 thereto and to give to the rights and freedoms guaranteed thereby the force of law in the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th March and to be printed [Bill 73].

London Regional Transport Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Regional Transport 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. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 341.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr. John Home Robertson: 196.
So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Mr. Michael Cocks);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Home Robertson: 195.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 339.

So the Question was negatived.

The Bill was accordingly committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Estimates,—The House proceeded to consider the business set down in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 19 (Consideration of Estimates).

And it being after Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded to put forthwith the Questions which he was directed by paragraph (7) of that Standing Order to put at that hour.

Supplementary Estimates, 1983-84,—The Question being put, That a supplementary sum, not exceeding £1,172,383,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray charges for Defence and Civil Services which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1984, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 97:—It was agreed to.

Estimates, 1984-85 (Vote on Account).—The Question being put, That a sum, not exceeding £38,985,488,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for Defence and Civil Services for the year ending on 31st March 1985, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 98, 99 and 110:—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. Peter Rees, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, and Mr. Ian Stewart, do prepare and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund.—Mr. John Moore accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on 31st March 1984 and 1985: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 62].

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

London Regional Transport Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to London Regional Transport Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the London Regional Transport Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

1. The payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   
   (a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under or in consequence of the provisions of that Act; and
   
   (b) any increase attributable to the provisions of that Act in the sums so payable under any other Act;

2. The payment out of the National Loans Fund of any sums required by the Secretary of State for the purpose of making loans to the body to be known by virtue of that Act as London Regional Transport;

3. The payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required by the Treasury for fulfilling any guarantee given by them under that Act of the repayment of the payment of interest on or the discharge of any other financial obligation in connection with, any sums borrowed by that body from a person other than the Secretary of State.

—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Ways and Means.—London Regional Transport.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That any Act resulting from the London Regional Transport Bill—

1. may authorise the Secretary of State—

   (1) to make levies on the rating authorities for all rating areas comprised in Greater London for the purpose of recovering a contribution from the ratepayers of Greater London towards his estimated expenditure in any year on grants under that Act to the body to be known by virtue of that Act as London Regional Transport;

   (2) to require that body to pay to him any excess of revenues over charges (as determined by that Act) in respect of any accounting year (within the meaning of that Act) of that body, so far as that excess appears to him to be surplus to that body's requirements;
(3) to require the Greater London Council—
   (a) to pay to that body, in the year in which the appointed day (within the meaning of that Act) falls, such an amount by way of grant as the Secretary of State may determine; and
   (b) to pay interest on any amount, or any part of any amount, required to be so paid which is not paid on or before the date on which it is required to be so paid;

2. may provide for the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund.

In this resolution 'year' (except in the expression 'accounting year') means a period of twelve months beginning with 1st April—(Mr. David Hunt);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 309.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Frank Haynes: 165.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That any Act resulting from the London Regional Transport Bill—

1. may authorise the Secretary of State—
   (1) to make levies on the rating authorities for all rating areas comprised in Greater London for the purpose of recovering a contribution from the ratepayers of Greater London towards his estimated expenditure in any year on grants under that Act to the body to be known by virtue of that Act as London Regional Transport;
   (2) to require that body to pay to him any excess of revenues over charges (as determined by that Act) in respect of any accounting year (within the meaning of that Act) of that body, so far as that excess appears to him to be surplus to the body's requirements;
   (3) to require the Greater London Council—
      (a) to pay to that body, in the year in which the appointed day (within the meaning of that Act) falls, such an amount by way of grant as the Secretary of State may determine; and
      (b) to pay interest on any amount, or any part of any amount, required to be so paid which is not paid on or before the date on which it is required to be so paid;

2. may provide for the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund.

In this resolution 'year' (except in the expression 'accounting year') means a period of twelve months beginning with 1st April.

Transport Infrastructure Support.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 8922/83 setting out proposals for financial support for a multi-annual programme for transport infrastructure; and welcomes the views set out in the Secretary of State for Transport's Explanatory Memorandum of 14th October—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker);

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 8922/83 setting out proposals for financial support for a multi-annual programme for transport infrastructure; and welcomes the views set out in the Secretary of State for Transport's Explanatory Memorandum of 14th October.

Industrial Training,—Resolved, That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 2nd December, be approved.—(Mr. Peter Morrison.)

Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Ordered, That Mr. David Ashby, Mr. Tony Blair, Mr. Richard Body, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Humfrey Malins, Mr. John Morris, Mr. Barry Porter, Mr. John Ryman, and Mr. Gary Waller, be members of the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills.—(Mr. John Cope.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Kilmarnock and Loudoun for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Motherwell South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Motherwell South for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent 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. Douglas Hogg);

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

[Adjourned at 1.38 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 13th December 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 64, 1983).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 26th July 1983, establishing certain procedures for the use of the system of generalised tariff preferences following the entry into force of the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Coal and Steel Community, of the one part, and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, of the other part [by Command] [Cmnd. 9103].

Miscellaneous (No. 26, 1983).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Bonn on 13th September 1983, for co-operation in dealing with pollution of the North Sea by oil and other harmful substances [by Command] [Cmnd. 9104].

Mr. Secretary King:


Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Child Care.—Copy of a Report by the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales on children in care in England and Wales for the year ended 31st March 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Industrial Development.—Copy of a Paper, entitled Regional Industrial Development [by Command] [Cmnd. 9111].

United Nations.—Copy of the Report with related documents of the Sixth Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development held at Belgrade from 6th June to 3rd July 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9102].

Trade.—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 2nd December 1982 for a return of statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1983, for October.

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Civil Aviation.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th December 1983, entitled the Civil Aviation (Joint Financing) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1833) [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:


Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, on 5th October 1983, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].
Mr. Michael Jopling:

Medicines—Copy of an Order, dated 5th December 1983 entitled the Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1792) [by Act].

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

Public Petitions—Observations by the Home Secretary on the Petition [27th October] from Charles McGhee for release from the remainder of his prison sentence [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Legal Aid—Copy of the Report of the Law Society on the operation and finance of Part I of the Legal Aid Act 1974 for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Aid [by Act]; to be printed [No. 137].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords] Mr. Alfred Dubs and Mr. Cecil Franks; and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Morris and Mr. John Watts.

[No. 70.]

Wednesday 14th December 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill.—Ordered, That the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered upon Tuesday 20th December.

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

Essex Water Order 1983 (Petition of General Objection).—Mr. Ian Grist reported from the Joint Committee on the Essex Water Order 1983 (Petition of General Objection), That it had considered the Petition of Miss W. Few of General Objection against the Order; and had directed him to report the Order without Amendment to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before it.

Order and Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

European Legislation.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 78-x].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-x].

House of Commons (Services).—Mr. John Biffen reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), that it had made further progress in the matter referred to it and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Accommodation and Administration Sub-Committee on 8th March, in the last Session of Parliament, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [House and Parliamentary Papers].

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 162].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 14th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 127-iv].

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Harry Gourlay reported from the Second Scottish Standing Committee, That it had gone through the Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 16th March; and to be printed [Bill 76].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 163].

Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords].—Mr. David Knox reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords], That it had come to a Resolution, which it had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows: That the Committee recommends that the Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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. 164].

Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords].—Mr. Michael Morris reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords], That it had come to a Resolution, which it had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows: That the Committee recommends that the Occupiers' Liability 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. 165].

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Roy Hughes reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of the National Health Service in Wales, referred to it on 5th December, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 167].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Michael Shersby reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the British Gas Corporation (Transfer of Shares of Subsidiaries) (No. 2) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1667), referred to a Committee on 28th November.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 166].

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—The Lords propose that the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills do meet in Committee Room No. 4 on Wednesday 18th January at half-past Four o'clock.

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 14th December to be printed [No. 64-ii].

Free Newspapers (Restriction of Delivery) Bill,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett presented a Bill to enable persons who do not want them to be relieved of deliveries of free newspapers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th March and to be printed [Bill 75].

Scottish Parliament,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to set up a Scottish Parliament; and for connected purposes—(Mr. Archy Kirkwood);

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. 15 (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. A. J. Beith, Mr. Charles Kennedy: 111.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Robert Hayward: 244.

So the Question was negatived.

Telecommunications Bill (Allocation of Time).—Ordered, That the Report [7th December] from the Business Committee be now considered.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg).

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Report.

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (Business Committee), That this House doth agree with the Committee in its Resolution:—It was agreed to.
Telecommunications Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Telecommunications Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Orders and schemes)—(Mr. John Butcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Grants and loans to persons exercising certain functions)—(Mr. John Butcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Securing compliance with licence conditions)—(Mr. John Butcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Procedural requirements)—(Mr. John Butcher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Industrial action)—(Mr. Roger Stott)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. James Hamilton: 195.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 305.

Another Clause (Pensions of British Telecommunications employees)—(Mr. Mark Fisher)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 187.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 309.

Another Clause (Duties of successor companies as to staff)—(Mr. John Golding)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Dr. Roger Thomas: 192.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 305.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 29, to leave out Clause 2.—(Mr. Roger Stott.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Frank Haynes: 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 295.

Amendment (No. 2) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 36, to leave out Clause 3.—(Mr. John Golding.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Eleven o’clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [21st November] and the Resolution this day, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Allen McKay: 192.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 317.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Eleven o’clock.

Other Amendments (Nos. 4 to 9, 11 to 17, 19, and 21 to 42) made to the Bill.

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And it being Twelve o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned pursuant to the Order [21st November].

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be further considered this day.

Select Committees Related to Government Departments,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 8th December, That
Standing Order No. 99 (Select committees related to government departments) be amended, as follows:

Paragraph 2, in the Table, item 1, leave out ' 9 ' and insert ' 11 '.
Paragraph 2, in the Table, item 3, leave out ' 9 ' and insert ' 11 '.
Paragraph 2, in the Table, item 4, leave out ' 9 ' and insert ' 11 '.
Paragraph 2, in the Table, leave out item 9.
Paragraph 2, in the Table, item 11, leave out ' 9 ' and insert ' 11 '.
Paragraph 2, in the Table, after item 11, insert 'Trade and Industry/Department of Trade and Industry/11/3'.
Line 20, leave out 'Industry and Trade' and insert 'Trade and Industry'.
Line 38, at end insert—
'(d) to communicate to any other such committee its evidence and any other documents relating to matters of common interest, and
(e) to meet concurrently with any other such committee for the purposes of deliberating, taking evidence, or considering draft reports'.

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 11, at the end, to insert the words—

Paragraph 2, in the Table, item 14, leave out " 11 " and insert " 13 ".—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Dafydd Wigley: 26.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Andrew Rowe: 129.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Ordered,—That Standing Order No. 99 (Select committees related to government departments) be amended, as follows:

Paragraph 2, in the Table, item 1, leave out ' 9 ' and insert ' 11 '.
Paragraph 2, in the Table, item 3, leave out ' 9 ' and insert ' 11 '.
Paragraph 2, in the Table, item 4, leave out ' 9 ' and insert ' 11 '.
Paragraph 2, in the Table, leave out item 9.
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Line 20, leave out 'Industry and Trade' and insert 'Trade and Industry'.
Line 38, at end insert—
'(d) to communicate to any other such committee its evidence and any other documents relating to matters of common interest, and
(e) to meet concurrently with any other such committee for the purposes of deliberating, taking evidence, or considering draft reports'.

Agriculture,—Ordered, That Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. David Harris, Mr. Michael Lord, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. James Nicholson, the Reverend Ian Paisley, Mrs. Marion Roe, Mr. John Spence, and Mr. Tom Torney, be members of the Agriculture Committee. (Sir Philip Holland, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Defence,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Sir Humphrey Atkins, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Dick Douglas, Mr. Bruce George, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Keith Speed, and Mr. Neil Thorne, be members of the Defence Committee. (Sir Philip Holland, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, pursuant to the Order [12th December], in line 2, to leave out the words 'Mr. John Cartwright'.—(Mr. James Molyneaux.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. William Ross, the Reverend Martin Smyth: 106.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Charles Kennedy: 23.
So the Question was agreed to.

The Question was further amended, in line 3, by inserting, after the words 'Mr. Edward Leigh', the words 'Mr. Ken Maginnis'.—(Mr. James Molyneaux.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That Sir Humphrey Atkins, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Dick Douglas, Mr. Bruce George, Dr. John Gilbert, Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Ken Maginnis, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Keith Speed, and Mr. Neil Thorne, be members of the Defence Committee.

Education, Science and Arts.—Ordered, That Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Robert Key, Mr. Terry Lewis, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Sir William van Straubenzee, Dr. Gerard Vaughan, and Mr. George Walden, be members of the Education, Science and Arts Committee.—(Sir Philip Holland, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Employment,—Ordered, That Mr. Tony Baldry, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Ken Eastham, Mr. John Grist, Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Ron Leighton, Mr. Gerry Neale, Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock, Mr. Andrew Rowe, and Mr. Peter Thurnham, be members of the Employment Committee.—(Sir Philip Holland, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Social Services,—Ordered, That Mr. James Couchman, Mr. David Crouch, Mrs. Edwina Currie, Mr. Roy Galley, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Sir David Price, Mrs. Renee Short, the Reverend Martin Smyth, and Mr. Nicholas Winterton, be members of the Social Services Committee.—(Sir Philip Holland, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Welsh Affairs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Robert Harvey, Mr. Tom Hooson, Mr. Peter Hubbard-Miles, Mr. Gwilym Jones, Dr. John Marek, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Keith Raffan, Mr. Stefan Terlezki, Dr. Roger Thomas, Mr. Gareth Wardell, and Mr. Dafydd Wigley, be members of the Welsh Affairs Committee—(Sir Philip Holland, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, pursuant to the Order [12th December], in line 1 to leave out the words 'Mr. Robert Harvey'.—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Dafydd Wigley: 25.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Peter Hubbard-Miles: 112.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Peter Hubbard-Miles: 102.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Russell Johnston: 19.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Robert Harvey, Mr. Tom Hooson, Mr. Peter Hubbard-Miles, Mr. Gwilym Jones, Dr. John Marek, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Keith Raffan, Mr. Stefan Terlezki, Dr. Roger Thomas, Mr. Gareth Wardell, and Mr. Dafydd Wigley, be members of the Welsh Affairs Committee.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Tunbridge Wells for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.33 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 14th December 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Census (Scotland).—Copy of the Gaelic Report for Scotland for the Census 1981 [by Act].
Marriage.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st December 1983, entitled the Marriage Fees (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1796) [by Act].

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages, etc.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st December 1983, entitled the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1795) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census.—Copies of Reports on Regional Migration for—
1. the East Midlands (Part 1),
2. the North West (Part 1),
3. the South East (Part 1), and
4. the West Midlands (Part 1)
[by Act].

Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.—Copy of an Order, dated 30th November 1983, entitled the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1778) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Monopolies and Mergers.—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger of Pleasurama PLC and Trident Television PLC and on the merger situation between Grand Metropolitan PLC and Trident Television PLC [by Command] [Cmnd. 9108].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government.—Report, entitled the Rate Support Grant (England) Report 1984/85 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 151].

Urban Development.—Copy of an Order, dated 5th December 1983, entitled the Urban Development Corporations (Financial Limits) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland.—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on the Proposal for a draft Fire Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 [by Act].

Electoral Law (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 132].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Food.—Copy of Regulations, dated 6th December 1983, entitled the Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1810) [by Act].

Industrial Organisation and Development.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Apple and Pear Development Council for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

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

Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund.—Copy of Accounts showing payments into and out of the Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 157].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Thirty Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the London Regional Transport Bill, viz.: Mr. Tony Banks, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr. Gerald Bowden, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Terry Dicks, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Conal Gregory, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Humfrey Malins, Mr. John Maples, Mr. Matthew Harris, Mr. John Prescott, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Secretary Ridley, Mr. Ernie Roberts, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mrs. Angela Rumbold, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Robin Squire, Mr. Martin Stevens, Mr. Richard Tracey, Dr. Ian Twinn, and Mr. John Wilkinson.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft British Waterways Board (Limit for Borrowing) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Tony Blair, Mr. Martin Brandon-
Bravo, Mr. David Clark, Mr. Simon Coombs, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. John Heddle, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. John Major, Mr. Bill Michie, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Anthony Steen, Mr. John M. Taylor, Mr. Malcolm Thornton, Mr. Peter Thurnham, Mr. William Waldegrave, and Mr. John Watts.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Eurocontrol (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Donald Anderson, Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Richard Caborn, Mr. Michael Colvin, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Bob Edwards, Mr. Tim Eggar, Mr. Eric Forth, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Sir Anthony Meyer, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. George Walden, Mr. Bill Walker, Mr. Ray Whitney, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Statutory Sick Pay Up-rating (No. 2) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Jack Aspinwall, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Dr. Rhodes Boyson, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. James Couchman, Mrs. Edwina Currie, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. Mark Fisher, Mr. Roy Galley, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Terry Lewis, Mr. Robert McClindle, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Michael Stern, Mr. Gareth Wardell, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, and Mr. David Young.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs For Goods Permanently Imported) Order 1983 and the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs For Goods Temporarily Imported) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mrs. M. Beckett, Mr. Stuart Bell, Mr. David Gilroy Bevan, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr. Alan Howarth, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. Peter Lilley, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Dr. Brian Mawhinney, Mr. Jeff Rooker, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Peter Viggers, and Mr. Ken Weetch.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. David Amess, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. John Evans, Mr. Roger Gale, Mr. John Selwyn Gummer, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Robert Hayward, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Geoff Lawler, Mr. George Park, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Keith Raffan, and Mr. Mark Wolfson.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 3) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Robert Atkins, Mr. David Atkinson, Mr. Paul Channon, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Michael Grylls, Mr. Gregor MacKenzie, Mr. Robert Maclean, Mr. Iain Mills, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. Barry Porter, Mr. Ray Powell, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. Ernie Ross, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Jack Thomson, Mr. John Ward, and Mrs. Ann Winterton.

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the London Regional Transport Bill to Standing Committee B ; the draft British Waterways Board (Limit for Borrowing) Order 1983 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,; the draft Eurocontrol (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1983 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,; the draft Statutory Sick Pay Up-rating (No. 2) Order 1983 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,; the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs for Goods Permanently Imported) Order 1983 and the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs for Goods Temporarily Imported) Order 1983 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,; the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1983 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,; and the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 3) Order 1983 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

British Railways Bill.—The British Railways Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday 20th December.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 19th January.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 19th January.

Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 20th December.

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

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Milford Haven Conservancy Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Leasehold (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Gordon Wilson, supported by Mr. Donald Stewart, presented a Bill to make provision for, and to confer new rights upon, tenants under long leases, and certain other occupiers in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 3rd February and to be printed [Bill 77].

Telecommunications Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Telecommunications Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 51, line 14, to leave out Clauses 56 to 68. —(Mr. Mark Fisher.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. David Hunt: 312.

And it being after Six o’clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [21st November] and the Resolution yesterday, to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 44 to 55) made to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 57 and 58) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 56) proposed to the Bill, in page 74, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3A) The results of all research financed under this section shall be set out by the Secretary of State in an annual report laid before both Houses of Parliament.’—(Mr. Alfred Morris.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 129) proposed to the Bill, in page 74, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) Grants made by local authorities under subsections (1) and (2) above shall be exempted for the purposes of calculating local government overspending.’—(Mr. Paddy Ashdown.)

Questions put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. James Wallace : 177.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 310.

And it being after Seven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [21st November] and the Resolution yesterday, to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 59 to 66, 68 to 80, 82 to 104, 114 to 120, and 105 to 112) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time ;

Mr. Secretary Tebbit, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Mr. Secretary Tebbit, 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 is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 313
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon : 187.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Agriculture.—Resolved, That the draft Agricultural and Horticultural Co-operation (Variation) (No. 2) Scheme 1983, which was laid before this House on 30th November, be approved.—(Mr. John MacGregor.)

Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 3) Scheme 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1764), dated 29th November 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th November, be approved—(Mr. John MacGregor) ;

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And the Question being put ;

Resolved, That the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) (No. 3) Scheme 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1764), dated 29th November 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th November, be approved.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Reading West for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bury North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.28 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 15th December 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe :

European Communities (No. 65, 1983).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Brussels on 24th June 1983, relating to financial co-operation between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel [by Command] [Cmnd. 9105].
European Communities (No. 66, 1983).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Brussels on 26th July 1983, concerning the arrangements to be applied during 1983 in the framework of the decision adopted by the EEC-Cyprus Association Council on 24th November 1980 establishing the process into the second stage of the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus [by Command] [Cmdn. 9106].

Treaty Series (No. 82, 1983).—Copy of Third Supplementary List of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc. for 1983 [by Command] [Cmdn. 9107].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Food,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd December 1983, entitled the Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1815) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence,—Copy of a Report of the Study Group on Censorship, entitled the Protection of Military Information [by Command] [Cmd. 9112].

Defence,—Copies of Rules, dated 6th December 1983, entitled—

(1) the Imprisonment and Detention (Air Force) (Amendment) Rules 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1845), and

(2) the Imprisonment and Detention (Army) (Amendment) Rules 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1853)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Medicines,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Medicines (Cyanogenetic Substances) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the District Electoral Areas Commissioner (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:


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

National Savings Bank,—Copies of the Accounts of—

(1) investment deposits, and

(2) ordinary deposits and expenses

of the National Savings Bank for 1982; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 168 and 169].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr Archie Hamilton (nominated in respect of the draft Eurocontrol (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1983); and had appointed in substitution Mr Alastair Goodlad.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Gareth Wardell (nominated in respect of the draft Statutory Sick Pay Up-rating (No. 2) Order 1983); and had appointed in substitution Mr. William McKelvey.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee. That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. John Evans (nominated in respect of the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1983); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Barry Sheerman.
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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Forrester Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the London Regional Transport Bill; Mr. Ian Campbell Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill; Mr. David Knox Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft British Waterways Board (Limit for Borrowing) Order 1983; Mr. Michael Shersby Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Eurocontrol (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1983; Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Statutory Sick Pay Uprising (No. 2) Order 1983; the Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs for Goods Permanently Imported) Order 1983 and the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs for Goods Temporarily Imported) Order 1983; Mr. Roy Hughes Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1983; and Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 3) Order 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

Private Bills.—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That in accordance with Standing Order 81 (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:

Aylesbury Vale District Council
Bournemouth Borough Council
Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School
Derkent Valley Railway
Hereford City Council
Leicestershire
London Transport (Tower Hill)
Metals Society
Norwich City Council
Oxfordshire
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
Surrey
Swavesey Bye-ways
Warwick District Council
Worcester City Council

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

Alexandra Park and Palace
Anglian Water Authority (King's Lynn Tidal Defences)
Associated British Ports
Barclays Bank
British Railways (No. 2)
Cardiff City Council
Dartmoor Commons
Greater London Council (General Powers)
London Docklands Railway (No. 2)
London Transport
Merseyside Development Corporation
Piece Hall, Halifax
Portsea Harbour Company
Selby Bridge
Standard Chartered Bank.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Anthony John Miller on income tax and the self employed was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bournemouth East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bournemouth East for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Ordered, That the Lords Message [14th December] relating to the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

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

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

House Buyers Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the House Buyers Bill:

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

Mr. Ken Weetch 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. Bowen Wells, Mr. Tom Clarke: 100.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. John Whitfield: 14.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Bowen Wells, Mr. Tom Clarke: 96.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. John Whitfield: 76.

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. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Child Abduction Bill.—The Child Abduction Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Companies Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 30th March.

Representation of the People (Electors on Holiday) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People (Electors on Holiday) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th April.

Prevention of Delays of Trials Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Delays of Trials Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th March.

Televising of Parliament Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Televising of Parliament Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 20th January.

Access to the Countryside Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to the Countryside Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 20th January.

Anatomy Bill.—The Anatomy Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).
Road Traffic (Driving Instruction) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic (Driving Instruction) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 20th January.

Juries (Disqualification) Bill.—The Juries (Disqualification) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 18th November, That the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon 20th January.

Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 11th November, That the Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Agriculture (Amendment) Bill.—The Agriculture (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Members’ Interests.—Ordered, That Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Peter Griffiths, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Patrick Ground, Mr. Brynman John, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr. Gregor MacKenzie, Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Roy Mason, Mr. Tom Pendry, and Mr. William Shelton, be members of the Select Committee on Members’ Interests.—(Mr. John Cope.)

Members’ Interests.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence and Appendices taken before the Select Committee on Members’ Interests and reported on 11th May, in the last Session of Parliament, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. John Cope.)

Education, Science and Arts,—Ordered, That Mr. Jim Callaghan be a member of the Education, Science and Arts Committee.—(Sir Walter Clegg, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones);

And the Question having been proposed after half-past Two o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-three minutes past Three o’clock, till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 3.23 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 16th December 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th December 1983, entitled the Police (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1812) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Social Work (Scotland),—Copy of a Code of Practice on access to children in care or under supervision in Scotland [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Children and Young Persons,—Copies of—
(1) a Code of Practice on access to children in care, and
(2) an Order, dated 15th December 1983, entitled the Access (Notice of Termination and of Refusal) Order 1983

[by Act].

[No. 73.]

Monday 19th December 1983.

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:

Alexandra Park and Palace
Anglian Water Authority (King’s Lynn Tidal Defences)
Associated British Ports
Aylesbury Vale District Council
Barclays Bank
Bournemouth Borough Council
British Railways (No. 2)
Cardiff City Council
Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School
Dartmoor Commons
Derwent Valley Railway
Greater London Council (General Powers)
Hereford City Council
Leicestershire
London Docklands Railway (No. 2)
London Transport
London Transport (Tower Hill)
Merseyside Development Corporation
Norwich City Council
Oxfordshire
Piece Hall, Halifax
Portsea Harbour Company
Selby Bridge
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
Standard Chartered Bank
Surrey County Council
Swavesey Bye-ways
Warwick District Council
Worcester City Council.

Private Bill Petitions (Standing Orders not complied with).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz:

Metals Society Bill.

Report referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

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

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 19th December.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 1701].

Select Committees (Memoranda).—Ordered, That the Memoranda relating to British Airways submitted to the Industry and Trade Committee in the last Session of Parliament be referred to the Transport Committee.—(Mr. Kenneth Warren.)

House of Commons (Services).—Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Accommodation and Administration Sub-Committee of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 22nd February, 22nd March and 26th April, in the last Session of Parliament, be referred to the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services).—(Mr. John Biffen.)

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Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill.—Mr. Secretary Heseltine, supported by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Tebbit, Mr. John Moore, and Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, presented a Bill to make provision for the transfer to a company or companies of certain property, rights and liabilities to which Her Majesty or a Minister of the Crown is entitled or subject and which are attributable to the operations of the Royal Ordnance Factories; to make provision for the transfer of property, rights and liabilities between such companies or from them to the Secretary of State or Her Majesty; to make provision about the finances of such companies and about investment in them and their subsidiaries; to make provision for the extinguishment of certain liabilities concerning the Royal Ordnance Factories; to make provision for the payment out of money provided by Parliament of certain sums required by the Secretary of State in relation to International Military Services Limited; 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 78].

Rates Bill.—Mr. Secretary Jenkin, supported by Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Sir Keith Joseph, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Secretary Fowler, Mr. Secretary Tebbit, Mr. Secretary Ridley, and Mr. William Waldegrave, presented a Bill to enable the Secretary of State to limit the rates made and precepts issued by local authorities; to require local authorities to consult representatives of industrial and commercial ratepayers before reaching decisions on expenditure and the means of financing it; to require notice of the rates payable in respect of a dwelling-house to be given to any occupier not in receipt of a demand note; and to make other amendments relating to rates: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 79].

Law Reform (Husband and Wife) (Scotland) Bill.—Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, supported by Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Bill Walker, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. Michael Hirst, and Mrs. Anna McCurley, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to husband and wife and breach of promise of marriage and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 20th January and to be printed [Bill 74].

Sittings of the House.—Resolved, That this House do meet on Thursday at half-past Nine o'clock, that no Questions be taken after half-past Ten o'clock and that at half-past Three o'clock Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without putting any Question.—(Mr. John Major.)

Adjournment (Christmas).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House at its rising on Thursday do adjourn till Monday 16th January.—(Mr. John Major);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 12 (Periodic adjournments):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House at its rising on Thursday do adjourn till Monday 16th January.

Consolidated Fund Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund Bill;

Mr. Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 113 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being put forthwith, 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.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 113 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Alastair Goodlad);

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

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of West Hertfordshire for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from villagers in the parish of Swillington in the constituency of Elmet for the restoration of land near Swillington when coal extraction there has ceased was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.29 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 19th December 1983.

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
- Representation of the People,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the European Assembly Elections Regulations 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
- Enterprise Zones,—Copies of Orders, dated 28th November 1983, entitled—
  1. the Tayside (Arbroath) Enterprise Zone Designation Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1816), and
  2. the Tayside (Dundee) Enterprise Zone Designation Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1817) [by Act].
- Highlands and Islands Shipping Services,—Draft of an Undertaking between the Secretary of State for Scotland and the North of Scotland Orkney and Shetland Shipping Company Limited and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company [by Act].
- Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th December 1983, entitled the Police (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1850) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
- Superannuation,—Report by the Government Actuary on the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme (England and Wales) for the years 1976 to 1981 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 161].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
- Census,—Copies of Ward and Civil Parish Monitors for—
  1. Leicestershire, and
  2. Northamptonshire
  for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
- Libraries,—Copy of a Report by the Minister for the Arts on library and information matters during 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9109].

Mr. Attorney General:
- Law Commissions,—Copy of a Paper, entitled Registered Homes Bill: Report on the consolidation of certain enactments relating to residential care homes and nursing homes and registered homes tribunals [by Command] [Cmnd. 9115].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petitions from residents of various constituencies in the United Kingdom for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [18th November] from the Sevenoaks and District Council for Women's Organisations for the retention and development of the radiotherapy unit at Pembury Hospital [by Standing Order]; to be printed.
Legal Aid and Advice.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th December 1983, entitled the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1683 [by Act].

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the House Buyers Bill, the Child Abduction Bill, the Anatomy Bill, the Juries (Disqualification) Bill, the Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords], the Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill, and the Agriculture (Amendment) Bill, to Standing Committee C.

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

PRAYERS.

Milford Haven Conservancy Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Milford Haven Conservancy Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 19th January.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Monday 16th January.

Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 19th January.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twelfth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xvii].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. David Knox reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft British Waterways Board (Limit for Borrowing) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 12th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 175].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Michael Shersby reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Euro-control (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 12th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 172].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Statutory Sick Pay Up-rating (No. 2) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 12th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 173].
Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs for Goods Permanently Imported) Order 1983, and the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs for Goods Temporarily Imported) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 12th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 177].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Roy Hughes reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 12th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 174].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. David Crouch reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 3) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 12th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 176].

Tour Operators (Advertising of Foreign Holidays),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the regulation of advertising foreign holidays by tour operators with regard to safety standards of hotels and accommodation in use by families with children: And that Mr. Neil Thorne, Sir Walter Clegg, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Tony Durant, Mr. John Wheeler, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, and Dr. Michael Clark, do prepare and bring it in.

Tour Operators (Advertising of Foreign Holidays) Bill,—Mr. Neil Thorne accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the regulation of advertising foreign holidays by tour operators with regard to safety standards of hotels and accommodation in use by families with children: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 27th January and to be printed [Bill 80].

Health and Social Security Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health and Social Security Bill:

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 298.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. John Home Robertson: 188.

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. 42 (Committal of Bills).

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

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Health and Social Security Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State incurred in consequence of the provisions of the said Act, including any increase attributable to those provisions in sums so payable under any other Act.—(Mr. Alastair Goodlad.)

Ways and Means,—Health and Social Security,—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Health and Social Security Bill, it is expedient to authorise any increase attributable to the said Act in the sums which, under the Social Security Act 1975, are to be taken as paid towards the cost of the National Health Service in Great Britain.—(Mr. Alastair Goodlad.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Contributions) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 17th November, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson.)

Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Social Security (Treasury Supplement to Contributions) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 17th November, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Michael Neubert: 211.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 90.
So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Treasury Supplement to Contributions) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 17th November, be approved.

Social Security.—Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 17th November, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson.)

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Fisheries (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Mr. Adam Butler);

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And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Michael Neubert: 130.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Harold McCusker, the Reverend Martin Smyth: 9.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Fisheries (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved.

Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 69 (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. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 69 (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. 42 (Committal of Bills).

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of provisions of that Act relating to improvement notices and prohibition notices.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from nurses of Guy's Hospital and others for Her Majesty's Government not to renege on the promise that the National Health Service is ' safe in their hands' was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from members of the Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament for forswearing the use of Cruise missiles or any other nuclear weapons based in this country was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.24 a.m.]
APPENDIX
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Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:
  Intellectual Property,—Copy of a Paper, entitled Intellectual Property Rights and Innovation [by Command] [Cmnd. 9117].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:
  Defence,—Copy of the Account of the United States Mutual Defence Programme Equipment Disposal Deposit Account for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9116].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
  Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
  (1) 5th December 1983, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Temporary Use in Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1832), and
  (2) 8th December 1983, entitled the Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1831)
  [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
  Sea Fisheries,—Copies of—
  (1) an Order, dated 19th December 1983, entitled the Herring and White Fish (Specified Manx Waters) Licensing (Variation) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1879),
  (2) an Order, dated 19th December 1983, entitled the Sea Fish Licensing (Variation) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1881),
  (3) an Order, dated 10th December 1983, entitled the Sea Fishing (Specified Western Waters) ( Restrictions on Landing) ( Variation No. 2) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1880), and
  [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
  Law Commissions,—Copy of a Report by the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission on the amendment of the Companies Acts 1948 to 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9114].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

House of Commons Commission,—Copy of the Trading and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st March 1983 of the House of Commons Refreshment Department; to be printed [No. 160].

MR. SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE
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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 70 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Leasehold (Scotland) Bill 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, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Trade and Industry.—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report) [The British Steel Corporation's Prospects].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 181].

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Petroleum Royalties (Relief) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Coal Industry Bill, without Amendment.

Transport.—Ordered, That the Memoranda submitted to the Transport Committee in the last Session of Parliament be referred to the Transport Committee.—(Mr. Harry Cowans.)

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:


Regional Assemblies (England),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish regional assemblies in England; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. David Alton, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Stephen Ross, and Mr. Richard Wainwright, do prepare and bring it in.

Regional Assemblies (England) Bill,—Mr. Paddy Ashdown accordingly presented a Bill to establish regional assemblies in England; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 27th January and to be printed [Bill 81].

Housing and Building Control Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Housing and Building Control Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Meaning of 'secure tenancy')—(Mr. Ian Gow)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 151.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Dwelling-houses suitable for occupation by persons of pensionable age)—(Mr. Ian Gow)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. John Major : 257.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe : 165.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Access to files)—(Mr. Simon Hughes)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft : 148.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. John Major : 245.

Another Clause (Housing Tribunals)—(Mr. John Fraser)—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 (Right to buy for police officers)—(Mr. Eldon Griffiths)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:
Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of section 41 of Housing Act 1980)—(Mr. Allan Roberts)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Preservation of existing rights of repair)—(Mr. John Fraser)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. John McWilliam : 145.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Michael Neubert : 235.

Another Clause (Independence of approved inspectors)—(Mr. John Fraser)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Additional ground for court order for possession)—(Mr. Chris Smith)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Amendment of section 42 of 1980 Act)—(Mr. Eric S. Heffer)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Construction manuals for dwellings)—(Mr. John Fraser)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:
Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 109 and 93 to 95) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 35, at the end, to insert the words—
(c) a declaration of trust which alters or increases the number of persons entitled to beneficial ownership of the dwellinghouse and confers an interest on a person who is neither a spouse nor a person entitled to share in the right to buy. —(Mr. John Fraser.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 39, to leave out the word "nine" and insert the word "four".—(Mr. John Fraser.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 106, 107, 81 and 82) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 24, to leave out paragraph (c) and insert the words—
"(c) a copy of the lease the landlord proposes to grant."—(Mr. John Fraser.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 8 to 15, 111 and 96 to 98) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 80) proposed to the Bill, to leave out Clause 25.—(Mr. Eric S. Heffer.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 31, line 44, to leave out from the word "State" to the end of line 3 in page 32.—(Mr. John Fraser.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 32 and 33) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 47, line 36, to leave out from the word "State" to the second word "the" in line 43 and insert the words "may approve and issue any document (whether or not prepared by him), if in his opinion".—(Mr. John Fraser.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 42 and 43) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 45) proposed to the Bill, in page 48, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—"(2A) Sections 1 to 14 of this Act shall come into force for such local authority areas and on such days as the Secretary of State may by order by statutory instrument appoint when he certifies that in each such area the number of persons seeking to become secure tenants is not substantially greater than the number of dwelling-houses available for letting as secure tenancies".—(Mr. Eric S. Heffer.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. John McWilliam: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. John Major: 240.

Other Amendments (Nos. 48 to 55, 110, 56 to 63, 65 to 69, 114 and 115) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 72) proposed to the Bill, in page 67, line 17, after the word "firm", to insert the words "all the partners of which are qualified accountants".—(Mr. Tim Smith.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 84, 85, 73, 86 to 88, 108, 89, 99, 90, 112, 91, 113, 74, 92, 100, 75 to 79 and 101 to 105) made to the Bill.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That at this day’s sitting, the Housing and Building Control Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Housing and Building Control Bill,—A Motion being made, That the Housing and Building Control Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Secretary Jenkin, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Mr. Secretary Jenkin, 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 is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 238.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 152.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Transport,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft British Waterways Board (Limit for Borrowing) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 9th November, be approved.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.
International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Eurocontrol (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 9th November, be approved—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.

Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Statutory Sick Pay Up-rating (No. 2) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.

Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Employment Protection (Variation of Limits) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 1st December, be approved—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.

Customs and Excise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 3) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1782), dated 1st December 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd December, be approved—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.

Customs and Excise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Relief for Goods Temporarily Imported) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1829), dated 9th December 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th December, be approved—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.

Customs and Excise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs for Goods Permanently Imported) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1828), dated 9th December 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th December, be approved—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Plymouth, Devonport for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from parents in the constituency of Harlow and elsewhere for reform of the law relating to child care proceedings was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.7 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 21st December 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr. John Moore :


Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund.—Copy of Supplementary Statements showing details of the transactions on the Consolidated Fund in the year ended 31st March 1983 ; the assets and liabilities of the Consolidated Fund and of the National Loans Fund at the beginning and end of the year ; and the contingent liabilities of the Consolidated Fund [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 158].

Mr. Secretary Younger :

Mr. Secretary King:


Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Population Censuses and Surveys.—Copy of a Paper, entitled Population Trends 34 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Companies.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Companies Acts (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) Order 1984 [by Act].

Industrial Development.—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry of expenditure incurred under either section 18 of the Industry Act 1980 or section 11 of the Industrial Development Act 1982, in the years 1980-81 to 1982-83, not previously reported to Parliament [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copy of the Report of the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on public income and expenditure for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries.—Copies of Orders, dated 28th November 1983, entitled—

(1) the Inverness Harbour Revision Order 1983, and
(2) the Inverness Harbour Revision (No. 2) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. John Biften:

College Charters.—Copy of Petition, Draft Charter and Statutes relating to the incorporation of Clare Hall in the University of Cambridge [by Act].


Mr. Michael Jopling:

Fees and Charges.—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th December 1983, entitled the Agricultural or Forestry Tractors and Tractor Components (Type Approval) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1855) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Sydney Bidwell (nominated in respect of the London Regional Transport Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jeremy Corbyn.

[No. 76.]

Thursday 22nd December 1983.

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

PRAYERS.

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

House of Commons (Services).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That paragraph (12) of Standing Order No. 103 (Select Committee on House of
Commons (Services) shall have effect for the remainder of the present Session of Parliament as if the words 'within the United Kingdom' in line 54 were omitted—(Mr. John Biffen);

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

Public Accounts Commission,—Ordered, That Mr. Roy Beggs, Sir William Clark, Mr. Edward du Cann, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Mr. Peter Hordern, and Mr. David Young, be members of the Public Accounts Commission.—(Mr. John Cope.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Ealing North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from parents in the constituency of Harlow and elsewhere for the reform of care proceedings was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Plymouth, Devonport for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Keighley for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 16th January, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 19th December.

[Adjourned at 3.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 22nd December 1983

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Community Service by Offenders (Scotland),—Copy of the Report on the Working of Community Service Schemes for 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th December 1983, entitled the Assured Tenancies (Approved Bodies) (No. 9) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1856) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Monday 16th January 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday at Seven o'clock.

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

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

European Human Rights Convention Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 16th March, the European Human Rights Convention Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th April.

Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ' That ' to the end of the Question and add the words ' this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which sells off the nationally owned Royal Ordnance Factories whose workers and products have made a major contribution to the security of the United Kingdom over the years, transfers essential defence assets to firms whose dedication and loyalty cannot be guaranteed and whose efficiency is impaired by the quest for profit in preference to the national interest, and thereby endangers the defence of the United Kingdom ', instead thereof. (Mr. Denzil Davies.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam: 188.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 355.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41 (Amendment on Second or Third Reading);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 354.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. John Home Robertson: 206.

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. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill (" the Act "), it is expedient to authorise—

1. the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   (a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of a scheme made under the Act;
   (b) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in acquiring, in accordance with the Act, securities of any company or rights to subscribe for them;
   (c) any expenses incurred by the Treasury in consequence of a person nominated by the Treasury acquiring, in accordance with the Act, securities of any company or rights to subscribe for them;
   (d) any sums required by the Secretary of State for discharging any liability imposed on him by the Act;
(e) any sums required by the Secretary of State in connection with the exercise by
him of any functions of his which arise from his holding of shares in Inter-
national Military Services Limited;

(f) any sums required by the Secretary of State in consequence of arrangements
(whenever made) for the provision by him of financial support for that company,
but so that the aggregate outstanding at any time in respect of sums paid and
commitments made (at any time) under such arrangements may not exceed £50
million or such greater sum not exceeding £100 million as the Secretary of State
may specify by order with the Treasury's consent;

(g) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in paying compensation, in
accordance with the Act, to any person the value of whose property or interest
is diminished;

(h) any administrative expenses incurred by any Minister of the Crown or govern-
ment department in consequence of the Act;

(i) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money provided
by Parliament under any other enactment;

(2) the extinguishment by order of all or any liabilities subsisting in respect of—
(a) public dividend capital designated under section 2(2) of the Government Trad-
ing Funds Act 1973 in respect of the fund established for the Royal Ordnance
Factories under that Act, or

(b) the principal of any loan issued out of or deemed to have been issued from the
National Loans Fund, and to that fund, under section 2(2) or (3) of that Act;

(3) payments into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Urban Development.—Resolved, That the Urban Development Corporations (Financial
Limits) Order 1983, dated 5th December 1983, a copy of which was laid before this
House on 14th December, be approved.—(Sir George Young.)

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

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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 ten minutes past Twelve
o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.10 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Paper presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings
Office during the Adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 140 (Presentation of
Command Papers) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Building Societies,—Copy of a Paper, entitled New Cross Building Society [Cmnd.
9033].

Papers presented pursuant to several Acts of Parliament and delivered to the Votes and
Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates pursuant to Standing Order No. 141
(Presentation of Statutory Instruments) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

23rd December 1983

Pensions,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd December 1983, entitled the Superannua-

29th December 1983

Children and Young Persons,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th December 1983,
entitled the Guardians Ad Litem and Reporting Officers (Panels) Regulations 1983 (S.I.,

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th December 1983, entitled
the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983,
No. 1935).

30th December 1983

Plant Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th December 1983, entitled the Chrysan-
1953).
4th January 1984


5th January 1984

Road and Railway Transport,—Copies of Orders, dated 7th December 1983, entitled—
1. the Level Crossing (Slaght) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 (S.R. (N.I.), 1983, No. 410), and

6th January 1984


9th January 1984

Civil Aviation,—Copies of—
1. an Order in Council, dated 21st December 1983, entitled the Air Navigation (Second Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1908), and


10th January 1984

Building Societies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th January 1984, entitled the Building Societies (Designation for Trustee Investment) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 8).

Savings Banks,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th January 1984, entitled the National Savings Bank (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 9).


Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 9th January 1984, entitled the Agricultural Levy Reliefs (Frozen Beef and Veal) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 10).

11th January 1984


12th January 1984


13th January 1984


Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 16th January 1984:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Civil List,—Copy of the Report of the Royal Trustees on Civil Expenditure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 183].
Mr. John Moore:

Development Fund,—Copy of the Accounts of the Development Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 192].

Royal Hospital Chelsea,—Copy of the Account of the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital Chelsea (for services other than those voted by Parliament) in the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 193].

Aviation Security,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 16th January 1984, relative to the disposal of assets of the Aviation Security Fund [by Command] [Cmnd. 9121].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Coroners,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th January 1984, entitled the Suffolk (Coroner’s Districts) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 28) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Census (Scotland),—Copy of the Report by the Registrar General for Scotland on Migration Volume 2 for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Housing (Scotland),—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 180].

Housing (Scotland),—Draft of an Order, entitled the Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Education,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:


Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census,—Copies of Ward and Civil Parish Monitors for—

(1) Dorset, and
(2) Greater Manchester
for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Accounts of the British Cast Iron Research Association for the year ended 30th June 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copies of Reports by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on—

(1) the Consultative Document on Corporal Punishment in Schools in Northern Ireland,
(2) Consumer Protection,
(3) Electricity Supply, and
(4) the Financial Management Initiative within Northern Ireland Departments [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Protection of Wrecks,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th January 1984, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Revocation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 2) [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

College Charters,—Copy of Petition, Draft Charter and Statutes from the New University of Ulster and the Ulster Polytechnic praying for the grant of a Charter of Incorporation under the name of 'the University of Ulster' [by Act].

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute, made by the Governing Body of King's College, Cambridge, on 24th October 1983, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].
Foreign Compensation Commission.—Copy of the Accounts of the Egyptian Nationalised Property and Czechoslovakia Funds for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 194].

Marshall Aid Commemoration.—Copy of the Account of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 195].

National Research Development Corporation.—Copy of the Accounts of the National Research Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 200].

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines.—Copy of the National Oil Account for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 196].

Sex Discrimination.—Copy of the Account of the Equal Opportunities Commission for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 197].

Sugar.—Copy of the Account of the Home Grown Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 199].

Police (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Accounts of the Police Complaints Board for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 198].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Northern Ireland Committee.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Northern Ireland Committee Mr. Clive Soley (nominated in respect of matters arising from the Energy Discussion Document issued by the Department of Economic Development in July 1983); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Peter Archer.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 16th January 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Harry Gourlay an additional Chairman of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

PRAYERS.

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

Contingencies Fund, 1982-83.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 1982-83, showing:

(1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1983;
(2) the Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix).
Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirteenth Report). Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-viii].

House of Commons (Services).—Mr. John Biffen reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Computer Sub-Committee on 17th January. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 109-A].

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighth Report). Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 42-viii].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows: The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to repeal certain provisions of the Fosdyke Bridge Transfer Act 1870; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords]].

Theft from Shops.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require that all prosecutions for shop theft shall be brought by the police; and for related purposes: and that Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. David Alton, Mr. Tony Blair, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. David Knox, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Roy Mason, Mr. David Mudd, and Mr. Alec Woodall, do prepare and bring it in.

Theft from Shops Bill.—Mr. Greville Janner accordingly presented a Bill to require that all prosecutions for shop theft shall be brought by the police; and for related 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 83].

Rates Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rates 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. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 346.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Frank Haynes: 247.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Geoffrey Rippon);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. John Home Robertson: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 346.

So the Question was negatived.

The Bill was accordingly committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Rates Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Rates Bill [Money]; A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Rates Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of that Act; and

(b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of such moneys under any other Act—(Mr. John Moore) ;
And it being three quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 333.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 98.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Rates Bill, it is expedient to authorise payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—

(a) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of that Act; and

(b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of such moneys under any other Act.

New Towns.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the New Towns (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1983, dated 12th December 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th December, be approved—(Sir George Young);

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the New Towns (Limit on Borrowing) Order 1983, dated 12th December 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th December, be approved.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.57 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 17th January 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Contingencies Fund, 1982-83.—Copy of the Accounts of the Contingencies Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 182].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Prison Education.—Copy of the Government Reply to the First Report from the Education Science and Arts Committee, Session 1982-83 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9126].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
Treaty Series (No. 1, 1984).—Copy of Amendments to Annex 1 to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP) 1970 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9110].

Mr. Secretary King:
Industrial Training.—Copy of the Accounts of the Air Transport and Travel Industry Training Board for the period 1st April to 31st August 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Medicines.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Medicines (Cyanogenetic Substances) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Air Travel Reserve Fund,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Air Travel Reserve Fund Agency for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:


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

Ironstone Restoration Fund,—Copy of the Account of the Ironstone Restoration Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 202].

Law Commissions,—Statement of determination of the pension of a Law Commissioner [by Act].

**Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:**

Medicines,—Draft Medicines (Cyanogenetic Substances) Order 1984 [laid 15th December].

[No. 79.]

Wednesday 18th January 1984.

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, and some Papers were withdrawn (see Appendix I).

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. John Ryman reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the County Courts Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereunto and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 205].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 205].

European Legislation,—Mr. Robert Hicks reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 78-xi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xi].

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services,—Mrs. Renee Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 18th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 209-i].

Trade and Industry,—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 18th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 208-i].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 18th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 170-iii].
Northern Ireland Committee.—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from the Northern Ireland Committee, that it had considered matters arising from the Energy Discussion Document issued by the Department of Economic Development in July 1983, referred to it on 28th November, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 204].

Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords].—The Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 84].

Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords] with respect to the applicability thereto of the Standing Orders relating to Private Business.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Medicines (Cyanogenetic Substances) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Conservation Measures) (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1818) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Abolition of Standing Charges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish standing charges for gas, electricity and telephones—(Mr. John Cartwright); 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. 15 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. George Foulkes, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Kenneth Warren, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Abolition of Standing Charges Bill.—Mr. John Cartwright accordingly presented a Bill to abolish standing charges for gas, electricity and telephones; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 13th April and to be printed [Bill 82].

Tenants' Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Tenants' Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Removal of restriction on reappplication to purchase)—(Mr. Michael Ancram)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Secretary of State's power to authorise refusal to sell certain dwelling-houses required for educational purposes)—(Mr. Michael Ancram)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Right to carry out repairs: premises occupied under contract of employment)—(Mr. Michael Ancram)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Recovery of possession of dwelling-houses required for educational purposes)—(Mr. Michael Ancram)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Interpretation and repeals)—(Mr. Michael Ancram)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (The right to be consulted)—(Mr. Jim Craigen)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Home Robertson : 139.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Douglas Hogg : 213.

Another Clause (Right to challenge condition of tenancy)—(Mr. Jim Craigen)—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 (Housing for elderly or disabled persons)—(Mr. Jim Craigen)—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 (Resale of council houses in rural areas)—(Mr. Malcolm Bruce)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. James Wallace: 124.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert: 203.

Another Clause (Dwelling house let as separate dwellings)—(Mr. Jim Craigen)—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 (Right to have repairs carried out)—(Mr. Jim Craigen)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 116.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. John Major: 194.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 3 and 7) made to the Bill.

And it being Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the ‘Tenants’ Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Tenants’ Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Tenants’ Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Schedule (Repeals)—(Mr. Michael Ancram)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Ian Lang: 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. John Home Robertson: 106.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Highlands and Islands Shipping Services,—Resolved, That the draft Undertaking between the Secretary of State for Scotland and The North of Scotland Orkney and Shetland Shipping Company Limited and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved.—(Mr. Michael Ancram.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of London for the retention of X-ray and outpatient facilities at the Royal Hospital, Richmond, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alastair Goodlad.)

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

[Adjourne at 11.26 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 18th January 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Revenue Departments,—Copy of the Report (Volume 3) of the Committee on enforcement powers of the Revenue Departments [by Command] [Cmnd. 9120].
Mr. John Moore:
National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 15th December 1983, and
(2) 30th December 1983
on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:
Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th January 1984, entitled the Value
Added Tax (Cars) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 33) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Museums and Galleries,—Copy of the Report of the National Museum of Antiquties
of Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Investor Protection,—Copy of the Report (Part I) of the Review on Investor Protec-
tion [by Command] [Cmnd. 9125].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Aviation Security,—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Transport under

Civil Aviation,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Air Navigation (Noise
Certification) Order 1984 [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of the Report by the Department of Transport of exemptions
granted under section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906 during 1982 [by
Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Administration of Justice,—Copy of the Accounts of Funds in Court in England and
Wales for the year ended 28th February 1983 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and
Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 210].

Employment Protection,—Copies of the Accounts of—
(1) the Maternity Pay Fund, and
(2) the Redundancy Fund
for the year ended 31st March 1983 ; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor
General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [Nos. 211 and 212].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Third Report of the
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1983-84 [by Act] ; to be
printed [No. 190].

Papers withdrawn and Orders to lie upon the Table discharged:
Housing (Scotland),—
(1) the Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1984, and
(2) the Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Housing Support Grant
(Scotland) Order 1984
[laid 16th January].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection
Standing Committee A,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection,
That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect
of the Health and Social Security Bill, viz.: Dr. Rhodes Boyson, Mr. Kenneth Clarke,
Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Mr. James Couchman, Mrs. Edwina Currie, Mr. Geoffrey Dickens,
Mr. Frank Dobson, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. Roy Galley, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Austin
Mitchell, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tony Newton, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. James Pawsey,
the Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr. Charles Wardle, and Mr. Robert N. Wareing.

Standing Committee C,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had
nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the House
Buyers Bill, viz.: Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr. Michael Carttiss, Mr. John Cart-
wright, Mr. Bryan Gould, Miss Harriet Harman, Mr. Alan Howarth, Mr. Greg Knight,
Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Dr. John Marek, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Sir David Price, Sir Hugh
Rossi, Mr. Richard Ryder, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Richard Tracey, Mr. Gary Waller,
Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mr. Bowen Wells.
Standing Committee D.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill, viz.: Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. Robert Atkins, Mr. Nicholas Baker, Mr. Martin Brandon-Bravo, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Mark Fisher, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. Ken Hargreaves, Mr. John Lee, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Geoffrey Pattie, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. Tom Sackville, Mr. Nicholas Soames, and Mr. Donald Thompson.

Standing Committee G.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Twenty-eight Members to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of the Rates Bill, viz.: Mr. David Amess, Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. Christopher Chope, Mr. Derek Conway, Mr. Harry Cowans, Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Iain Evans, Mr. Secretary Jenkin, Mr. Robert B. Jones, Mr. Michael Knowles, Mr. Peter Lilley, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. John Major, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Piers Merchant, Mr. Colin Moynihan, Mr. William O'Brien, Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock, Mr. John Powley, Mr. Allan Roberts, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Jack Straw, Mr. Malcolm Thornton, Mr. William Waldegrave, and Sir George Young.

Standing Committee H.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee H in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. Alistair Burt, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Conal Gregory, Mr. David Harris, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. David Marshall, Mr. David Mitchell, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Richard Ottaway, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Keith Speed, Mr. Robin Squaire, Mr. Jack Thompson, Mr. Neville Trotter, and Mr. James White.

Standing Committee J.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee J in respect of the Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords], viz.: Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Mr. Gerald Bowden, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Alfred Dubs, Mr. Cecil Franks, Mr. Harry Gourlay, Mr. Patrick Ground, Mr. Michael Howard, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Mr. Robert Maclennan, Mr. Humfrey Malins, Mr. Carol Mathew, Mr. Dave Nellist, Mr. Gordon Oakes, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Tim Yeo.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 18th January 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Health and Social Security Bill to Standing Committee A; the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill to Standing Committee D; the Rates Bill to Standing Committee G; the Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee H; and the Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee J.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Stan Crowther Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Health and Social Security Bill; Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill; Mr. David Knox Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Rates Bill; and Mr. David Knox Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords].

[No. 80.]


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

PRAYERS.

Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, as amended the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 26th January.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 26th January.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 26th January.
Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 26th January.

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

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 19th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 215-i].

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Defence.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before, and Memoranda submitted to, the Defence Committee in the last Parliament be referred to the Defence Committee.—(Sir Humphrey Atkins.)

Opposition day [5th allotted day].—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Occupational Pensioners and Housing Benefit.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that 1,333,000 occupational pensioners and others with additional income will be affected by the changes in housing benefit announced as a result of Mr Chancellor’s Autumn Statement, that the average weekly loss involved will be 80 pence per week, and that 270,000 occupational pensioners will lose housing benefit altogether; and urges Her Majesty’s Government to reconsider this matter at once—(Mr. Michael Meacher);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘notes that even after the changes in housing benefits announced as a result of the Chancellor’s Autumn Statement, expenditure on social security benefits, including housing benefits, will continue to rise in real terms in 1984-85; considers that the greatest help Her Majesty’s Government can give occupational pensioners and all social security beneficiaries is to conquer inflation; and congratulates the Government on the substantial progress made in bringing inflation down to the lowest levels for 15 years’, instead thereof.—(Mr. Secretary Fowler.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Allen McKay: 198.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 330.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House notes that even after the changes in housing benefits announced as a result of the Chancellor’s Autumn Statement, expenditure on social security benefits, including housing benefits, will continue to rise in real terms in 1984-85; considers that the greatest help Her Majesty’s Government can give occupational pensioners and all social security beneficiaries is to conquer inflation; and congratulates the Government on the substantial progress made in bringing inflation down to the lowest levels for 15 years.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now considered;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Richard Ottaway, Mr. Michael Knowles: 101.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. Tony Lloyd: 42.

So the Question was agreed to.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 3, to leave out Clause No. 6.—(Miss Harriet Harman.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.
And it being Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Tuesday 24th January.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Wyre for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Derbyshire County Council for amendment of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 19th January 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Commonwealth Development Corporation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 21st December 1983 on borrowing by the Commonwealth Development Corporation [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Miscellaneous (No. 1, 1984),—Copy of the Final Act of the Conference to conclude a Protocol to the Convention on wetlands of international importance especially as waterfowl habitat [by Command] [Cmnd. 9113].

United States (No. 1, 1984),—Copy of the Thirtieth Annual Report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for the year ending 30th September 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9122].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 16th January 1984, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 171].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Trade,—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 2nd December 1982 for a return of statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1983, for November.

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Public Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th January 1984, entitled the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 16) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act on Anglo-Irish Issues [by Act].

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

Tithes,—Copy of the Accounts of the Redemption Annuities Account and the Redemption Stock Sinking Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 214].
Standing Committee J.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee J Mr. Alfred Dubs and Mr. Ivan Lawrence (nominated in respect of the Occupiers’ Liability Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Eric Cockeram and Mr. John Morris.

MEMORANDUM
Thursday 19th January 1984
In pursuance of section 2(2) of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919, Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Stuart Bell, Dr. John G. Blackburn, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Viscount Cranborne, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. John McWilliam, Sir Peter Mills, Mr. John Page, Mr. Stuart Randall, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Roger Sims, Sir William van Straubenzee, and Mr. Alec Woodall, to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee.

MR. SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE
Thursday 19th January 1984
In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 70 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Law Reform (Husband and Wife) (Scotland) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

PRAYERS.
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stockton North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of North Down for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Sound Broadcasting.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before, and the Memoranda submitted to, the Select Committee on Sound Broadcasting in the last Parliament be referred to the Select Committee on Sound Broadcasting.—(Sir Philip Goodhart.)

Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the standards of education in schools are of vital importance to the individual and the nation; and welcomes the proposals of Her Majesty’s Government in relation to the curriculum, examination and teachers as an important contribution to this aim—(Mr. Christopher Hawkins); And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Access to the Countryside Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to the Countryside Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 30th March.

Road Traffic (Driving Instruction) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic (Driving Instruction) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 27th January.
Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 18th November, That the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time; 

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 27th January.

Law Reform (Husband and Wife) (Scotland) Bill.—The Law Reform (Husband and Wife) (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

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

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

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 20th January 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:
Income Tax,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order 1984,
(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Luxembourg) Order 1984,
(3) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (New Zealand) Order 1984, and
(4) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Sweden) Order 1984
[by Act].

Mr. John Moore:
Crown Agents,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 23rd December 1983 on borrowing by the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Ecclesiastical Law,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Grants to Redundant Churches Fund Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Nuclear Installations,—Copy of a Minute, dated 1st December 1983, concerning indemnities by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority to British Nuclear Fuels Limited [by Command] [Cmnd. 9132].

Mr. Attorney General:
Law Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on the consolidation of certain enactments relating to the control of disease [by Command] [Cmnd. 9128].

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

MEMORANDUM

Friday 20th January 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill.
PRAYERS.

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

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 23rd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 217].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 23rd January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 127-vi].

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That the Memoranda submitted to the Scottish Affairs Committee in the last Session be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. David Lamont.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Companies Acts (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Local Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Rate Support Grant Report (England) 1984-85 (House of Commons Paper No. 151), which was laid before this House on 14th December, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 332.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay : 203.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant Report (England) 1984-85 (House of Commons Paper No. 151), which was laid before this House on 14th December, be approved.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of London for the retention of X-ray and outpatient facilities at the Royal Hospital, Richmond, 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. Michael Neubert) ;

Tuesday 24th January 1984

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

[Adjourned at 12.13 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 23rd January 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer :

Crown,—Copy of an Order, dated 16th January 1984, entitled the Civil List (Increase of Financial Provision) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 39) [by Act].
Mr Secretary Younger:

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons.—Copies of Statements by the Secretary of State for Scotland on—
(1) residential care of handicapped persons under the age of 65 in Scotland, and
(2) separation of younger from older patients in hospitals in Scotland
in 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 179 and 178].

Housing (Scotland).—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the
Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 213].

Housing (Scotland).—Draft of an Order, entitled the Housing Support Grant (Scotland)
Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census.—Copy of the Ward and Civil Parish Monitor for Cambridgeshire for the
Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Representation of the People.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the European Assembly
Elections (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1984 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That
it had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Jeremy Corbyn (nominated in respect
of the Health and Social Security Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Sean
Hughes.

Standing Committee C.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had
discharged from Standing Committee C Miss Harriet Harman (nominated in respect
of the House Buyers Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Gerald Bermingham.

Standing Committee G.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had
discharged from Standing Committee G Mr. Derek Conway (nominated in respect of
the Rates Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Gerald Howarth.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 23rd January 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing
Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Law Reform (Husband and Wife) (Scotland) Bill
to the Second Scottish Standing Committee.

[No. 83.]

Tuesday 24th January 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable.)—
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for
Private Bills, pursuant to the Order [18th January], That in the case of the Fosdyke
Bridge Bill [Lords] no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto.

Bill to be read a second time to-morrow.

Alexandra Park and Palace Bill.—A Bill to amend the Alexandra Park and Palace (Public
Purposes) Act 1900, the Alexandra Park and Palace Act 1913 and the Alexandra Park
and Palace Order 1966; to confer powers on the Council of the London Borough of
Haringey as trustees with respect to the Alexandra Park and Palace; and for other
purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Anglian Water Authority (King's Lynn Tidal Defences) Bill.—A Bill to authorise the Anglian
Water Authority to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on
the Anglian Water Authority; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and
ordered to be read a second time.
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Associated British Ports (No. 2) Bill.—A Bill to empower Associated British Ports to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on A.B. Ports and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Barclays Bank Bill.—A Bill to provide for the reorganisation of the Barclays group of companies by the transfer to Barclays Bank International Limited of the undertaking of Barclays Bank PLC; 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 purchase land; to confer further powers on the Board and Sealink Harbours Limited; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Cardiff City Council Bill.—A Bill to empower the Council of the city of Cardiff to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Council; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Dartmoor Commons Bill.—A Bill to constitute the Dartmoor Commoners' Council for the maintenance of and the promotion of proper standards of livestock husbandry on the commons in and about the Dartmoor National Park; to regulate public access to the commons; to confer powers on that Council and on the county council of Devon with reference to those commons; and for connected and other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

London Docklands Railways (No. 2) Bill.—A Bill to empower the London Transport Executive to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Executive; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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.

Merseyside Development Corporation Bill.—A Bill to empower the Merseyside Development Corporation to make byelaws for the good rule and government of its land and docks; to provide (so far as they are such) that that land and those docks shall cease to be a harbour or part thereof; to repeal, or provide for the repeal of, certain local legislation; to extinguish certain rights of public navigation; to control or prevent pollution in areas of water vested in the Corporation; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Piece Hall, Halifax Bill.—A Bill to modify the restrictions on trading on Sundays at The Piece Hall, Halifax in the Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Portsea Harbour Company Bill.—A Bill to vest a landing-place at Portsea in the city of Portsmouth in the Portsea Harbour Company Limited; to relieve Sealink U.K. Limited of all of their powers and obligations relating to the landing-place; to confer certain powers upon the harbour company to enable it to operate the landing-place as a public harbour undertaking; to make other provision for the regulation of the landing-place; and for other and connected purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Selby Bridge Bill.—A Bill to modify the Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1954 in its application to the bridge undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of Selby Bridge; to confer other powers on the Proprietors and to amend or repeal certain of the local statutory provisions applicable to them; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Standard Chartered Bank Bill.—A Bill to provide for the transfer to The Chartered Bank of the banking business of Standard Chartered Bank PLC; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 1) be made.
And objection being taken to further proceeding, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xix].

House of Commons (Services),—Mr. John Biffen reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Computer Sub-Committee on 24th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 109-vi.]

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Mr. Frank Haynes reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 24th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 219].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for any law relating to the limitation of actions to be treated, for the purposes of cases in which effect is given to foreign law or to determinations by foreign courts, as a matter of substance rather than as a matter of procedure; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords]].

Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords],—The Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 86].

Regional Assemblies (England) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Regional Assemblies (England) Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 16th March.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Grants to Redundant Churches Fund Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Multi-Occupied Properties (Regulation),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the regulation of multi-occupied properties by preventing statutory undertakers from installing multiple outlets without having established that there is valid planning permission for multiple occupation: And that Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Geraint Howells, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, and Mr. Merlyn Rees, do prepare and bring it in.

Multi-Occupied Properties (Regulation) Bill,—Mr. Michael Meadowcroft accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the regulation of multi-occupied properties by preventing statutory undertakers from installing multiple outlets without having established that there is valid planning permission for multiple occupation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th March and to be printed [Bill 85].

Opposition day [6th allotted day],—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Employment Crisis on the Lower Clyde and Future of the Scott Lithgow Yard,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, recognising the central importance of the Britoil contract with British Shipbuilders to the United Kingdom's future in North Sea technology and the devastating effect on the Lower Clyde of Scott Lithgow's loss of this contract, condemns the offensive and unworthy attempts by Ministers to divert attention from their own lamentable inaction by blaming the present disaster on the work force alone; calls for an immediate halt to their unjustified attacks on the nation's ability to carry out the contract which can only damage this country's credibility and encourage our competitors abroad; and, taking account of the growing evidence that the cost of cancellation to the taxpayer will be significantly higher than the cost of re-negotiating the contract, demands that immediate steps be taken by the Government to secure the future of the Yard and to ensure that the Britoil contract is completed at Scott Lithgow—(Mr. Donald Dewar);
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'recognising the wisdom of the Government's general policy of declining to seek to interfere in management responsibilities in industry and commerce, would deplore any moves by the Government to involve itself in the resolution of the matters in dispute between Britoil and Scott Lithgow over the contract to build a semi-submersible drilling rig; and notes that since the Scott Lithgow Yard was nationalised losses underwritten by the taxpayer total £165 million', instead thereof.—(Mr. Secretary Younger.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Home Robertson: 205.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Michael Neubert: 313.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 304.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Home Robertson: 204.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House, recognising the wisdom of the Government's general policy of declining to seek to interfere in management responsibilities in industry and commerce, would deplore any moves by the Government to involve itself in the resolution of the matters in dispute between Britoil and Scott Lithgow over the contract to build a semi-submersible drilling rig; and notes that since the Scott Lithgow Yard was nationalised losses underwritten by the taxpayer total £165 million.

Closures and Redundancies in British Rail Engineering Ltd.,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, being opposed to the large scale redundancies recently announced by British Rail Engineering Ltd. which means closures at the Shildon and Horwich works and directly threatens the future of railway workshop activity in Swindon, Derby and elsewhere, is concerned at the further reduction of British Rail Engineering Ltd. capacity and of maintenance and safety standards on British Rail; recognises that these, passenger service cut-backs, privatisation and accelerated job loss programme are the first consequences of the Secretary of State's decision to accelerate the reduction of financial support for the railways; and urges Her Majesty's Government to reject this Sernell strategy for British Rail and British Rail Engineering Ltd. and to develop a comprehensive programme for the modernisation and expansion of freight and passenger services.—(Mr. John Prescott);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'while deeply sympathising with the people affected by necessary industrial change, wishes to see an efficient railway engineering industry in the United Kingdom that can supply British Rail and the rest of the domestic market competitively and win orders from overseas; and strongly supports the British Railways Board's efforts to achieve this', instead thereof.—(Mr. Secretary Ridley.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

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

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

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. John McWilliam: 198.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Dixon, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 296.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Michael Neubert: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. John McWilliam: 194.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.
Resolved, That this House, while deeply sympathising with the people affected by necessary industrial change, wishes to see an efficient railway engineering industry in the United Kingdom that can supply British Rail and the rest of the domestic market competitively and win orders from overseas; and strongly supports the British Railways Board's efforts to achieve this.

Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 16th January, be approved—(Mr. Robert Dunn);

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.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. John Major: 179.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Don Dixon: 86.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 16th January, be approved.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Robert Boscawen.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.31 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 24th January 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Coal Industry.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 14th December 1983 on borrowing by the National Coal Board [by Act].

Electricity.—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 17th January 1984, and
(2) 17th January 1984
on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 3, 1984).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Port Louis on 13th and 17th October 1983, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Mauritius, further amending the Route Schedule annexed to the Agreement for Air Services between and beyond their respective Territories of 12th July 1973 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9123].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Transport.—Statements of determination of pensions of former members and one widow of a former member of the British Railways Board [by Act].

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

Biological Standards.—Copy of the Account of the National Biological Standards Board for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 218].

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).

Environment.—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee. That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report) [Department's response to Committee's Second Report, 1982-83 (H.C. 170): The Department of the Environment's Winter Supplementary Estimates 1982-83 (relating to the Zoological Society of London and Housing Matters)].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 220].

Environment.—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Special Report) [Department's Response to Committee's First Report, 1982-83 (H.C. 201): The Private Rented Housing Sector].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 221].

European Legislation.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twelfth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xii].

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services.—Mrs. Renee Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 25th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 209-ii].

Trade and Industry.—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Special Report) [Machine Tools and Robotics].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 222].

Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Working Conditions of Government Trainees Bill was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Environment.—Ordered, That the Memoranda submitted to the Environment Committee in the last Session of Parliament be referred to the Committee.—(Sir Hugh Rossi.)

Working Conditions of Government Trainees (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. Dave Nellist, supported by Mr. Terry Fields, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Roland Boyes, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. John Evans, Miss Jo Richardson, and Mr. Dennis Canavan, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to health, safety and other working conditions of the trainees on Government training schemes; to make further provision with regard to conditions of employment and payment of such trainees and the responsibilities of the Manpower Services Commission to them; to regulate the terms of youth training schemes; and to establish the right to a job of trainees who complete the youth training scheme: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 3rd February and to be printed [Bill 88].

Social Security (Cold Climate Allowance) Amendment.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for more equitable heating allowances to reflect increased costs of domestic heating in colder climates; and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Archie Kirkwood, and Mr. Dennis Canavan, do prepare and bring it in.
Social Security (Cold Climate Allowance) Amendment Bill.—Mr. Gordon Wilson accordingly presented a Bill to provide for more equitable heating allowances to reflect increased costs of domestic heating in colder climates; and for purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 17th February and to be printed [Bill 87].

Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill (changed from Prevention of Terrorism Bill).—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Scrutiny Commission)—(Mr. Alex Carlile)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. John Cartwright : 19.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Michael Neubert : 228.

Another Clause (Powers of removal)—(Mr. Clive Soley)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Don Dixon : 112.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Michael Neubert : 250.

Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 31, to leave out the words ‘4, 5 or ’.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Harold McCusker, Mr. Clifford Forsythe : 94.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. John Major : 208.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 36, to leave out the word ‘three’ and insert the word ‘two’, instead thereof.—(Mr. Alex Carlile)

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

Amendments (Nos. 7, 10, 13 and 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 34, to leave out from the word ‘interviewed’ to the end of line 4 on page 7.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 19 and 23) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 3, after the word ‘the’, to insert the words ‘presence in or’.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 27 to 30, 32 and 33) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 7, after the word ‘concerned’, to insert the words ‘in the United Kingdom’.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell)

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

Another Amendment (No. 36) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 42) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 13, to leave out from the word ‘Parliament’ to the end of line 30.—(Mr. Alex Carlile)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Clement Freud : 102.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. Tim Sainsbury : 196.

And it being ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 26, at the end, to insert the words—

'(c) shall, if approved by Parliament, cease to have effect at the end of a period of 12 months unless renewed by resolution of each House of Parliament.'—(Mr. Clive Soley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 96.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert: 198.

Another Amendment (No. 50) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 84.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Birmingham, Erdington for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent 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. Carol Mather);

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

[Adjourned at 12.15 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 25th January 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Community Land.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 17th January 1984 on borrowing by the Land Authority for Wales [by Act].

National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th December 1983 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Agriculture.—Copies of—

(1) a Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme 1984, and

(2) a Statement by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme (Application to Banff) Revocation Order 1984 [by Act].

Agriculture.—Drafts of—

(1) an Order, entitled the Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme (Application to Banff) Revocation Order 1984, and

(2) a Scheme, entitled the Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme 1984 [by Act].

Law Commissions.—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Law Commission on illegitimacy [by Act]; to be printed [No. 186].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census.—Copy of the Report for Wales (Welsh language edition) for the Census 1981 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Education, Science and Arts,—Copy of the Government’s Response to the Eighth Report from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, Session 1981-82, on public and private funding of the Arts [by Command] [Cmd. 9127].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Public Passenger Vehicles,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th January 1984, entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Drivers’ and Conductors’ Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 32) [by Act].

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

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on the law of positive and restrictive covenants [by Act]; to be printed [No. 201].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee E,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee E Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk (nominated in respect of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill); and had appointed in substitution Miss Clare Short.

Standing Committee J,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee J Mr. Gerald Bowden and Mr. Humfrey Malins (nominated in respect of the Occupiers’ Liability Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Butterfill and Mr. Tony Pavell.

Second Scottish Standing Committee,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Law Reform (Husband and Wife) (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. John Corrie, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Alexander Pollock, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Bill Walker, Mr. James White, and Mr. Gordon Wilson.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Medicines (Cyanogenetic Substances) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Jack Aspinwall, Mr. Henry Bellingham, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Dr. Michael Clark, Mr. Ray Ellis, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Peter Hubbard-Miles, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Steve Norris, Mr. John Patten, Mr. John Ryman, and Mr. Mike Woodcock.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Conservation Measures) (Amendment) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Bob Clay, Sir Walter Clegg, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Bob Edwards, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Robert Hicks, Dr. Mark Hughes, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Paul Marland, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. James Wallace, and Mr. Michael Welsh.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. David Gilroy Bevan, Mr. Tony Blair, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Stephen Dorrell, Dr. Keith Hampson, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Gwilym Jones, Mr. Roger King, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Robin Squire, Mr. Anthony Steen, and Mr. Jack Thompson.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Companies Acts (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. John Browne, Mr. Nicholas Budgen, Sir Peter Emery, Mr. Michael Fallon, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr. David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr. Geoff Lawler, Mr. Andrew MacKay, Mr. George Park, Mr. Ray Powell, Mr. Stuart Randall, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. John Whittall, and Mr. David Young.
Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Grants to Redundant Churches Fund Order 1984, viz.: Mrs. M. Beckett, Sir Frederic Bennett, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Tim Britton, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Peter Bruinvels, Viscount Cranborne, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. Roger Gale, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. John Major, Sir Peter Mills, Mr. Mark Robinson, and Sir William van Straubenzee.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Medicines (Cyanogenetic Substances) Order 1984 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Conservation Measures) (Amendment) Order 1983 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 1984 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Companies Act (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) Order 1984 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Grants to Redundant Churches Fund Order 1984 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

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

PRAYERS.

Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 2nd February.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 2nd February.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 2nd February.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 2nd February.

Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 6th February at Seven o’clock.

Hennessy Report,—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 a Report of an Inquiry by Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Prisons into the security arrangements at HM Prison, Maze, relative to the escape on Sunday 25th September 1983, including relevant recommendations for the improvement of security at HM Prison, Maze.—(Mr. Secretary Prior.)

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

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Restrictive Trade Practices (Stock Exchange) Bill, without Amendment.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer leasing powers on the Crown in respect of the Fine Rooms and other parts of Somerset House with a view to their use for artistic, cultural or other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House (Somerset House Bill [Lords]).

House of Lords Offices.—The Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to give leave to Mrs. Jane Mylander Wainwright, an Officer of their House, to attend to be examined as a witness before the Sub-Committee on Computers of the Select Committee appointed by the Lords on House of Lords Offices.

Somerset House Bill [Lords].—The Somerset House Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 90].

House of Lords Offices.—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message this day as requests the attendance of Mrs. Jane Mylander Wainwright, an Officer of this House, before the Sub-Committee on Computers 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 Mrs. Jane Mylander Wainwright, an Officer 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.

Developments in the European Community.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Report on Developments in the European Community, January to June 1983, Cmnd. 9043—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, at the end, to add the words ' and regrets that within the period under review Her Majesty's Government has continued to pursue in the institutions of the EEC the same negative and destructive policies in industry and the economy which have caused so much damage in the United Kingdom, and the same regressive and divisive social policies which have widened inequality and injustice in the United Kingdom '.—(Mr. Robin Cook.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Allen McKay: 69.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 312.

So the Question was negatived.

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


Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft European Assembly Elections Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 19th December, be approved—(Mr. David Mellor);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 113.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 9.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft European Assembly Elections Regulations 1983, which were laid before this House on 19th December, be approved.

European Legislation,—Ordered, That Mr. Stan Crowther be discharged from the Select Committee on European Legislation and Mr. Allan Rogers be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.51 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Thursday 26th January 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:
Local Loans.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1984 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 2, 1984),—Copy of a Co-operation Agreement, signed at Tunis on 25th April 1976, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia and an Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Tunisia [by Command] [Cmnd. 9118].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Transport,—Statement of re-appointment and determination of salary of the Chairman of the Scottish Transport Group [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Local Government,—Report, entitled the Welsh Rate Support Grant Report 1984-85 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 184].

Mr Secretary Prior:
Hennessy Report,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day for a Report of an Inquiry by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons into the security arrangements at HM Prison, Maze, relative to the escape on Sunday 25th September 1983, including relevant recommendations for the improvement of security at HM Prison, Maze; to be printed [No. 203].

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th January 1984, entitled the Local Government (General Grant) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 3) [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute, made by the University of Oxford on 2nd November 1983, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Fourth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1983-84 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 191].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Scottish Standing Committee,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Scottish Standing Committee Mr. Jim Craigen (nominated in respect of the Law Reform (Husband and Wife) (Scotland) Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Martin J. O'Neill.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 26th January 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed the Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means Chairman of Standing Committee J in respect of the Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords]; Mr. Harry Gourlay Chairman of the Second Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Law Reform (Husband and Wife) (Scotland) Bill; Mr. Michael Shersby Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Medicines (Cyanogenic Substances) Order 1984; Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Conservation Measures) (Amendment) Order 1983, and of the Fifth Standing Committee on
Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Grants to Redundant Churches Fund Order 1984; Mr. Roy Hughes Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 1984; and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Companies Act (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) Order 1984.

[No. 86.]

Friday 27th January 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from readers of the magazine Cats and other animal lovers for the amendment of the law and regulations relating to the sale, possession and use of air guns and rifles and other lethal weapons, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stockton South opposing the proposed closure of The Grange and Sheraton schools, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Accounts and Papers.—A Paper was presented (see Appendix).

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 25th and 26th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 215-ii and iii].

Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill,—Mr. Secretary Tebbit, supported by Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr. Secretary Edwards, Mr. Secretary Jenkin, Mr. Secretary King, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, and Mr. Norman Lamont, presented a Bill to amend the Co-operative Development Agency Act 1978 and confer power on the Secretary of State to dissolve the Agency; to amend the power in section 1 of the Industrial Development Act 1982 to designate assisted areas and to replace the provisions of Part II of that Act for the making of regional development grants; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday 30th January and to be printed [Bill 89].

Flotation of Reuters,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, concerned at the proposed termination of the Reuters Trust agreement, considers that the flotation of Reuters as a private company will threaten the independence and integrity of the agency and that the proceeds from the sale of shares will merely entrench and enrich the present limited, unrepresentative and monopolistic ownership of the British national press; and therefore calls on the Government to recognise its responsibilities by intervening to ensure that the public interest world-wide is fully and permanently safeguarded and that the integrity and independence of a major news service is not undermined by a greedy and short-sighted attempt to make a quick profit for a few newspaper proprietors—(Mr. Austin Mitchell);

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Tour Operators (Advertising of Foreign Holidays) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tour Operators (Advertising of Foreign Holidays) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 3rd February.

Road Traffic (Driving Instruction) Bill,—The Road Traffic (Driving Instruction) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones 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. 58 (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.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 18th November, That the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 3rd February.

Treasury and Civil Service,—Ordered, That Mr. Peter Lilley be discharged from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee and Mr. Roger Freeman be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

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

Adjourned at 3.3 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 27th January 1984

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 18th January on borrowing by the North West Water Authority [by Act].


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

PRAYERS.

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

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration on 30th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 223].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence: And the Report was brought up and read (Ninth Report) [Hamilton College of Education: Disposal of Land and Buildings].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 122].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 122].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 30th January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 225-i].

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix I).
Controverted Elections (Penrith and the Border, Election Petition).—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received the following Certificate and Report from the Judges appointed to try the Election Petition relating to the Election for Penrith and the Border:

To the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:

Certificate by the Election Court in terms of section 144(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.


We the Honourable Mr Justice Comyn and the Honourable Mr. Justice Leggatt two of Her Majesty's Judges of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court,

Hereby certify that a Court was held by us at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London W.C.2 on the day shown above to try the Petition presented by Lieutenant-Commander Eric W. Morgan DSC, RN against the election of David John Maclean as a Member of Parliament for the Constituency of Penrith and the Border.

And upon hearing the Petitioner in person and Mr. Michael Tugendhat of Counsel for the Respondent and J. Calvert Smith of Counsel for the Director of Public Prosecutions and Mr. Desmond Browne of Counsel for the Daily Telegraph.

We jointly determined that:

(1) the Petition herein be dismissed,
(2) the said Respondent David John Maclean was duly returned at the said election,
(3) the Petitioner do pay to the Respondent David John Maclean his costs of the Petition and that such costs should be taxed by a Taxing Master if not agreed,
(4) the sum of £1,000 paid into Court by the Petitioner as security for costs do remain in Court pending taxation and be paid out together with any interest thereon in accordance with the Taxing Master's Certificate.

Report by the Election Court in terms of section 144(4) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.


We the Honourable Mr. Justice Comyn and the Honourable Mr. Justice Leggatt two of Her Majesty's Judges of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court,

Hereby certify that a Court was held by us at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on the day shown above to try the Petition presented by Lieutenant-Commander Eric W. Morgan DSC, RN against the election of David John Maclean as a Member of Parliament for the Constituency of Penrith and the Border.

And we hereby jointly report that whereas in the Petition (copy annexed hereto) charges were made of corrupt and illegal practices at the said election we found that no corrupt or illegal practices have and further that we have no reason to believe that any corrupt or illegal practices have extensively or at all prevailed at the Parliamentary By-Election for the Constituency of Penrith and the Border held on 28th July 1983.

And we submit hereto a copy of our Order which sets out the determinations of the Court.

And the said Certificate and Report were ordered to be entered in the Journals of the House.

Data Protection Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Data Protection Bill [Lords];

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert : 226.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr Don Dixon : 104.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee—(Mr. Michael Cocks);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr Don Dixon : 111.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Douglas Hogg : 215.

So the Question was negatived.
The Bill was accordingly committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

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

Data Protection Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Data Protection Bill [Lords] [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Data Protection Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the charging on and issue out of the Consolidated Fund of any sums required for paying a salary to, or paying (or making payments towards the provision of) a pension, allowance or gratuity to or in respect of the Registrar appointed under that Act;
(b) the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of—
(i) any sums required by the Secretary of State for making payments towards the expenses of the Registrar;
(ii) any sums required by the Secretary of State for the payment of remuneration and allowances to members of the Tribunal established by that Act and for defraying its expenses;
(iii) any expenses incurred by a government department in complying with the requirements imposed by that Act on data users and persons carrying on computer bureaux;
(c) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums which are payable out of such moneys under any other Act.—(Mr. John Moore.)

Ways and Means.—Data Protection,—Resolved, That any Act resulting from the Data Protection Bill [Lords] may—

(a) require the payment of fees in connection with the registration under that Act of data users and persons carrying on computer bureaux; and
(b) provide for the payment of those fees and of other sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. John Moore.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 30th January 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Home Affairs,—Copy of the Government’s Reply to the First Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1982-83, on Representation of the People Acts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9140].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census,—Copy of the Ward and Civil Parish Monitor for Durham for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Consumer Protection,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th January 1984, entitled the Scented Erasers (Safety) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 83) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Controverted Elections (Penrith and The Border, Election Petition),—Copy of the Shorthand Writer’s Notes relating to the Election Court, together with the Order made by the Court.

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee J,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, that it had discharged from Standing Committee J Mr. Cecil Franks (nominated in respect of the Occupiers’ Liability Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Derek Conway.
Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, that it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mrs. M. Beckett (nominated in respect of the draft Grants to Redundant Churches Fund Order 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Allen Adams.

[No. 88.]

Tuesday 31st January 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Alexandra Park and Palace Bill,—Ordered, That the Alexandra Park and Palace Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Anglian Water Authority (King's Lynn Tidal Defences) Bill,—The Anglian Water Authority (King's Lynn Tidal Defences) Bill was read a second time and committed.

Associated British Ports (No. 2) Bill,—The Associated British Ports (No. 2) Bill was read a second time and committed.

Barclays Bank Bill,—Ordered, That the Barclays Bank Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—Ordered, That the British Railways (No. 2) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Cardiff City Council Bill,—The Cardiff City Council Bill was read a second time and committed.

Dartmoor Commons Bill,—Ordered, That the Dartmoor Commons Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—The Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill was read a second time and committed.

London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill,—Ordered, That the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

London Transport Bill,—Ordered, That the London Transport Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Merseyside Development Corporation Bill,—The Merseyside Development Corporation Bill was read a second time and committed.

Piece Hall, Halifax Bill,—The Title of the Piece Hall, Halifax 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.

Portsea Harbour Company Bill,—The Portsea Harbour Company Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Selby Bridge Bill,—The Selby Bridge Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Standard Chartered Bank Bill,—The Standard Chartered Bank Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 31st January and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifteenth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xx].

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Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxi].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Sir Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 31st January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Treasury and Civil Service.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before its Sub-Committee on 31st January.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 227-i].

Maternal Surrogate Clinics.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the operation of maternal surrogate clinics in the United Kingdom: And that Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. John Ward, Mrs. Marion Roe, Mr. David Amess, Mr. Jerry Hayes, Mr. Colin Moynihan, and Mr. Christopher Murphy, do prepare and bring it in.

Maternal Surrogate Clinics Bill.—Mrs. Anna McCurley accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the operation of maternal surrogate clinics in the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th March and to be printed [Bill 91].

Local Government (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th January, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Younger);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert: 273.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Home Robertson: 201.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th January, be approved.

Housing (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved—(Mr. Michael Ancram);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Home Robertson: 196.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved.

Statutory Instruments.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), the Town and Country Planning General Development (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1615) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg).

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

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then seven minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 10.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 31st January 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 4, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement, done at Yaoundé on 11th September 1981, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United Republic of Cameroon relating to Air Services [by Command] [Cmdn. 9124].
Mr. Secretary King:

Employment and Training,—Copy of a Paper, entitled Training for Jobs [by Command] [Cmd. 9135].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copies of Regulations, dated 23rd January 1984, entitled—

(1) the Feeding Stuffs (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 51), and
(2) the Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 52)

[by Act].

[No. 89.]

Wednesday 1st February 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Orkney Islands Council Order Confirmation,—Mr. Secretary Younger presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Orkney Islands Council: And the same was ordered to be considered upon Tuesday 7th February and to be printed [Bill 93].

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr. John Ryman reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Mental Health (Scotland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 233].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 233].

Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 1st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 232].

Employment,—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 1st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 238].

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 1st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 215].

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Special Report) [Department's Response to Committee's Third Report, 1982-83 (HC 18) (The Problems of Management of Urban Renewal—Appraisal of the Recent Initiatives in Merseyside)].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 234].

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 78-xiii].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xiii].

Foreign Affairs.—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 1st February.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 226-i].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 1st February.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 236-i].

Scottish Affairs.—Mr. David Lambie reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Dampness in Housing].
Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 206].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 206].
Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Selection.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services.—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 1st February.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 209-iii].

Trade and Industry.—Mr. Stan Crowther reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 1st February.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 208-ii].

Treasury and Civil Service.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before its Sub-Committee on 1st February.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 227-iii].

Welsh Affairs.—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report) [Response from the Welsh Water Authority to the First Report from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, Session 1982-83 (HC 229): Water in Wales].
Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 237].

Welsh Affairs.—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 1st February.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 235-4].

Law Reform (Husband and Wife) (Scotland) Bill.—Mr. Harry Gourlay reported from the Second Scottish Standing Committee, That it had gone through the Law Reform (Husband and Wife) (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 16th March; and to be printed [Bill 94].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 230].

Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords] (changed to Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords]).—Mr. David Knox reported from Standing Committee H, That it had gone through the Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 95].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 231].
Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Roy Hughes reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 1984, referred to a Committee on 23rd January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 228].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Companies Acts (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 23rd January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 229].

Straw and Stubble Burning (Control).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend controls over the burning of straw and stubble after harvest—(Mr. Roger Gale); 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. 15 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Roger Gale, Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Peter Brainovels, Mr. David Crouch, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Robert Key, and Mr. William Powell, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Straw and Stubble Burning (Control) Bill,—Mr. Roger Gale accordingly presented a Bill to extend controls over the burning of straw and stubble after harvest: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 17th February and to be printed [Bill 92].

Opposition day [7th allotted day].—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Industrial and Social Consequences of the Government's Policy on the Shipbuilding Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, recognising the importance to the United Kingdom economy of the maintenance of a strong merchant, naval and offshore shipbuilding industry, and keenly conscious of the devastating social consequences of further major yard closures, calls upon Her Majesty's Government to use the new opportunity presented by the successful trade union efforts to avoid a national stoppage to abandon its ideological commitment to privatisate the industry, and instead to reach agreement on a corporate plan for the future of the industry with a realistic strategy for its further development, modernisation and re-equipment, and thus help to restore the necessary confidence to the workforce, its suppliers and customers—(Mr. Peter Shore); An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'recognising the seriousness of the problems facing the merchant and offshore shipbuilding industries, supports the efforts of the Government and British Shipbuilders to create a more efficient and competitive industry; endorses the Government's policy of returning as much as possible of the industry to the private sector; and welcomes the new mood of realism shown by the Shipbuilding Negotiating Committee in agreeing the British Shipbuilders proposals for changes in working practices', instead thereof.—(Mr. Secretary Tebbit.) And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 198.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. John Major: 285.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House, recognising the seriousness of the problems facing the merchant and offshore shipbuilding industries, supports the efforts of the Government and British Shipbuilders to create a more efficient and competitive industry; endorses the Government's policy of returning as much as possible of the industry to the private sector; and welcomes the new mood of realism shown by the Shipbuilding Negotiating Committee in agreeing the British Shipbuilders proposals for changes in working practices.

Industrial Tribunals.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Industrial Tribunals (Rules of Procedure) (Equal Value Amendment) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1807), dated 7th December 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th December, be annulled—(Mr. Robert Maclennan);
And it being half-past Eleven o’clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c. (negative procedure)).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Don Dixon: 188.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. David Hunt: 251.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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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 four minutes past Twelve o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.4 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 1st February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Electricity.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th January 1984 on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th January 1984 on borrowing by the Anglian Water Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Industrial Training.—Copies of Orders, dated 24th January 1984, entitled—
(1) the Industrial Training Levy (Plastics Processing) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 63), and
(2) the Industrial Training Levy (Plastics Processing) (No. 2) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 64)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security.—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th January 1984, entitled the Social Security (Contributions) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 77) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Monopolies and Mergers Commission.—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the arrangements made by the London Transport Executive for the maintenance of buses and coaches [by Command] [Cmdn. 9133].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Equal Opportunities Commission for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 188].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Civil Aviation.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Air Navigation (Noise Certification) Order 1984 [by Act].

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th January 1984, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Crew Accommodation) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 41) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Sea Fisheries.—Copy of an Order, dated 1st February 1984, entitled the Sea Fishing (Specified Western Waters) (Restrictions on Landing) (Variation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 92) [by Act].
Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Civil Aviation,—Draft Air Navigation (Noise Certification) Order 1984 [laid 18th January].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee H.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee H in respect of the Data Protection Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Eric Forth, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Robert Hayward, Mr. David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr. Richard Hickmet, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Terry Lewis, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Mr. Robert Maclennan, Dr. John Marek, Mr. Gerrard Neale, Mr. Steve Norris, Mr. Tim Smith, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Dr. Roger Thomas, Mr. David Waddington, and Mr. Timothy Wood.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Town and Country Planning General Development (Amendment) Order 1983, viz.: Mr. Richard Alexander, Dr. David Clark, Mr. Den Dover, Mr. John Heddle, Mr. Tom Hooson, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Brymarnor John, Mr. Peter Lilley, Mr. Neil Macfarlane, Mr. John Major, Mr. Bill Michie, Mr. George Park, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. William Powell, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. John M. Taylor, Mr. James Tinn, and Mrs. Ann Winterton.

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Data Protection Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee H; and the Town and Country Planning General Development (Amendment) Order 1983 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Hunt and Mr. Roy Hughes Chairmen of Standing Committee H in respect of the Data Protection Bill [Lords], and Miss Betty Boothroyd an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.

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

PRAYERS.

Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 9th February.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Monday 13th February at Seven o'clock.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 9th February.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 9th February.
Alexandra Park and Palace Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alexandra Park and Palace Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 9th February.

Barclays Bank Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Barclays Bank Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 9th February.

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 9th February.

Dartmoor Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 9th February.

London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 9th February.

London Transport Bill,—The London Transport Bill 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; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix).

Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords],—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from Standing Committee J, That it had gone through the Occupiers’ Liability 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. 239].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. David Crouch reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Conservation Measures) (Amendment) Order 1983, referred to a Committee on 18th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 240].

Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Committee on the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords] have leave to sit and proceed with the Bill upon Wednesday 9th February at Eleven o'clock.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Home Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before and the Memoranda submitted to the Home Affairs Committee in the last Session be referred to the Committee.—(Sir Edward Gardner.)

People's Right to Fuel Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the People's Right to Fuel Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 16th March.

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

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

European Legislation,—Ordered, That Mr. Kenneth Carlisle and Mr. Iain Mills be discharged from the Select Committee on European Legislation and Mr. Michael Knowles and Mr. Nicholas Soames be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That Mr David Gilroy Bevan and Mr. Alec Woodall be discharged from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments and Mr. Stuart Bell and Mr. David Sumberg be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Ordered, That Mr. John Morris be discharged from the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills and Mr. Robert Litherland be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)
Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

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
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Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
European Communities (No. 1, 1984).—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Brussels on 20th July 1983, to the Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republic of Tunisia consequent on the Accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community [by Command] [Cmnd. 9130].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Historic Buildings, etc.—Copy of the Report of the Historic Buildings Council for Scotland for the period ended 31st March 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 187].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Local Government.—Copy of an Order, dated 24th January 1984, entitled the East Hertfordshire and Stevenage (Areas) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 60) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Welsh Affairs.—Copy of the Government Response to the First Report from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, Session 1982-83 [Water in Wales] [by Command] [Cmnd. 9138].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Civil Aviation.—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd January 1984, entitled the Civil Aviation Authority (Auditing of Accounts) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 65) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Aviation Security.—Copy of the Accounts of the Aviation Security Fund for the period from 1st April 1983 to 31st October 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 241].

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [20th December] from nurses of Guy's Hospital and others for Her Majesty's Government not to renege on the promise that the National Health Service is ' safe in their hands ' [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:
Agriculture.—Draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme 1984 [laid 25th January].

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Town and Country Planning General Development (Amendment) Order 1983.

[No. 91.]
Friday 3rd February 1984.
The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—A Paper was presented (see Appendix).

Health and Safety at Work and Government Cuts.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the cuts in the Health and Safety Executive—cuts which involve reductions in routine inspections, in the number of accidents inspectors are able to investigate, in the number of enforcement notices that are issued
and in provision for research, and which make it impossible to achieve satisfactory standards of health and safety at work; and calls on the Government to increase the resources allocated to the Health and Safety Executive to enable it to carry out its responsibility to ensure that proper and effective health and safety standards are maintained at all workplaces, and thus to put an end to the cuts that kill—(Mr. Dennis Skinner);

And it being Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 5 (Friday sittings).

Health and Safety at Work and Government Cuts.—The Question being again proposed, That this House condemns the cuts in the Health and Safety Executive—cuts which involve reductions in routine inspections, in the number of accidents inspectors are able to investigate, in the number of enforcement notices that are issued and in provision for research, and which make it impossible to achieve satisfactory standards of health and safety at work; and calls on the Government to increase the resources allocated to the Health and Safety Executive to enable it to carry out its responsibility to ensure that proper and effective health and safety standards are maintained at all workplaces, and thus to put an end to the cuts that kill;

Mr. Dennis Skinner, Member for Bolsover, having used a grossly disorderly expression, was ordered by Mr. Deputy Speaker to withdraw the same, but he declined to comply with that direction.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 24 (Disorderly conduct), ordered him to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day's sitting:—And he withdrew accordingly;

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Road Traffic Control (Greater London) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic Control (Greater London) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 2nd March.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 30th March.

Tour Operators (Advertising of Foreign Holidays) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tour Operators (Advertising of Foreign Holidays) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 24th February.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 18th November That the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 10th February.

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

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

[Adjourned at 3.4 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 3rd February 1984

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture.—Copy of the Annual Review of Agriculture for 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9137].

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

PRAYERS.

Chesterfield 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 Chesterfield, in the room of the Right honourable Eric Graham Varley, who since his election for the said Borough Constituency hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty’s Manor of Northstead in the County of York.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

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.:

Portsea Harbour Company Bill.
Standard Chartered Bank Bill.

Bills committed.

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

Home Affairs.—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration on 6th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 224].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 6th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 243].

Treasury and Civil Service.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [The Government’s Economic Policy: Autumn Statement].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 170].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report 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 Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 so far as it restricts the time within which proceedings for divorce or nullity of marriage can be instituted; to amend that Act, the Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates’ Courts Act 1978 and the Magistrates’ Courts Act 1980 so far as they relate to the exercise of the jurisdiction of courts in England and Wales to make provision for financial relief or to exercise related powers in matrimonial and certain other family proceedings; to make provision for financial relief to be available where a marriage has been dissolved or annulled, or the parties to a marriage have been legally separated, in a country overseas; to make related amendments in the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972 and the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975; to make provision for the distribution and transfer between the High Court and county courts of, and the exercise in those courts of jurisdiction in, family business and family proceedings and to repeal and re-enact with amendments certain provisions conferring on designated county courts jurisdiction in matrimonial proceedings; to impose a duty to notify changes of address on persons liable to make payments under maintenance orders enforceable under Part II of the Maintenance Orders Act 1950 or Part I of the Maintenance Orders Act 1958; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords]].

Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords].—The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 96].
Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

Opposition day [8th allotted day].—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Effect of European Community and United Kingdom Policies on Northern Ireland Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, noting that agriculture in Northern Ireland is faced with disadvantages which do not confront farmers elsewhere in the United Kingdom, that costs to the intensive sectors have increased dramatically, that the overall impact of European Community membership has increased productivity without increased profitability, and that the twin pillars of efficiency and stability set out in the Agriculture Act 1947 have been set aside, calls upon the Government to counteract the damaging effects of European Economic Community membership on the agricultural industry in Northern Ireland which directly and indirectly provides a minimum of 13 per cent. of the employment in Northern Ireland.—(Mr. William Ross);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word "House" to end of the Question and add the words "acknowledges the importance of agriculture to the Northern Ireland economy and that there have been advantages as well as disadvantages to Northern Ireland agriculture as a result of European Community membership; welcomes the special provision of aid to ameliorate that industry's special disadvantages; and calls on the Government to continue to recognise the special problems of Northern Ireland agriculture", instead thereof.—(Mr. Adam Butler.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Clifford Forsythe: 27.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 208.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House acknowledges the importance of agriculture to the Northern Ireland economy and that there have been advantages as well as disadvantages to Northern Ireland agriculture as a result of European Community membership; welcomes the special provision of aid to ameliorate that industry's special disadvantages; and calls on the Government to continue to recognise the special problems of Northern Ireland agriculture.

Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords].—The Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft District Electoral Areas Commissioner (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 15th December, be approved.—(Mr. Nicholas Scott);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Ian Lang: 102.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Clifford Forsythe: 13.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft District Electoral Areas Commissioner (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, which was laid before this House on 15th December, be approved.

Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft European Assembly Elections (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved.—(Mr. Nicholas Scott);

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And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. David Hunt: 93.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Clifford Forsythe: 13.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That the draft European Assembly Elections (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved.

Consumer Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 8th December, be approved.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen):—It was agreed to.

Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 21st December, be approved.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen):—It was agreed to.

Agriculture.—Ordered, That Mr. Robin Corbett be discharged from the Agriculture Committee and Dr. Gavin Strang be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Home Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Mr. Robin Corbett be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Trade and Industry.—Ordered, That Mr. Geoffrey Robinson be discharged from the Trade and Industry Committee and Mr. Doug Hoyle be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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 nine minutes to Two o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.51 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 6th February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security.—Copies of—
(1) the Reports of the Social Security Advisory Committee on the draft Housing Benefits Amendment Regulations 1984 and the Supplementary Benefits (Requirements) Amendment Regulations 1984, and
(2) the Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Housing Benefits Amendment Regulations 1984, the Housing Benefits Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1984 and the draft Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment Regulations 1984
[by Command] [Cmd. 9150 and 9155].

Housing.—Copies of Regulations, dated 6th February 1984, entitled—
(1) the Housing Benefits Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 103), and
(2) the Housing Benefits Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 104)
[by Act].

Social Security.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment Regulations 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government.—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 25th January 1984, entitled the Bristol, Wansdyke and Woodspring (Areas) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 66), and
(2) Regulations, dated 30th January 1984, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Specified Bodies) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 85)
[by Act].

Water.—Copy of the Accounts of the Thames Water Authority for the year ended 31st March 1982; with the Report of the District Auditor [by Act].
Mr. John Biffen:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of St. John's College, Cambridge, on 17th November 1983, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

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 Inverness Harbour Revision Order 1983 and the Inverness Harbour Revision (No. 2) Order [by Act].

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

Employment Protection.—Copy of the Accounts of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service and of the Certification Officer and the Central Arbitration Committee for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 242].

Public Records.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled:
(1) the Public Records (British Railways Board) Order 1984, and
(2) the Public Records (Commission for the New Towns) Order 1984 [by Act].

Tuesday 7th February 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Orkney Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Orkney Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixteenth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxii].

Members' Interests.—Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith reported from the Select Committee on Members' Interests, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it 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. 248].

Housing (Empty Property).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require local authorities to publish yearly a complete record of all residential and potentially residential property empty for more than six months within their areas, together with proposals for the earliest use, occupancy, letting or disposal of such property; and for related purposes: And that Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. David Alton, Mr. Allan Roberts, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. Cyril Smith, and Mr. Charles Irving, do prepare and bring it in.

Housing (Empty Property) Bill.—Mr. Simon Hughes accordingly presented a Bill to require local authorities to publish yearly a complete record of all residential and potentially residential property empty for more than six months within their areas, together with proposals for the earliest use, occupancy, letting or disposal of such property; and for related purposes: 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 98].
Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill:

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'this House, while welcoming the decision to continue to support the Co-operative Development Agency set up by the last Labour Government, regrets the limited resources available to it, and declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which reduces aid to the regions by between £150 and £200 million per annum from Regional Development Grants at a time when the United Kingdom's assisted areas are in greatest need of support', instead thereof.—(Mr. Alan Williams.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Norman Hogg, Mr. James Hamilton: 201.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. David Hunt: 307.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41 (Amendment on Second or Third Reading):

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. David Hunt: 299.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 23.

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. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill ('the Act'), it is expedient to authorise—

1. The payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   (1) any increase attributable to the raising by the Act to £3,000,000 of the limit on the aggregate amount of grants that may be made to the Co-operative Development Agency ('the Agency') by the Secretary of State under section 4 of the Co-operative Development Agency Act 1978;
   (2) any sums required for defraying the liabilities of the Agency after its dissolution;
   (3) any sums required by the Secretary of State for making grants in respect of projects of investment in undertakings being projects—
      (a) which are approved by the Secretary of State;
      (b) whose purposes are to create new or expand existing productive capacity or to effect a change in the product or in the process of producing it; and
      (c) which are to provide assets or jobs in development areas.

2. The payment into the Consolidated Fund of—
   (1) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable into the Consolidated Fund under the said Act of 1978;
   (2) any sums received by the Secretary of State in consequence of the dissolution of the Agency;
   (3) any sums received by the Secretary of State under the provisions of the Act for the making of grants in respect of projects of investment falling within paragraph 1(3) above.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.53 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Tuesday 7th February 1984

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Road and Railway Transport.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th January 1984, entitled the Level Crossing (Trooperslane) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 10) [by Act].

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

Members’ Interests.—Copy of the Register of Members’ Interests at 7th February 1984 [pursuant to the Resolutions of 22nd May 1974 and 12th June 1975]; to be printed [No. 249].

[No. 94.]

Wednesday 8th February 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Western Isles Islands Council (Kallin Pier, Harbour Jurisdiction) Order Confirmation Bill,—Mr. Secretary Younger presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Western Isles Islands Council (Kallin Pier, Harbour Jurisdiction): And the same was ordered to be considered upon Tuesday 14th February and to be printed [Bill 99].

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

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr. Gavin Strang reported from the Committee on the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords], That for the convenience of Members the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday 22nd February at half-past Ten o’clock.

Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 8th February.

Employment,—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 8th February.

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourteenth Report).

Foreign Affairs,—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 8th February.

Defence,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 8th February.

Foreign Affairs,—Mr. John Biffen reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and
had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Accommodation and Administration Sub-Committee on 22nd February and 22nd March, in the last Session: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [All-Party and Parliamentary Groups].

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 256].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 8th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 255-i].

Scottish Affairs,—Mr. David Lambie reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 8th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 207-ii].

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services,—Mrs. Renee Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 8th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 209-iv].

Trade and Industry,—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 8th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 208-iii].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Michael Shersby reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Medicines (Cyanogenetic Substances) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 18th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 254].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. David Crouch reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Grants to Redundant Churches Fund Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 24th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 253].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Town and Country Planning General Development (Amendment) Order 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1615), referred to a Committee on 31st January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 257].

House of Commons (Services),—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 8th February to be printed [No. 64-iii].

Working Conditions of Government Trainees (No. 2) Bill,—Ordered, That the Working Conditions of Government Trainees (No. 2) Bill be read a second time upon Friday 24th February.

European Assembly Elections (Proportional Representation),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish an electoral system for the European Assembly based on proportional representation; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Roy Jenkins, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. Charles Morrison, and Mr. A. J. Beith, do prepare and bring it in.

European Assembly Elections (Proportional Representation) Bill,—Mr. Archy Kirkwood accordingly presented a Bill to establish an electoral system for the European Assembly based on proportional representation; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th March and to be printed [Bill 97].

Local Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Report 1984-85, which was laid before this House on 26th January, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Edwards);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Allen McKay: 170.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Report 1984-85, which was laid before this House on 26th January, be approved.

Sea Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Fishing Vessels (Financial Assistance) Scheme 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1883), dated 19th December 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th December, be approved—(Mr. John MacGregor);

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

Resolved, That the Fishing Vessels (Financial Assistance) Scheme 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1883), dated 19th December 1983, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th December, be approved.

Members' Interests,—Ordered, That Mr. Brynmor John be discharged from the Select Committee on Members' Interests and Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

Liaison,—Ordered, That Sir Humphrey Atkins, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Sir Antony Buck, Mr. Harry Cowans, Sir Edward Gardner, Sir Philip Goodhart, Mr. Terence L. Higgins, Sir Philip Holland, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Sir Anthony Kershaw, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Ron Leighton, Mr. Ian Lloyd, Sir Hugh Rossi, Mr. Robert Sheldon, Mrs. Renee Short, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. John Spence, Sir William van Straubenzee, Mr. Gareth Wardell, and Mr. Kenneth Warren, be members of the Liaison Committee.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

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

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, till to-morrow, it being then Twelve o'clock.

[Adjourned at Midnight.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 8th February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Animals,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th January 1984, entitled the Deer (Close Seasons) (Scotland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 76) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Local Government,—Copies of Orders, dated 8th February 1984, entitled—

(1) the Housing Benefits (Rate Support Grant) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 111),

and

(2) the Housing Benefits (Subsidy) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 110) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Citizens Advice Bureaux,—Copy of the Review of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux [by Command] [Cmnd. 9139].

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Cutlery and Allied Trades Research Association for the year ended 31st December 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th January 1984, entitled the Basildon and Castle Point (Areas) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 89) [by Act].

New Towns,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th January 1984, entitled the Central Lancashire New Town (Exclusion of Land) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 84) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Fair Employment (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Fair Employment Agency for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 189].
Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copy of the Report of the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on a Proposal for a draft Gas (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st February 1984, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limits) Regulations 1984 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee J.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee J in respect of the Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill, viz.: Mr. David Alton, Mr. Robert Atkins, Mr. Derek Conway, Mr. Frank Cook, Mr. Dick Douglas, Mr. Michael Fallon, Mr. Kenneth Hind, Mr. Norman Lamont, Mrs. Anna McCarley, Mr. Martin J. O’Neill, Mr. Laurie Pavitt, Mr. William Powell, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Stefan Terlezki, Mr. David Trippier, Mr. John Ward, and Mr. Alan Williams.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Keith Best, Mr. Roland Boyes, Mr. John Browne, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. John Heddle, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Dave Nellist, Mr. Jeff Rooker, Mr. John Ryman, Mr. William Shelton, Mr. Richard Shepherd, Mr. Ian Stewart, and Mr. Ken Weetch.

Committee on Unopposed Bills (Panel).—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee, That it had discharged Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. George Foulkes, and Mr. Max Madden, from the Panel of Members to serve on the Committee on Unopposed Bills under Standing Order 111 relating to Private Business (Reference to Committees of opposed and unopposed Bills); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ray Ellis, Mr. William O’Brien, and Mr. Martin Redmond.

MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill to Standing Committee J; and the draft Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1984 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Michael Morris and Mr. John Spence Chairmen of Standing Committee J in respect of the Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill; and Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1984.

Thursday 9th February 1984

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

PRAYERS.

Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 16th February.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 16th February.
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Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 16th February.

Alexandra Park and Palace Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alexandra Park and Palace Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 16th February.

Barclays Bank Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Barclays Bank Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 16th February.

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 16th February.

Dartmoor Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 16th February.

London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 16th February.

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

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Trade and Industry,—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 9th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 208(iv)].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Motor Vehicles (Dim-Dip Lighting Devices) Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1859) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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

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

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

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Clifford Forsythe: 13.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Ian Lang: 154.

So the Question was negatived.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.33 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 9th February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 6th February 1984 on borrowing by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].
Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:


Treaty Series (No. 5, 1984),—Copy of a Convention, done at London on 6th November 1981, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to taxes on income [by Command] [Cmnd. 9131].

Treaty Series (No. 6, 1984),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Colombo, on 27th October and 24th November 1983, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Sri Lanka further amending the Agreement for Air Services between and beyond their respective territories, signed at Colombo on 5th August 1949 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9134].

Civil Aviation,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Accounts of certain activities of the Secretary of State for Industry and activities of the English Industrial Estates Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1983 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 258].

Trade Descriptions,—Copy of an Order, dated 31st January 1984, entitled the Trade Descriptions (Origin Marking) (Miscellaneous Goods) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 91) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Water,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Water Council for the period 1st April to 30th September 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Electricity,—Copies of Regulations, dated 6th February 1984, entitled —
(1) the Electricity (Conduct of Proceedings for the Determination of Disputes) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 135), and
(2) the Electricity (Private Generating Stations and Requests by Private Generators and Suppliers) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 136) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Food,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th February 1984, entitled the Milk Prices (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (Variation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 142) [by Act].

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

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd February 1984, entitled the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 112) [by Act].

Trustees,—Copy of Rules, dated 26th January 1984, entitled the Public Trustee (Custodian Trustee) Rules 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 109) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Jeff Rooker (nominated in respect of the draft Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1984) ; and had appointed in substitution Dr. Oonagh McDonald.
The House met at half-past Nine 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 provide for the extension of travel concessions to registered unemployed persons and persons working under the Youth Opportunities Programmes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords]].

Future Provision of Welfare Services and Benefits,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, recognising the growing pressures of demand and demography on the provision of welfare services and benefits, calls upon the Government to encourage a wide-ranging discussion on their future provision—(Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith);

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

Youth Training Scheme,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House congratulates Her Majesty's Government for taking the initiative of introducing the youth training scheme; welcomes its success in the United Kingdom and in Basildon in particular; further welcomes the recent publication of Cmd. 9135 'Training for Jobs'; and looks forward to its early implementation—(Mr. David Amess);

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 18th November, That the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 24th February.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 10th February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Duchy of Lancaster,—Copy of the Accounts of the Duchy of Lancaster for the year ended 29th September 1983; with a separate Account for the capital of the Duchy to the same date [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence (Royal Air Force Reserve).—Copy of an Order, dated 31st January 1984, further amending the Regulations for the Royal Air Force Reserve (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Merchant Shipping.—Copies of Regulations, dated 31st January 1984, entitled—
(1) the Merchant Shipping (Certificates of Proficiency in Survival Craft) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 97),
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Engine Room Watch Ratings) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 95),
(3) the Merchant Shipping (Navigational Watch Ratings) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 96),
(4) the Merchant Shipping (Safety Officials and Reporting of Accidents and Dangerous Occurrences) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 93),

(5) the Merchant Shipping (Tankers—Officers and Ratings) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 94) [by Act].

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

National Audit,—Copies of Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) administrative computing in government departments,

(2) development of nuclear power, and

(3) enforcement powers of the revenue departments: the Keith Committee [by Act]; to be printed [No. 259, 261 and 260].

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[No. 97.]

**Monday 13th February 1984.**

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 Joan Lyonel Evans, Esquire, Member for Cynon Valley, and I desire on behalf of the House to express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

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

Education, Science and Arts,—Sir William van Straubenzee reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 13th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 264-i].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 13th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 265-i].

Selection,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [Head of the Government Accountancy Service].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 227].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 227].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Scottish Tourist Board to carry on abroad activities to promote tourism to and within Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 100].

Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Tristan GarelJones.)
Somerset House Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Somerset House Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Organ Transplants,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the increasing need of human organs for transplants, which exceeds the supply; pledges its support to the campaign to be launched by Her Majesty's Government to encourage donors; and meanwhile calls for a more systematic distribution of donor cards to the public; appeals to the Press Council and the broadcasting authorities and journalists to respect the anonymity of those donors and their relatives who desire it; and requests Her Majesty's Government to institute an appropriate form of inquiry into the desirability of replacing the present system of 'opting in' by those who are willing to give organs for transplant under proper safeguards by a system of 'opting out' by those who are unwilling to do so—(Sir John Biggs-Davison);

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

Nottinghamshire County Council [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 3, to leave out Clause 6.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Mr. Martin Brandon-Bravo 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. Richard Ottaway, Mr. Michael Knowles: 100.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett: 34.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Stan Thorne: 38.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Richard Ottaway, Mr. Michael Knowles: 98.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 26, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Andrew F. Bennett.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Gerald Bermingham: 36.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Richard Ottaway, Mr. Michael Knowles: 75.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, to leave out lines 29 and 30.—(Mr. Andrew F. Bennett.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Thursday.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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

Monday 13th February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

New Towns,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 6th February 1984 on borrowing by—

(1) the Telford Development Corporation, and
(2) the Washington Development Corporation

[by Act].
Mr. Secretary Younger:

Agriculture,—Copy of a Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme 1984 [by Act].

Agriculture,—Draft of a Scheme, entitled the Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:


Census,—Copy of the Ward and Civil Parish Monitor for Avon for the Census 1981 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Trade,—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 2nd December 1982 for a Return of statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1983, for December.

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st January 1984, entitled the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers’ Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 98) [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute, made by the University of Cambridge on 21st November 1983, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the Petition [27th January] from parents of children attending certain schools in the county of Cleveland and others opposing the proposed closure of the Grange and Sheraton schools [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Agriculture,—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme 1984 [laid 25th January].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee G,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Mr. Ray Powell a Member of Standing Committee G in respect of the Rates Bill.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 13th February 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Michael Shersby an additional Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Rates Bill.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills (Standing Order not previously inquired into complied with).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Order not previously inquired into, which is applicable thereto, has been complied with, viz.:

Selby Bridge Bill.

Bill committed.

Selection.—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 30th June 1983 relating to the nomination of members of the Committee of Selection be amended, by leaving out Sir Philip Holland and inserting Sir Reginald Eyre. (Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Western Isles Islands Council (Kallin Pier, Harbour Jurisdiction) Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Western Isles Islands Council (Kallin Pier, Harbour Jurisdiction) 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).

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it. And the Report was brought up and read (Seventeenth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxiii].

Education, Science and Arts.—Sir William van Straubenzee reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 14th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 264-iii].

Employment.—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Trade Union Legislation—Unions in the Government Communications Headquarters].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 238].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 238].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Sir Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 14th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Scottish Affairs.—Mr. David Lambie reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 13th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 207-iii].

Selection.—Sir Kenneth Lewis reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Welsh Affairs.—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 14th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 235-ii].

Pensions Commutation Bill.—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, and Mr. Ian Stewart, presented a Bill to
dissolve the Pensions Commutation Board and to amend the Pensions Commutation Act 1871: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 103].

Manchester International Airport.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the vesting of all property, rights and liabilities of Manchester International Airport in a company limited by shares; and for related purposes—[Mr. Fred Silvester];

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. 15 (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. Barry Porter, Mr. Tom Sackville: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Tony Lloyd: 171.

So the Question was negatived.

Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—[Mr. Secretary Fowler];

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 350.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam: 209.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Supplementary Benefit (Requirements) Amendment Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 6th February, be approved.

Housing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Housing Benefits Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 103), dated 6th February 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th February, be annulled—[Mr. Michael Meacher];

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam: 210.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 345.

So the Question was negatived.

Housing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Housing Benefits Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 104), dated 6th February 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th February, be annulled—[Mr. Michael Meacher];

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam: 206.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 345.

So the Question was negatived.

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Housing Benefits (Subsidy) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 110), dated 8th February 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th February, be annulled—[Mr. Michael Meacher];

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam: 204.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Michael Neubert: 348.

So the Question was negatived.

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Housing Benefits (Rate Support Grant) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 111), dated 8th February 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th February, be annulled—[Mr. Michael Meacher];

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 196.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Michael Neubert: 348.

So the Question was negatived.
Medicines.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Medicines (Cyanogenetic Substances) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 17th January, be approved—(Mr. Archie Hamilton): It was agreed to.

Ecclesiastical Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Grants to Redundant Churches Fund Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 20th January, be approved—(Mr. Archie Hamilton): It was agreed to.

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

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-five minutes to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 14th February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Electricity (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 8th February 1984 on borrowing by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board [by Act].

New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 8th February 1984 on borrowing by the Skelmersdale Development Corporation [by Act].

New Towns (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 8th February 1984 on borrowing by the Glenrothes Development Corporation [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Miscellaneous (No. 3, 1984),—Copy of proposed Amendments to Annexes 2 and 3 to the Agreement on the international carriage of perishable foodstuffs and on the special equipment to be used for such carriage (ATP) 1970 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9145].

Miscellaneous (No. 4, 1984),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Paris on 15th December 1983, amending the Convention Establishing the European Telecommunications Satellite Organisation (EUTELSAT) [by Command] [Cmnd. 9154].

Panama (No. 1, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Panama City on 7th October 1983, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Panama for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cmnd. 9144.]

Treaty Series (No. 9, 1984),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Lisbon on 26th April and 18th May 1983 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Portugal amending the Agreement on tonnage measurement of merchant ships signed at London on 20th May 1926 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9146].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Industrial Injuries,—Copy of the Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council on the question whether the terms of prescription for viral hepatitis should be amended to cover other occupational groups [by Command] [Cmnd. 9147].

Mr Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of the Report of the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on freeports [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd February 1984, entitled the Grants for Guarantees of Bank Loans (Extension of Period) Order 1984 [by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Home Secretary on the Petition [19th January] from Derbyshire County Council for the amendment of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Crown Estate,—Copy of the Abstract Accounts of the Crown Estate Commissioners for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed No. 267.
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee J.—Sir Kenneth Lewis reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee J Mr. Laurie Pavitt (nominated in respect of the Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Martin Redmond.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Kenneth Lewis reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Roland Boyes (nominated in respect of the draft Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1984); and had appointed in substitution Dr. Norman A. Godman.

[No. 99.]

Wednesday 15th February 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Western Isles Islands Council (Kallin Pier, Harbour Jurisdiction) Order Confirmation Bill.—The Western Isles Islands Council (Kallin Pier, Harbour Jurisdiction) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr. John Ryman reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Public Health (Control of Disease) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 271].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 271].

Defence.—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 15th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 232].

Environment.—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 15th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-i].

European Legislation.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 78-xvi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xvi].

European Legislation.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 15th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 126-ii].

Foreign Affairs.—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 15th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 268-i and ii].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Tenth Report) [Excess Votes].
Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, 
That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a 
Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And had directed him to report an Appendix: And the Report was brought up and read (Eleventh Report) [General Lighthouse Fund].

Report, together with Appendix, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 272].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 272].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Video Recordings Bill.—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Video Recordings Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be considered upon Friday 16th March; and to be printed [Bill 104].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 270].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 6th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 269].

House Buyers Bill,—Ordered, That Standing Committee C be discharged from considering the House Buyers Bill.

Bill withdrawn.

Local Government Elections (Proportional Representation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish an electoral system for all local government elections in the United Kingdom based on proportional representation; and for connected purposes; And that Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. Roy Jenkins, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. David Knox, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mr. Simon Hughes, and Mr. A. J. Beith, do prepare and bring it in.

Local Government Elections (Proportional Representation) Bill,—Mr. Malcolm Bruce accordingly presented a Bill to establish an electoral system for all local government elections in the United Kingdom based on proportional representation; and for connected purposes: 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 101].

Opposition day [9th allotted day],—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Problems of Low Pay.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the poverty, injustice and discrimination caused by low pay; condemns the Government for deliberately fostering low levels of pay; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to abandon its threat to abolish Wages Councils—(Mr. John Smith);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ' House ' to end of the Question and add the words ' believes that the most important step towards any improvement in pay levels is by a general improvement in the economy; therefore welcomes the encouraging signs of economic recovery, the improvement in training, the increase in productivity and the reduction in inflation; and recognises that the number of people who have a job will depend directly on the levels of pay received by those in work ' instead thereof.—(Mr. John Selwyn Gummer.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. John Home Robertson : 196.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 289.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on Amendments);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. John Major: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Don Dixon: 196.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House believes that the most important step towards any improvement in pay levels is by a general improvement in the economy; therefore welcomes the encouraging signs of economic recovery, the improvement in training, the increase in productivity and the reduction in inflation; and recognises that the number of people who have a job will depend directly on the levels of pay received by those in work.

Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords] (Committal),—Ordered, That—

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills), if the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords] be read a second time, it shall stand committed to a Special Standing Committee.

(2) The Special Standing Committee shall have power during a period not exceeding 28 days, excluding periods when the House is adjourned for more than two days, from the committal of the Bill, to send for persons, papers and records and to hold up to four morning sittings of not more than two and a half hours each. The first such sitting shall be in private and the remainder, except as the Committee orders otherwise, shall be for the purpose of hearing oral evidence and shall be in public. The oral evidence shall be printed in the Official Report together with such written evidence as the Committee may order to be so printed.

(3) For the sittings referred to in paragraph (2) of this Order, and notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees) and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 68 (Procedure in Standing Committees)—

(a) Mr Speaker shall appoint any Member other than a Minister of the Crown as Chairman of the Special Standing Committee;

(b) the Chairman shall be included in calculating the quorum of the Committee.

(4) When the Special Standing Committee has completed consideration of the Bill, the Chairman shall put the Question, "That I do report the Bill to the House" unless a Minister of the Crown shall move, "That the Committee do now adjourn". If such a Motion is made, the Question thereon shall be put forthwith and, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 67 (Meetings of Standing Committees) may be decided after One o'clock.

(5) If the Question is agreed to, the Committee shall meet again on the day and at the hour named by the Chairman to consider any amendments which may be moved by a Minister of the Crown which—

(a) arise from undertakings given by Ministers of the Crown during previous sittings of the Committee;

(b) are consequent upon previous decisions of the Committee;

(c) have been shown to be necessary during the Committee's proceedings.

(6) If the proceedings have not been concluded before the end of two and a half hours the Chairman shall interrupt them and put the Question "That I do report the Bill to the House"; unless on a Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, on which the Question shall be put forthwith, the Committee orders that further consideration of the Bill be adjourned, or that the debate be adjourned.

(7) The day and hour of any further sitting shall be named by the Chairman, and the provisions of paragraph (6) shall apply thereto.

(8) Except as provided in the foregoing paragraphs, the Standing Orders relating to Standing Committees shall apply to the Special Standing Committee.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

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

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 February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
- Electricity (Scotland).—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 9th February 1984 on borrowing by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act].
- Housing.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 9th February 1984 on borrowing by the Housing Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
- Census (Scotland).—Copy of the Housing and Household Report for Scotland for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
- Census.—Copy of the key statistics for local authorities in Great Britain for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
- Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders).—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Wales of proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Acts 1861 to 1915 for the year ended 31st January 1984 [by Act].
- Sea Fisheries.—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Wales on proceedings under sections 1 to 5 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 for 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
- Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders).—Copy of the Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of the proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Acts 1861 to 1915 for the year ended 31st January 1984 [by Act].
- Sea Fisheries.—Copy of the Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the proceedings under sections 1 to 5 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 for 1983 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Child Abduction Bill, viz.: Mr. Alfred Dubs, Mr. Ray Ellis, Mr. Peter Hubbard-Miles, Mr. Robert Key, Mr. Geoff Lawler, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. David Mellor, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Dave Nellist, Mr. John Page, Mr. John Ryman, Mr. Tim Smith, Mr. Gary Waller, Mr. Bowen Wells, and Mr. Timothy Wood.

Standing Committee J,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from Standing Committee J Mr. Robert Atkins (nominated in respect of the Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Iain Mills.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. David Atkinson, Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. David Gilroy Bevan, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Richard Body, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. David Marshall, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Keith Raffan, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Peter Snape, and Mr. Robin Squire.

Second Reading Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Somerset House Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Tony Blair, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Dr. David Clark, Mr. Stephen Dorrell, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Robert Jackson, Mr. Gwilym Jones, Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr. Neil MacFarlane, Mr. John Major, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. Barry Porter, Mrs. Marion Roe, Mr. Richard Shepherd, and Mr. James White.
MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 15th February 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Philip Holland Chairman of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords], and of the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Somerset House Bill [Lords]; Mr. Harry Gourlay an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Health and Social Security Bill; and Mr. David Knox an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the London Regional Transport Bill.

[No. 100.]

Thursday 16th February 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 23rd February.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 23rd February.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 23rd February at Seven o'clock.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 23rd February.

Alexandra Park and Palace Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alexandra Park and Palace Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 23rd February.

Barclays Bank Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Barclays Bank Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 23rd February.

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 23rd February.

Dartmoor Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 23rd February.

London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 23rd February.

Ullapool Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr. Secretary Younger presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Ullapool Harbour; And the same was ordered to be considered upon Wednesday 22nd February and to be printed [Bill 102].

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).
Matrimonial and Family Proceedings [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords];

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Michael Neubert: 186.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Kevin McNamara: 68.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Special Standing Committee pursuant to the Order yesterday.

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Ordered, That Mr. Greville Janner be discharged from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills and Mr. Nicholas Brown be added to the Committee.-(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.41 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 16th February 1984

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 1984-85 to 1986-87 (Volumes One and Two) [by Command] [Cmnd. 9143—I and- II].

Mr. John Moore:

Supply Estimates, 1982-83,—Statement of the sums required to be voted in order to make good excesses on certain grants for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 250].

Supply Estimates, 1983-84,—Copy of a Note by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury on the Supplementary Estimates for the service of the year ending 31st March 1984 [by Command].

Supply Estimates, 1983-84,—Supplementary Estimates of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1984 for Classes I-XVIII [by Command]; to be printed [No. 245].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 7, 1984),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Nicosia on 18th December 1982, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus on social security [by Command] [Cmnd. 9142].

Treaty Series (No. 8, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Kampala on 10th November 1983, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Uganda on certain commercial debts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9141].

Treaty Series (No. 10, 1984),—Copy of an International Convention, signed at Nairobi on 9th June 1977 and open for signature at Brussels until 30th June 1978, on mutual administrative assistance for the prevention, investigation and repression of customs offences [by Command] [Cmnd. 9153].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence (Votes A), 1984-85,—Estimates of the maximum number of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces during the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 185].

Defence (Royal Auxiliary Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 31st January 1984, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force (Third Edition) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Piers and Harbours (Provisional Orders).—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Transport of the proceedings under the General Pier and Harbour Acts 1861 for the year ended 31st January 1984 [by Act].


Mr. John Biffen:

Caribbean and North Atlantic Territories.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 8th February 1984, entitled the Cayman Islands (Constitution) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 126) [by Act].


Greenwich Hospital.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 8th February 1984, entitled the Greenwich Hospital School (Regulations) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 123) [by Act].

National Health Service.—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 8th February 1984, entitled the Health Service Commissioner for England (Board of Governors of the Eastman Dental Hospital) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 124) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission:

Supply Estimates, 1983-84.—Estimate for Class XIII-B (National Audit Office) for the year ending 31st March 1984 [by Command] ; to be printed [No. 244].

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

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Social Services, on the Petition [30th November] from Mr. and Mrs. A. Reed on their obtaining justice [by Standing Order] ; to be printed.

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 16th February 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Child Abduction Bill.

[No. 101.]

Friday 17th February 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Thurrock for the Government to reverse its decision to cut housing benefit by £230 million was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Standing Orders.—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee a Resolution, as follows:

That, in the case of the Metals Society Bill [Lords], Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with : That the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The Resolution was agreed to.

New Technology.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, recognising that the future prosperity of Britain and the jobs of British people depend upon the successful modernisation of existing industries and the rapid development of new industries, including telecommunications, aerospace and information technology, calls upon the Government to undertake a searching review of developments
since it came to power in May 1979 and to present to this House new and relevant proposals to prevent any further decline as an industrial nation—(Mr. Don Dixon);

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Social Security (Cold Climate Allowance) Amendment Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Social Security (Cold Climate Allowance) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th April.

Straw and Stubble Burning (Control) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straw and Stubble Burning (Control) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 24th February.

Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That, in respect of the Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill [Lords], 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. David Hunt.)

Pensions Commutation Bill,—Ordered, That, in respect of the Pensions Commutation 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. David Hunt.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 2.56 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 17th February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:
Gibraltar,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 16th February 1984, concerning the gift of land to the Government of Gibraltar [by Command] [Cmnd. 9156].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th February 1984, entitled the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Consequential Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 146) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Participation Agreements,—Copy of a Statement, dated 15th February 1984, by the Secretary of State for Energy of the certification of agreements between the British National Oil Corporation and other companies, between 29th November 1983 and 3rd January 1984, as agreements to which section 1 of the Participation Agreements Act 1978 applies [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th February 1984, entitled the Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Miscellaneous Community Quota Measures) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 173) [by Act].

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

Legal Aid,—Copy of the Account of the Legal Aid Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 288].

National Audit,—Copy of a Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Ministry of Defence: dockyard efficiency [by Act]; to be printed [No. 277].

National Health Service,—Copy of the Accounts of the Public Health Laboratory Service Board for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 278].

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

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix).

Education, Science and Arts,—Sir William van Straubenzee reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 264-iii].

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-ii].

Foreign Affairs,—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 280-i].

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration on 20th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 279-i].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 225-ii].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make fresh provision for Scotland as regards the regulation of inshore sea fishing, and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Grants for Guarantees of Bank Loans (Extension of Period) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Scented Erasers (Safety) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 83) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Budget of the European Communities,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Preliminary Draft General Budget of the European Communities for 1984, of the Draft General Budget for 1984, of the Letter of Amendment to the 1984 Budget, of European Community Documents Nos. 10447/83, 10105/83, the Modifications and Amendments by the European Parliament to the 1984 Budget, of the Decisions by the Council on modifications and amendments by the European Parliament to the 1984 Budget, of European Community Document No. 11094/83, financial compensation for the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany for 1983, and of Official Journal C 357, the Annual Report of the Court of Auditors for 1982; and supports the Government's efforts to secure budgetary procedures and control which are in the best interests of the United Kingdom and of the Community.—(Mr. Ian Stewart)

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 9, at the end, to leave out from the word "and" to the end of the Question and add the words "urges Her Majesty's Government to withhold from the United Kingdom's contributions to the 1984 Budget a sum equivalent to the unpaid rebate for 1983", instead thereof.—(Mr. Robin Cook.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Preliminary Draft General Budget of the European Communities for 1984, of the Draft General Budget for 1984, of the Letter
of Amendment to the 1984 Budget, of European Community Documents Nos. 10447/83, 10105/83, the Modifications and Amendments by the European Parliament to the 1984 Budget, of the Decisions by the Council on modifications and amendments by the European Parliament to the 1984 Budget, of European Community Document No. 11094/83, financial compensation for the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany for 1983, and of Official Journal C 357, the Annual Report of the Court of Auditors for 1982; and supports the Government's efforts to secure budgetary procedures and control which are in the best interests of the United Kingdom and of the Community.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 10, to leave out from the word ' occupier ' to the end of line 12, and insert the words ' (whether the occupier makes a charge or not) unless the granting of such access by the occupier constitutes a commercial activity ', instead thereof.—(Mr. John Morris.)

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

A Motion being made, That the Occupiers' Liability Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

Mr. John Wakeham, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Mr. John Wakeham, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Local Loans.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 26th January, be approved.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones);

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

[Adjourned at 11.21 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 20th February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Census (Scotland).—Copy of a Report by the Registrar General for Scotland on Migration (Volume 1) for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census.—Copies of the Ward and Civil Parish Monitors for—

(1) Cumbria, and
(2) Devon

for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th February 1984, entitled the Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 144) [by Act].
Mr. John Bifden:


Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Civil Aviation,—Draft Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1984 [laid 9th February].

[No. 103.]

Tuesday 21st February 1984.

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. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st February and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighteenth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxiv].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxv].

Education, Science and Arts,—Sir William van Straubenzee reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 282].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Sir Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Order of the House yesterday, That the draft Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., be discharged.

Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 108].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That if the Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] 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 Money Resolution come to by the House in relation to the Bill have been concluded this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

European Community Documents,—Ordered, That European Community Documents Nos. R/67/75, R/55/76 and R/804/78 concerning Construction Plant and Equipment be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That the matter of Transport and communications in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Parents’ Aid,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give rights to parents whose children have been taken into care: And that Mr. Jerry Hayes, Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. Gerald Bowden, Mr. David Alton, and Miss Clare Short, do prepare and bring it in.
Parents' Aid Bill.—Mr. Jerry Hayes accordingly presented a Bill to give rights to parents whose children have been taken into care: 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 106].

Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (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. Tim Sainsbury.)

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

Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] [Money];

Resolved, That for the purpose of any Act resulting from the Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the provisions of that Act in the sums payable under the Development of Tourism Act 1969 out of money so provided.—(Mr. John MacKay.)

Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to the Order this day, resolved itself into a Committee on the Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Power of the Scottish Tourist Board to engage outside the UK in the promotion of tourism in Scotland).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 14, to leave out the words ' with or without conditions '.—(Mr. Jim Craigen.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 15, to leave out from the word ' State ' to the end of line 16.—(Mr. Donald Dewar.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ian Lang 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, at this day's sitting, the Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour. —(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Power of the Scottish Tourist Board to engage outside the UK in the promotion of tourism in Scotland).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 2) be made.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mr. James Wallace: 13.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 125.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Short title and commencement).

Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 2, line 11, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. John MacKay.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.
Mr. Ian Lang and Mr. Tim Sainsbury were appointed Tellers for the Ayes; but no Member being willing to act as a Teller for the Noes, the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now considered:—The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time and passed, with an Amendment.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.4 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 21st February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
New Towns (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 10th February 1984 on borrowing by the Irvine Development Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Environmental Pollution,—Copy of the Tenth Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, on Tackling pollution—experience and prospects [by Command] [Cmnd. 9149].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
Education,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 6th February 1984, entitled the Education (Grants) (Music and Ballet Schools) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 113), and
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films,—Copy of the Report of the Cinematograph Films Council for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 246].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission on the consolidation of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967 and certain related enactments [by Command] [Cmnd. 9162].

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

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report by the Law Commission on declarations in family matters [by Act]; to be printed [No. 263].
MEMORANDA

Tuesday 21st February 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Scented Erasers (Safety) Order 1984 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Motor Vehicles (Dim-Dip Lighting Devices) Regulations 1983 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Grants for Guarantees of Bank Loans (Extension of Period) Order 1984 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and European Community Documents Nos. R/67/75, R/55/76 and R/804/78 concerning Construction Plant and Equipment to the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Transport and Communication in Wales.

Wednesday 22nd February 1984

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

PRAYERS.

Ullapool Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Ullapool Harbour Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

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

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr. Gavin Strang reported from the Committee on the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords], That for the convenience of Members the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 20th March at half-past Ten o'clock.

Defence.—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 22nd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 232].

Environment.—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 22nd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 275-iii].

European Legislation.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 78-xvii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xvii].

Foreign Affairs.—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 22nd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 280-ii].

Home Affairs.—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 22nd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 252-lii].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 22nd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 225-iii].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 22nd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 286-i].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 22nd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 285].

Welsh Affairs,—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 22nd February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 235-iii].

Child Abduction Bill,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Child Abduction Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 16th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 284].

Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords],—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords], That it had come to a Resolution, which it had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows: That the Committee recommends that the Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords] ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 283].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Tourism (Overseas Promotion) (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Trade Union Membership Rights,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent employers from taking action against employees for being members of a trade union; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Ernie Ross, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. John Maxton, and Mr. Tom Clarke, do prepare and bring it in.

Trade Union Membership Rights Bill,—Mr. Dennis Canavan accordingly presented a Bill to prevent employers from taking action against employees for being members of a trade union; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th March and to be printed [Bill 107].

Opposition day [10th allotted day].—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Problems of the Young Unemployed.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government’s failure to tackle high and long term unemployment among young people which has resulted, as at January 1984, in 1,259,743 young people under the age of 25 years being unemployed, of whom 347,110 have been unemployed for more than one year; and calls upon Her Majesty’s Government to introduce a comprehensive and high quality training scheme for 16 to 19-year-olds—(Mr. John Smith);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘ House ’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘ believes that the most important way in which the problems of the young unemployed can be overcome will be by a general improvement in the economy; therefore welcomes the encouraging signs of economic recovery; and recognises that the employment prospects of the younger generation will be greatly enhanced by the Government’s considerable range of special employment and training measures’, instead thereof.—(Mr. Secretary King.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 301.

So the Question was negatived.
And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on Amendments):—It was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House believes that the most important way in which the problems of the young unemployed can be overcome will be by a general improvement in the economy; therefore welcomes the encouraging signs of economic recovery; and recognises that the employment prospects of the younger generation will be greatly enhanced by the Government's considerable range of special employment and training measures.

Need for Improved Care for the Elderly.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the falling standards of provision for the elderly over recent years and deplores the severe cut-back in resources relative to need now being imposed by the Government on community care; and calls upon this Conservative Government to give priority to improving the quality of life of the elderly rather than adding to the advantage of the rich—(Mr. Michael Meacher);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ' House ' to the end of the Question and add the words ' welcomes the steps the Government have taken in a period of economic difficulty to provide elderly people with improved financial support and to continue the development of health and personal social services for them; and pays tribute to the professional staff and volunteers who play a central and crucial role in the care and support of elderly people and their families ', instead thereof.—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 185.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 285.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on Amendments):—It was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the steps the Government have taken in a period of economic difficulty to provide elderly people with improved financial support and to continue the development of health and personal social services for them; and pays tribute to the professional staff and volunteers who play a central and crucial role in the care and support of elderly people and their families.

Income Tax.—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Sweden) Order 1984 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 20th January.—(Mr. John Moore.)

Address to be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Income Tax.—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Luxembourg) Order 1984 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 20th January.—(Mr. John Moore.)

Address to be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Income Tax.—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (New Zealand) Order 1984 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 20th January.—(Mr. John Moore.)

Address to be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

Income Tax.—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order 1984 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 20th January.—(Mr. John Moore.)

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.

Civil Aviation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Air Navigation (Noise Certification) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved—(Mr. David Mitchell);

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the draft Air Navigation (Noise Certification) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved.
Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase in the expenses of the execution of the Trade Marks Act 1938 which is attributable to the Act so resulting.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Agriculture (Amendment) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to provisions of that Act extending the definitions of 'co-operative marketing business' and 'co-operative association' in section 64 of the Agriculture Act 1967 in the sums payable out of such moneys by way of grant under that section.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Anatomy Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State incurred in consequence of the Act;
(b) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums received by the Secretary of State under the Act.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the parliamentary constituency of the Vale of Glamorgan for steps to be taken to ensure the continuance of the medical practice of Doctor E. H. White at Rhoose was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons, under or over sixteen 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. Douglas Hogg);

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

[Adjourned at 12.49 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 22nd February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Appropriations in Aid,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 21st February 1984, directing the application of certain receipts as Appropriations in Aid of the Vote for Miscellaneous Support Services (Department of Trade and Industry) [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:
Value Added Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th February 1984, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 155) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th February 1984, entitled the Local Government (Direct Labour Organisations) (Competition) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 159) [by Act].

Mr Secretary Tebbit:
Monopolies and Mergers,—Copy of a Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger of Hepworth Ceramic Holdings PLC and Steetly PLC [by Command] [Cmnd. 9164].
Mr. Secretary Jenkin:


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

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petitions [18th and 23rd January] from residents of London for the retention of X-ray and out-patient facilities at the Royal Hospital, Richmond [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Anatomy Bill, viz.: Mr. Alistair Burt, Mr. Michael Carttiss, Dr. Michael Clark, Mr. Bob Edwards, Mr. Tony Favell, Mr. Frank Field, Dr. Norman A. Godman, Mr. Alan Howarth, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Mr. Robert Macleman, Mr. John McClymont, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. John Patten, Mr. Derek Spencer, Mr. Charles Wardle, and Mr. John Watson.

Special Standing Committee.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on the Special Standing Committee on the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Leo Abse, Mr. Tony Baldry, Mr. Stuart Bell, Mr. Tony Blair, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. David Evennett, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Miss Harriet Harman, Mr. Michael Howard, Mr. Humfrey Malins, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. David Sumberg, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mr. Jerry Wiggin.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Scented Erasers (Safety) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. David Amess, Mr. David Atkinson, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Clifford Forsythe, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, Mr. Andrew Mackay, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Ernie Ross, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Jonathan Sayeed, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Stefan Terlezki, Mr. James White, Mr. Alan Williams, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, Mr. Alec Woodall, and Mr. David Young.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Motor Vehicles (Dim-Dip Lighting Devices) Regulations 1983, viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Churchill, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. Conal Gregory, Mr. Patrick Ground, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Iain Mills, Mr. Steve Norris, Mr. Barry Porter, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Robin Squire, Mr. Richard Tracey, and Mr. Mike Woodcock.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen 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 1984, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. Robert C. Brown, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mrs. Peggy Fenner, Mr. Roger Freeman, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Dr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Andrew Hunter, Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Michael Lord, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Tony Marlow, Mr. Phillip Oppenheim, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Peter Viggers, and Mr. Richard Wainwright.

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. R/67/75, R/55/76, and R/804/78, concerning Construction Plant and Equipment, viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Sir Anthony Berry, Mr. Roland Boyes, Mr. John Butcher, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. Eric Forth, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Michael Latham, Mr. Michael McGuire, Sir Anthony Meyer, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Barry Sheerman, Mr. Jim Spencer, Mr. Nell Thorne, and Mr. John Ward.
MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 22nd February 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Anatomy Bill; and Mr. Patrick Cormack Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Grants for Guarantees of Bank Loans (Extension of Period) Order 1984.


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

PRAYERS.

Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 15th March.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 1st March.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 1st March.

Alexandra Park and Palace Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alexandra Park and Palace Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 1st March.

Barclays Bank Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Barclays Bank Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday 29th February at Seven o'clock.

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 1st March.

Dartmoor Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 1st March.

London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 1st March.

Ullapool Harbour Order Confirmation Bill,—The Ullapool Harbour 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).

Hereditary Peerages Bill,—Mr. W. W. Hamilton, supported by Mr. James Lamond, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Norman Buchan, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Jack Straw, Mr. Ray Powell, Mr. Roger Stott, and Mr. Frank Haynes, presented a Bill to end the practice of the creation of hereditary peerages; to make provision for the ending of existing peerages on the demise of the present incumbent; and to end the custom whereby retired Prime Ministers and other senior government and parliamentary office-holders are offered peerages; 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 109].
Business of the House,—Ordered, That, if the Pensions Commutation 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 Money Resolution come to by the House in relation to the Bill have been concluded this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Pensions Commutation Bill,—The Pensions Commutation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

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

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

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Pensions Commutation Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) amounts awarded as commutations under the Pensions Commutation Act 1871;

and

(b) amounts paid under the Act so resulting in respect of the discharge of any liability to pay an annuity under section 8 of the said Act of 1871.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Pensions Commutation Bill,—The House, according to the Order this day, resolved itself into a Committee on the Pensions Commutation Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Donald Thompson 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.

Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords] (changed to Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords]),—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords] (changed to Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords]), as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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

And it being Seven o'clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 7 (Time for taking private business), further proceeding stood postponed.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords];

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

Mr. Derek Conway 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. David Ashby, Mr. Eric Forth: 84.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. Warren Hawksley: 30.

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. 32 (Majority for Closure).

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday 1st March.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Woking for amendment of the Video Recordings Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn (Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones);

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

[Adjourned at 10.40 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 23rd February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:

Chatham Historic Dockyard.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 23rd February 1984, concerning the proposed gift of Chatham Historic Dockyard to a Trust [by Command] [Cmnd. 9169].

Mr. John Moore:

Public Works Loans.—Copy of the Report of the Public Works Loan Board for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 21st February 1984 on borrowing by the Wessex Water Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th February 1984, entitled the Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 166) [by Act].

Dangerous Drugs,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th February 1984, entitled the Misuse of Drugs (Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 165) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Miscellaneous (No. 7, 1984).—Copy of a Proposed Amendment, adopted at Geneva on 27th and 28th October 1983, to Annex 6 of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under TIR Carnets (TIR Convention) [by Command] [Cmnd. 9173] [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Transport,—Statement of intended increase in salaries from 1st April 1983 for Board members of the Scottish Transport Group [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Road and Railway Transport,—Copy of an Order, dated 7th February 1984, entitled the Level Crossing (Jordanstown) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 36) [by Act].


Mr John Biffen:

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

Insolvency Services.—Copy of Statements of sums received and paid by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under the Insolvency Act 1976 and of the sums credited and debited to the Investment Account by the National Debt Commissioners for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 289].

National Audit.—Copy of a Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Ministry of Defence: Trident Project [by Act]; to be printed [No. 287].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 23rd February 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (3)(a) of the Order of the House [15th February], Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Merlyn Rees Chairman of the Special Standing Committee in respect of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords].

MR. SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

Thursday 23rd February 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 70 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 106.]

Friday 24th February 1984.

The House met at half-past Nine 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. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order for resuming, upon Thursday 1st March, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords] be now read a second time, was read and discharged.

Democratic Rights and Living Standards of Londoners.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is of the opinion that the Government’s proposals to cancel the 1985 elections to the Greater London Council and the Inner London Education Authority are an affront to democracy and a fundamental attack upon the liberties of the people; notes that unemployment has risen in Greater London by 241,507 since May 1979 and that the number of persons claiming supplementary allowance in Greater London has increased by 240,800 since May 1979; notes the likely devastating effects upon the education service of Inner London of the proposals incorporated in the Rates Bill; further notes that hospitals, wards and units are under threat of closure in London as a direct consequence of the Government’s public expenditure policies; and calls upon the Government completely to withdraw all the legislative proposals it has made to dismantle the structure and destroy the direct accountability of the Greater London Council and the Inner London Education Authority, and to bring forward policies designed to end the scandals of mass unemployment, poverty and reductions in the quality of public services in the capital city—(Mr. Tony Banks); And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Trade and Industry.—Ordered, That Mr. Charles Wardle be discharged from the Trade and Industry Committee and Mr. Mike Woodcock be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Tour Operators (Advertising of Foreign Holidays) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tour Operators (Advertising of Foreign Holidays) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 23rd March.
Working Conditions of Government Trainees (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Conditions of Government Trainees (No. 2) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 9th March.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 18th November, That the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time ;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 9th March.

Straw and Stubble Burning (Control) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straw and Stubble Burning (Control) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 2nd March.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 3.1 p.m.

APPENDIX I
Friday 24th February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr. Barney Hayhoe :


Mr. Secretary Brittan :

Broadcasting,—Copy of a Statement of principles by the Independent Broadcasting Authority on additional payments by programme contractors [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler :

National Health Service,—Copies of Orders, dated 14th February 1984, entitled—

(1) the National Health Service (Hospital Trust Property) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 167), and

(2) the National Health Service (Modification of Enactments and Consequential Provisions) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 168) [by Act].

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

Northern Ireland Appropriation Accounts.—Appropriation Accounts for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1983, together with the Consolidated Fund Services Account ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 247].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Special Standing Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Special Standing Committee on the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords] Mr. David Evennett ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ivor Stanbrook.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Education, Science and Arts,—Sir William van Straubenzee reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 27th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 264-iv].

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House ; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it ; And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Electricity and Gas Prices].

Report, together with Appendices, Minutes of Evidence and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 276].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 276].

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 27th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 275-iv].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 27th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 295-i].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law with respect to agricultural holdings ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords]].

Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords].—The Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 110].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme (Application to Banff) Revocation Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Hunt)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Hunt)

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

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

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

And the Question being accordingly put ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Charles Kennedy: 25.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 201.

So the Question was negatived.
Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 69 (Second Reading Committees), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Eight Members, Four to be nominated by the House and Four by the Committee of Selection:

Ordered, That there shall stand referred to the Select Committee—

(a) any Petition against the Bill presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office at any time not later than the seventh day after this day, and

(b) any Petition which has been presented by being deposited in the Private Bill Office and in which the Petitioners complain of any amendment as proposed in the filled-up Bill or of any matter which has arisen during the progress of the Bill before the said Committee,

being a Petition in which the Petitioners pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel or Agents:

Ordered, That if no such Petition as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above is presented, or if all such Petitions are withdrawn before the meeting of the Committee, the order for the committal of the Bill to a Select Committee shall be discharged and the Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee:

Ordered, That any Petitioner whose Petition stands referred to the Select Committee shall, subject to the Rules and Orders of the House and to the Prayer of his Petition, be entitled to be heard by himself, his Counsel or Agents upon his Petition provided that it is prepared and signed in conformity with the Rules and Orders of the House, and the Member in charge of the Bill shall be entitled to be heard by his Counsel or Agents in favour of the Bill against that Petition:

Ordered, That the Committee have power to report from day to day the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them:

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

European Legislation,—Ordered, That Dr. Mark Hughes be discharged from the Select Committee on European Legislation and Mr. Richard Caborn be added to the Committee.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.40 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 27th February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Civil Aviation,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census,—Copies of Ward and Civil Parish Monitors for—

(1) East Sussex,
(2) West Yorkshire, and
(3) Wiltshire

for the Census 1981 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Tourism,—Statement of appointment and determination of salary of a part-time Member of the British Tourist Authority [by Act].

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

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission for the year ended 31st October 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 266].

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APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Special Standing Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Special Standing Committee on the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords] Mr. Humfrey Malins and Mr. Jerry Wiggin; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Keith Best and Mrs. Angela Rumbold.

[No. 108.]

Tuesday 28th February 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Anglian Water Authority (King's Lynn Tidal Defences) Bill [Money], Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Anglian Water Authority (King's Lynn Tidal Defences) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Anglian Water Authority (King's Lynn Tidal Defences) Bill it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of such money under section 90(6) of the Land Drainage Act 1976.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Nineteenth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxvi].

Education, Science and Arts,—Sir William van Straubenzee reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 28th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 264-vi].

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 28th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 296].

Liaison,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Liaison Committee), That the Committee had directed him to report the following recommendation for the allocation of time for consideration of Estimates on an allotted day (being the first allotted day in the present Session):

That a day not later than 18th March be allotted for the consideration of the following Supplementary Estimates—

1. Class XI, Vote 1 (Health and personal social services, England): Subhead F5 (Compensation payments to NHS staff);

2. Class IV, Vote 3 (Assistance to coal industry);

and that consideration of the second of these Supplementary Estimates be entered upon not later than Seven o'clock.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have agreed to the Town and Country Planning Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)
Heating and Lighting,—Ordered, That leave be granted to bring in a Bill to establish a commission to supervise the method of payment of domestic fuel bills: And that Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. David Marshall, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Dr. Mark Hughes, and Mr. Stan Thorne, do prepare and bring it in.

Heating and Lighting Bill,—Mr. Allen Adams accordingly presented a Bill to establish a commission to supervise the method of payment of domestic fuel bills: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th November and to be printed [Bill 11].

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

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. Archie Hamilton);

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 28th February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Supply Estimates, 1983-84,—Copy of a Note by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury on the Spring Supplementary Estimates for the service of the year ending 31st March 1984 [by Command].

Supply Estimates, 1983-84,—Supplementary Estimates, with Revised Supplementary Estimates, of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1984, for Classes I-XVIII [by Command]; to be printed [No. 281].

Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 22nd February 1984 on borrowing by the South West Water Authority [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Miscellaneous (No. 6, 1984),—Copy of a Convention, signed at Paris on 23rd November 1972, for the protection of the world cultural and natural heritage [by Command] [Cmnd. 9171].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Insolvency,—Copy of a Paper, entitled A Revised Framework for Insolvency Law [by Command] [Cmnd. 9175].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Home Secretary on the Petition [27th January] from readers of the magazine Cats and other animal lovers for the amendment of the law and regulations relating to the sale, possession and use of air guns and rifles and other lethal weapons [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Special Standing Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Special Standing Committee on the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords] Mr. Tony Blair; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bob Clay.
MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 28th February 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed the Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Health and Social Security Bill in place of Mr. Harry Gourlay.

[No. 109]

Wednesday 29th February 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Anglian Water Authority (King’s Lynn Tidal Defences) Bill,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Anglian Water Authority (King’s Lynn Tidal Defences) Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

Associated British Ports (No. 2) Bill,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Associated British Ports (No. 2) Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

Standard Chartered Bank Bill,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Standard Chartered Bank Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. John Ryman reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Dentists Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereunto, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 297].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 297].

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. John Ryman reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Foster Children (Scotland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereunto, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 301].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 301].

Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 29th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 232].
European Legislation.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventeenth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xvii].

Home Affairs.—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 29th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 252-iii].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twelfth Report) [Premature retirements in the National Health Service].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 225].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 29th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 295-ii].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services.—Mrs. Renee Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed her to make to the House; and had directed her to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it, together with Memoranda: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Griffiths NHS Management Inquiry Report].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 209].

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Trade and Industry.—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 29th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 208-v].

Treasury and Civil Service.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before its Sub-Committee on 29th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 302-i].

Welsh Affairs.—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 29th February.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 235-iv].

Anatomy Bill.—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Anatomy Bill, and made Amendments thereto, and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to make provision about the use of bodies of deceased persons, and parts of such bodies, for anatomical examination and about the possession and disposal of bodies of deceased persons, and parts of such bodies, authorised to be used for anatomical examination, and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 16th March; and to be printed [Bill 114].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 298].
Somerset House Bill [Lords].—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Somerset House Bill [Lords], That it had come to a Resolution, which it had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows: That the Committee recommends that the Somerset House 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. 300].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Patrick Cormack reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Grants for Guarantees of Bank Loans (Extension of Period) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 20th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 299].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Secretary of State to control the use of dangerous materials or apparatus in educational establishments in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Education (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

Education (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Education (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 9th March and to be printed [Bill 115].

Town and Country Planning.—Lords Amendments to the Town and Country Planning Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 113].

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

Committee

1.—(1) The Standing Committee to which the Bill is allocated shall report the Bill to the House on or before 20th March 1984.

(2) Proceedings on the Bill at a sitting of the Standing Committee on the said 20th March may continue until Eleven p.m., whether or not the House is adjourned before that time, and if the House is adjourned before those proceedings have been brought to a conclusion the Standing Committee shall report the Bill to the House on 21st March.

Report and Third Reading

2.—(1) The proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed in two allotted days and shall be brought to a conclusion at Ten o'clock on the second of those days; and for the purposes of Standing Order No. 45 (Business Committee) this Order shall be taken to allot to the proceedings on Consideration such part of those days as the Resolution of the Business Committee may determine.

(2) The Business Committee shall report to the House its Resolutions as to the proceedings on Consideration of the Bill, and as to the allocation of time between those proceedings and proceedings on Third Reading, not later than the fourth day on which the House sits after the day on which the Chairman of the Standing Committee reports the Bill to the House.

(3) The Resolutions in any Report made under Standing Order No. 45 may be varied by a further Report so made, whether or not within the time specified in subparagraph (2) above, and whether or not the Resolutions have been agreed to by the House.

(4) The Resolutions of the Business Committee may include alterations in the order in which proceedings on Consideration of the Bill are taken.

Procedure in Standing Committee

3.—(1) At a sitting of the Standing Committee at which any proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion under a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee the Chairman shall not adjourn the Committee under any Order relating to the sittings of the Committee until the proceedings have been brought to a conclusion.

(2) No Motion shall be moved in the Standing Committee relating to the sitting of the Committee except by a member of the Government, and the Chairman shall permit a brief explanatory statement from the Member who moves, and from a Member who opposes, the Motion, and shall then put the Question thereon.

4. No Motion shall be moved to alter the order in which Clauses, Schedules, new Clauses and new Schedules are taken in the Standing Committee but the Resolutions of the Business Sub-Committee may include alterations in that order.
Conclusion of proceedings in Committee

5. On the conclusion of the proceedings in any Committee on the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

Dilatory Motions

6. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, proceedings on the Bill shall be moved in the Standing Committee or on an allotted day except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

Extra time on allotted days

7.—(1) On the first allotted day paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings on the Bill for two hours after Ten o'clock.

(2) Any period during which proceedings on the Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o'clock under paragraph (7) of Standing Order No. 10 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) shall be in addition to the said period of two hours.

(3) If an allotted day is one to which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10 stands over from an earlier day, a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings upon that Motion shall be added to the said period of two hours.

Private business

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

Conclusion of proceedings

9.—(1) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee or the Business Sub-Committee and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall forthwith put the following Questions (but no others)—

(a) any Question already proposed from the Chair;
(b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed (including, in the case of a new Clause or new Schedule which has been read a second time, the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill);
(c) the Question on any amendment or Motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of any Member, if that amendment or Motion is moved by a member of the Government;
(d) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded;

and on a Motion so moved for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(2) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (1) above shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(3) If an allotted day is one on which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) would, apart from this Order, stand over to Seven o'clock—

(a) that Motion shall stand over until the conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which under this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time;
(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion after that time shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

(4) If an allotted day is one to which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10 stands over from an earlier day, the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.
Supplemental orders

10.—(1) The proceedings on any Motion moved in the House by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order (including anything which might have been the subject of a report of the Business Committee or Business Sub-Committee) shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after they have been commenced, and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

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

Saving

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

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

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

Recommittal

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

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

Interpretation

13. In this Order—

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

“the Bill” means the Rates Bill;

“Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee” means a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee as agreed to by the Standing Committee;

“Resolution of the Business Committee” means a Resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by the House—(Mr. John Biffen);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Alastair Goodlad: 333.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Frank Haynes: 196.

So the Question was agreed to.

Barclays Bank Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Barclays Bank Bill:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

Mr. Dave Nellist, Member for Coventry South East, having used a grossly disorderly expression, was ordered by Mr. Deputy Speaker to withdraw the same, but he declined to comply with that direction.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 24 (Disorderly conduct), ordered him to withdraw immediate from the House during the remainder of this day’s sitting:—And he withdrew accordingly.

Dr. Jeremy Bray rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

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

And the Question being accordingly put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, Mr. Toby Jessel: 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Bob Clay: 72.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to any Committee to whom the Bill may be referred not to allow the Bill unless it is satisfied that no change in the pattern of trade union representation or in the terms of employment of staff in the banks affected by the Bill will occur as a result of the proposals of the Bill without the agreement of the staff and their trade union representatives—(Dr. Jeremy Bray);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Hugh McCartney : 77.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, Mr. Toby Jessel : 196.

So the Question was negatived.

Contracts Negotiated away from Business Premises,—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. R/113/77 and R/134/78 concerning contracts negotiated away from business premises and of the supplementary explanatory memoranda submitted by the Department of Trade on 18th June 1980 and the Department of Trade and Industry on 9th November 1983, and supports the Government's intention to secure a satisfactory resolution of the outstanding points.—(Mr. Alexander Fletcher.)

Food Aid,—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 11003/83 on a proposal for a Council Regulation on the implementation in relation to food of alternative operations in place of food aid; and endorses the Government's intention to work for the early adoption of such a Regulation to reinforce the Community's ability to help developing countries in their quest for food security by improving their own agricultural production.—(Mr. Timothy Raison.)

Estimates,—Resolved, That this House agrees with the Report [28th February] of the Liaison Committee.—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Huddersfield for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.40 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 29th February 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Monopolies and Mergers,—Copy of a Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the efficiency and costs of the South Wales Electricity Board [by Command] (Cmd. 9165).

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland,—Copy of the Report of the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st October 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 262].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Juries (Disqualification) Bill, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Frank Cook, Mr. Stephen Dorrell, Mr. Alfred Dubs, Mr. Cecil Franks, Mr. Ted Garrett, Mr. Greg Knight, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. David Mellor, Mr. John Ryman, Mr. Tim Smith, Mr. Nell Thorne, Mr. Gary Walker, Mr. John Watson, Mr. John Wheeler, Mrs. Ann Winterton, and Mr. David Young.
First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme (Application to Banff) Revocation Order 1984 and the draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme 1984, viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Ian Lang, Mrs. Anna McCarley, Mr. John Mackay, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. David Maclean, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. David Marshall, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Martin J. O'Neill, Mr. Ernie Ross, and Mr. Bill Walker.

Second Reading Committee.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on a Second Reading Committee in respect of the Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Attorney General, Mr. John Browne, Mr. Eric Cockeram, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Roger King, Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Mr. John Morris, Mr. Patrick Nicholls, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Terry Patchett, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. George Walden, Mr. John Watts, Mr. John Whitfield, Mr. David Winnick, and Mr. Tim Yeo.

MEMORANDA

Wednesday 29th February 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme (Application to Banff) Revocation Order 1984 and the draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme 1984 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 81 (Business Sub-Committees), Mr. Speaker nominated the following members of Standing Committee G to be members of the Business Sub-Committee to consider the Allocation of Time Order relating to the Rates Bill, viz.: Mr. Ted Leadbetter (Chairman), Dr. John Cunningham, Mr. Secretary Jenkin, Mr. Peter Lilley, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. John Major, Mr. Jack Straw, and Mr. Malcolm Thornton.

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Thursday 1st March 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 8th March.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 8th March.

Alexandra Park and Palace Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alexandra Park and Palace Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 8th March.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 6th March.

Dartmoor Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 8th March.

London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 8th March.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix)
Agriculture,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 1st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 3064].

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it; And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [The Department of Energy’s Supplementary Estimate for £290 million in respect of the Coal Industry].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 296].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 296].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it; And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report) [The Government’s Expenditure Plans 1984-85 to 1986-87].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 285].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 285].

Trade Union Bill,—Mr. John Wells reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Trade Union Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 112].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 305].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Orkney Islands Council Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 21st February, be approved—(Mr. Adam Butler);

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. Donald Thompson, Mr. David Hunt: 120.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Clifford Forsythe: 9.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 21st February, be approved.

Liaison,—Ordered, That Sir Philip Holland be discharged from the Liaison Committee and Mr. Marcus Fox be added to the Committee.—(Mr. John Major.)

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

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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 four minutes past Twelve o’clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.4 a.m.
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:

European Communities,—Copy of a Statement on the 1984 Community Budget [by Command] [Cmnd. 9174].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

National Health Service,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 21st February 1984, entitled the Board of Governors of the Eastman Dental Hospital (Establishment and Constitution) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 188),
(2) an Order, dated 21st February 1984, entitled the Hammersmith and Queen Charlotte's Special Health Authority Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 190), and
(3) Regulations, dated 21st February 1984, entitled the Board of Governors of the Eastman Dental Hospital Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 189)
[by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 8th February 1984, entitled—
(1) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Disablement Awards) Order 1984,
(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings' Attributable and Non-attributable Death Awards) Order 1984,
(3) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings' Disablement Awards) Order 1984,
(4) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings' Service Pensions Increase) Order 1984,
(5) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Locally Engaged Ratings' Disablement) Order 1984,
(6) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Locally Engaged Ratings' Widows' Attributable Pensions) Order 1984,
(7) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Disablement Awards) Order 1984,
(8) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Maltese Naval Locally Engaged Personnel Widows' Attributable Pensions) Order 1984, and
(9) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Widows' Attributable Pensions) Order 1984
[by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 1st March 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Juries (Disqualification) Bill; Mr. John Wells an additional Chairman of the Special Standing Committee on the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords], and an additional Chairman of Standing Committee D on the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill; Sir Philip Holland Chairman of the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. R/67/75, R/55/76 and R/804/78 concerning construction plant and equipment; Mr. Harry Gourlay Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme (Application to Banff) Revocation Order 1984 and the draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme 1984; Mr. James Lamond Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Scented Erasers (Safety) Order 1984; Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Motor Vehicles (Dim-Dip Lighting Devices) Regulations 1983; and the Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords].

MR. SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

Thursday 1st March 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 70 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Education (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.
PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Action Group on Immigration and Nationality and others for the amendment of the British Nationality Act 1981 and the Immigration Act 1971 was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Dagenham for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Laurie Pavitt, supported by Mr. Jack Ashley, Mrs. Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Frank Dobson, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Harold McCusker, Mr. Alfred Morris, Mr. Robert N. Wareing, and Mr. Ernie Roberts, 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 6 July and to be printed [Bill 116].

Provision of Homes,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House asserts and defends the right of every person and family to a secure home in good repair and of a size and at a cost and with heating to meet the residents’ needs and means and in a safe and pleasant environment; deeply regrets that millions of people still live in homes which are in serious disrepair or overcrowded or have no secure home at all; deplores the Government’s record of savage cuts in housing expenditure particularly affecting those in need; notes that the Government’s recent expenditure plans continue those cuts and a system of finance for housing which is riddled with inequities; and calls for a programme of construction, improvement and repair which will both fulfil the right to a home and provide work for unemployed building workers—(Mr. John Fraser); And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Road Traffic Control (Greater London) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic Control (Greater London) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 15th June.

Straw and Stubble Burning (Control) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straw and Stubble Burning (Control) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th March.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 5th March, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business), the Motion relating to Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (Allocation of Time) shall have precedence; the business selected in pursuance of that Order may be proceeded with after Ten o’clock, though opposed, until three hours after being first entered upon; and that business shall be counted as a half day as provided in that Order.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday next. [Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 2nd March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Housing (Scotland),—Draft of an Order, entitled the Housing (Percentage of Approval Expense for Repairs Grants) (Lead Plumbing Works) (Scotland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Pensions,—Copy of the Report of the Occupational Pensions Board and a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Occupational Pension Schemes (Contracting-out) Amendment Regulations 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9181].
Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st March 1984, entitled the Occupational Pension Schemes (Contracting-out) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 240) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 21st February 1984, entitled the Local Authorities (Expenditure Powers) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 197) [by Act].

Museums and Galleries,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st March 1984, entitled the Victoria and Albert Museum (Excepted Objects) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 226) [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:


Mr. Michael Jopling:

Seeds,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd February 1984, entitled the Oil and Fibre Plant Seeds Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 199) [by Act].

[No. 112.]


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.:

Barclays Bank Bill.

Bill committed.

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

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 5th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-v].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services,—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 5th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 308-i].

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 provisions of the Animal Health Act 1981 relating to the seizure of things for the purpose of preventing the spread of disease and to powers of entry and to enable certain orders under that Act to operate in or over territorial waters; to amend the Slaughter of Poultry Act 1967; to enable provision to be made for controlling the practice of artificial breeding of livestock; to repeal the Improvement of Livestock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931 and the Horse Breeding Act 1958; to amend the Medicines Act 1968 in relation to feeding stuffs and veterinary drugs; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords].

Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords].—The Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 119].

Regional Assemblies (England) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 16th March, the Regional Assemblies (England) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.
Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Bill:

Committee

1. The Standing Committee to which the Bill is allocated shall report the Bill to the House on or before 20th March 1984.

Report and Third Reading

2.—(1) The proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed in one allotted day and shall be brought to a conclusion at Ten o’clock on that day; and for the purposes of Standing Order No. 45 (Business Committee) this Order shall be taken to allot to the proceedings on Consideration such part of that day as the Resolution of the Business Committee may determine.

(2) The Business Committee shall report to the House its Resolutions as to the proceedings on Consideration of the Bill, and as to the allocation of time between those proceedings and proceedings on Third Reading, not later than the fourth day on which the House sits after the day on which the Chairman of the Standing Committee reports the Bill to the House.

(3) The Resolutions in any Report made under Standing Order No. 45 may be varied by a further Report so made, whether or not within the time specified in sub-paragraph (2) above, and whether or not the Resolutions have been agreed to by the House.

(4) The Resolutions of the Business Committee may include alterations in the order in which proceedings on Consideration of the Bill are taken.

Procedure in Standing Committee

3.—(1) At a sitting of the Standing Committee at which any proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion under a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee the Chairman shall not adjourn the Committee under any Order relating to the sittings of the Committee until the proceedings have been brought to a conclusion.

(2) No Motion shall be moved in the Standing Committee relating to the sitting of the Committee except by a member of the Government, and the Chairman shall permit a brief explanatory statement from the Member who moves, and from a Member who opposes, the Motion, and shall then put the Question thereon.

4. No Motion shall be moved to alter the order in which Clauses, Schedules, new Clauses and new Schedules are taken in the Standing Committee but the Resolutions of the Business Sub-Committee may include alterations in that order.

Conclusion of proceedings in Committee

5. On the conclusion of the proceedings in any Committee on the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

Dilatory motions

6. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, proceedings on the Bill shall be moved in the Standing Committee or on the allotted day except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

Extra time on allotted day

7. If the allotted day is one to which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) stands over from an earlier day, paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings on the Bill for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings upon that Motion.

Private business

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

Conclusion of proceedings

9.—(1) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee or the Business Sub-Committee and which have not previously been
brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall forthwith put the following Questions (but no others)—

(a) any Question already proposed from the Chair;

(b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed (including in the case of a new Clause or new Schedule which has been read a second time, the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill);

(c) the Question on any amendment or Motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of any Member, if that amendment or Motion is moved by a member of the Government;

(d) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded,

and on a Motion so moved for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chairman or Mr. Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(2) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (1) above shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(3) If the allotted day is one on which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) would, apart from this Order, stand over to Seven o'clock—

(a) that Motion shall stand over until the conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time;

(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion after that time shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

(4) If the allotted day is one to which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10 stands over from an earlier day, the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

Supplemental orders

10.—(1) The proceedings on any Motion moved in the House by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order (including anything which might have been the subject of a report of the Business Committee or Business Sub-Committee) shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after they have been commenced, and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

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

Saving

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

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

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

Recommittal

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

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

Interpretation

13. In this Order—

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

' the Bill ' means the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill;

' Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee ' means a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee as agreed to by the Standing Committee;

' Resolution of the Business Committee ' means a Resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by the House—(Mr. John Biffen);

The Question was amended, in line 9, by leaving out the words ' Ten o'clock ' and by inserting the word ' midnight ', instead thereof.—(Mr. Peter Shore.)

The Question was further amended by leaving out paragraph 7 and by inserting the words—

' Extra time on allotted day

7.—(1) On the allotted day paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business shall apply to the proceedings on the Bill for two hours after Ten o'clock.

(2) Any period during which proceedings on the Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o'clock under paragraph (7) of Standing Order No. 10 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) shall be in addition to the said period of two hours.

(3) If the allotted day is one to which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10 stands over from an earlier day, a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings upon that Motion shall be added to the said period of two hours ', instead thereof.—(Mr. Peter Shore.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tim Sainsbury : 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Home Robertson : 178.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Bill:

Committee

1. The Standing Committee to which the Bill is allocated shall report the Bill to the House on or before 20th March 1984.

Report and Third Reading

2.—(1) The proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed in one allotted day and shall be brought to a conclusion at Midnight on that day; and for the purposes of Standing Order No. 45 (Business Committee) this Order shall be taken to allot to the proceedings on Consideration such part of that day as the Resolution of the Business Committee may determine.

(2) The Business Committee shall report to the House its Resolutions as to the proceedings on Consideration of the Bill, and as to the allocation of time between those proceedings and proceedings on Third Reading, not later than the fourth day on which the House sits after the day on which the Chairman of the Standing Committee reports the Bill to the House.

(3) The Resolutions in any Report made under Standing Order No. 45 may be varied by a further Report so made, whether or not within the time specified in sub-paragraph (2) above, and whether or not the Resolutions have been agreed to by the House.

(4) The Resolutions of the Business Committee may include alterations in the order in which proceedings on Consideration of the Bill are taken.

Procedure in Standing Committee

3.—(1) At a sitting of the Standing Committee at which any proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion under a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee the Chairman shall not adjourn the Committee under any Order relating to the sittings of the Committee until the proceedings have been brought to a conclusion.

(2) No Motion shall be moved in the Standing Committee relating to the sitting of the Committee except by a member of the Government, and the Chairman shall permit a brief explanatory statement from the Member who moves, and from a Member who opposes, the Motion, and shall then put the Question thereon.

4. No Motion shall be moved to alter the order in which Clauses, Schedules, new Clauses and new Schedules are taken in the Standing Committee but the Resolutions of the Business Sub-Committee may include alterations in that order.
Conclusion of proceedings in Committee

5. On the conclusion of the proceedings in any Committee on the Bill the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

Dilatory motions

6. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, proceedings on the Bill shall be moved in the Standing Committee or on the allotted day except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

Extra time on allotted day

7.—(1) On the allotted day paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings on the Bill for two hours after Ten o'clock.

(2) Any period during which proceedings on the Bill may be proceeded with after Ten o'clock under paragraph (7) of Standing Order No. 10 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) shall be in addition to the said period of two hours.

(3) If the allotted day is one to which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10 stands over from an earlier day, a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings upon that Motion shall be added to the said period of two hours.

Private business

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

Conclusion of proceedings

9.—(1) For the purpose of bringing to a conclusion any proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at a time appointed by this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee or the Business Sub-Committee and which have not previously been brought to a conclusion, the Chairman or Mr Speaker shall forthwith put the following Questions (but no others)—

(a) any Question already proposed from the Chair;
(b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed (including, in the case of a new Clause or new Schedule which has been read a second time, the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill);
(c) the Question on any amendment or Motion standing on the Order Paper in the name of any Member, if the amendment or Motion is moved by a member of the Government;
(d) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded, and on a Motion so moved for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chairman or Mr Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(2) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (1) above shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(3) If the allotted day is one on which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) would, apart from this Order, stand over to Seven o'clock—

(a) that Motion shall stand over until the conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time;
(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion after that time shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

(4) If the allotted day is one to which a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10 stands over from an earlier day, the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which, under this Order or a Resolution of the Business Committee, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.
Supplemental orders

10.—(1) The proceedings on any Motion moved in the House by a member of the Government for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order (including anything which might have been the subject of a report of the Business Committee or Business Sub-Committee) shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after they have been commenced, and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

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

Saving

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

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

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

Recommittal

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

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

Interpretation

13. In this Order—

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

‘ the Bill ’ means the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill;

‘ Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee ’ means a Resolution of the Business Sub-Committee as agreed to by the Standing Committee;

‘ Resolution of the Business Committee ’ means a Resolution of the Business Committee as agreed to by the House.

Opposition day [11th allotted day: first part],—The House proceeded, pursuant to the Order [2nd March], to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Effect of Immigration Rules on Family Life,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the operation of the Immigration Rules which have a devastating and oppressive effect on family life by the often humiliating treatment of parents, children, spouses, would-be spouses and bona fide visitors—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘ House ’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘ believes that the operation of the Immigration Rules provides the right basis for a firm and fair immigration control which combines a necessary scrutiny of entitlement to settle here with respect and support for family life and proper treatment of visitors to this country ’, instead thereof.—(Mr. David Waddington.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam : 177.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones : 274.

So the Question was negatived.
And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 265.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Lawrence Conliffe: 176.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House believes that the operation of the Immigration Rules provides the right basis for a firm and fair immigration control which combines a necessary scrutiny of entitlement to settle here with respect and support for family life and proper treatment of visitors to this country.

Somerset House Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Somerset House Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 69 (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. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Grants for Guarantees of Bank Loans (Extension of Period) Order 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th February, be approved—(Mr. Donald Thompson):—It was agreed to.

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

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 I

Monday 5th March 1984

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Rating and Valuation.—Copy of an Order, dated 20th February 1984, entitled the Rating (Charitable Institutions) (Scotland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 193) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census.—Copies of Ward and Civil Parish Monitors for—
(1) Clwyd,
(2) Hereford and Worcester, and
(3) West Sussex
for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Public Health.—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd February 1984, entitled the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the Metropolitan Borough of Rochdale) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 200) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Public Passenger Vehicles.—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd February 1984, entitled the Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) (Designation) (Extension of Duration) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 204) [by Act].

Road Traffic.—Copies of Regulations, dated 20th February 1984, entitled—
(1) the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences, Qualifications and Fees) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 176),
(2) the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Temporary Use in Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 179),
(3) the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 178), and
[by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Public Records,—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—
(1) the Public Records (British Railways Board) Order 1984, and
(2) the Public Records (Commission for the New Towns) Order 1984
[by Act].

Papers withdrawn and Orders to lie upon the Table discharged:
Public Records,—Draft Public Records (British Railways Board) Order 1984 [laid 6th February].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee A Mr. Frank Field (nominated in respect of the Health and Social Security Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mrs. Margaret Beckett.

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents Mr. Tim Sainsbury and Mr. Barry Sheerman (nominated in respect of European Community Documents Nos. R/67/75, R/55/76 and R/804/78 concerning construction plant and equipment); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Archie Hamilton and Mr. Roger Stott.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. David Hunt and Mr. Stephen Ross (nominated in respect of the Motor Vehicles (Dim-Dip Lighting Devices) Regulations 1983); and had appointed in substitution Mr. David Penhaligon and Mr. Donald Thompson.

MEMORANDUM

Monday 5th March 1984

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 81 (Business Sub-Committees), Mr. Speaker nominated the following members of the First Scottish Standing Committee to be members of the Business Sub-Committee to consider the Allocation of Time Order relating to the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, viz.: Mr. Ian Campbell (Chairman), Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Donald Dewar, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Alex Pollock, and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland.

[No. 113.]


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 Hugh Charles Patrick Joseph Fraser, MBE, Member for Stafford, 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.

Standard Chartered Bank Bill,—The Standard Chartered Bank Bill was read the third time, and passed.
British Railways (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the British Railways (No. 2) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 13th March at Seven o'clock.

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

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Christopher Murphy reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, that it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read [Twentieth Report].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxvii].

Education, Science and Arts.—Sir William van Straubenzee reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, that it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 6th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 264-vii].

Social Services.—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, that it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 6th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 308-iii].

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

Computers.—The Lords communicate that they have ordered that the Sub-Committee on Computers appointed by the Select Committee on House of Lords Offices have power to join with any Sub-Committee that may be appointed by the Select Committee of the House of Commons on House of Commons (Services); and that any such Sub-Committee have leave to agree with the Commons on the appointment of a Chairman for any joint meeting.

Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords].—The Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th March and to be printed [Bill 121].

Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords].—The Order [27th February], that the Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords] be committed to a Select Committee, was read and discharged, pursuant to the said Order, no Petition against the Bill having been deposited in the Private Bill Office; and the Bill was committed to a Standing Committee.

New Member makes Affirmation.—The Right honourable Anthony Neil Wedgwood Benn, Member for Chesterfield, made the Affirmation required by law.

Freedom of Information.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a general right of access to official information for members of the public subject to certain exemptions; to establish the machinery for enabling the right of access to be exercised by members of the public; and for connected purposes—(Mr. David Steel); and the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, that Mr. David Steel, Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Bruce George, Dr. David Owen, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Kenneth Warren, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, and Mr. David Young, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Freedom of Information Bill.—Mr. David Steel accordingly presented a Bill to establish a general right of access to official information for members of the public subject to certain exemptions; to establish the machinery for enabling the right of access to be exercised by members of the public; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 117].

Public Expenditure.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House takes note of the White Paper on the Government's Expenditure Plans 1984-85 to 1986-87 (Cmnd. 9143)—(Mr. Peter Rees); an Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, at the end, to add the words "but deplores the fact that it increases unemployment, further disadvantages industry, neglects an acute housing shortage in many parts of the country and prevents any
improvement in public services; and through increased energy prices makes a further attack on the standard of living of all, but especially the unemployed, the sick and disabled, pensioners and families living in poverty”.—(Mr. Roy Hattersley).

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 199.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 301.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;


Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords] (Committal),—Ordered, That the Order [15th February] relating to Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords] (Committal) be amended, in line 6, by leaving out ‘28’ and inserting ‘40’, instead thereof.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Members’ Interests,—Ordered, That Mr. Michael McNair-Wilson be discharged from the Select Committee on Members’ Interests and Mr. Paddy Ashdown and Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Crawley for amendment of the Video Recordings Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.41 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 6th March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore :

Public Accounts,—Copy of a Treasury Minute on the First to Eighth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts [Session 1983-84] [by Command] [Cmnd. 9178].

Mr. Secretary Brittan :

Home Affairs,—Copy of the Government Reply to the Third Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1982-83, on British nationality fees [by Command] [Cmnd. 9183].

Representation of the People,—Copy of the Report by the Boundary Commission for Wales on the 1983 Review of European Assembly constituencies [by Command] [Cmnd. 9172].

Representation of the People,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Assembly Constituencies (Wales) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine :

Defence (Royal Air Force)—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th February 1984, amending the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior :

Companies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th February 1984, entitled the Company and Business Names Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 49) [by Act].

Rates,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th February 1984, entitled the Rates (Regional Rate) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 51) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley :

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of the Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 291].
Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 21st February 1984, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 195) [by Act].

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

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th February 1984, entitled the Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 264) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Somerset House Bill [Lords] and the Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee G.

[No. 114.]

Wednesday 7th March 1984.

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 22nd February relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Sweden) Order 1984, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Falkland Islands) Order 1984, the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Luxembourg) Order 1984 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (New Zealand) Order 1984 be made in the form of drafts laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

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

Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 7th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 232].

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 7th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-vi].

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 78-xviii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xviii].

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 7th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 252-iv].

House of Commons (Services),—Mr. John Biffen reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Computer Sub-Committee on 22nd February and 7th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 109-vii and viii].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Sir Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes
of Evidence taken before it in the last Session of Parliament: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [The Reports of the Health Service Commissioner, 1981-82].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 318].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 318].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 7th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-i].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before its Sub-Committee on 7th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 302-ii].

Welsh Affairs,—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 7th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 235-v].

Juries (Disqualification) Bill,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Juries (Disqualification) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 16th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 312].

Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords],—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords], That it had come to a Resolution, which it had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows: That the Committee recommends that the Foreign Limitation Periods 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. 310].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Harry Gourlay reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme (Application to Banff) Revocation Order 1984 and the draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme 1984, referred to a Committee on 27th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 311].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. James Lamond reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Scented Erasers (Safety) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 83), referred to a Committee on 20th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 316].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Forrester reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Motor Vehicles Dim-Dip Lighting Devices Regulations 1983 (S.I., 1983, No. 1859), referred to a Committee on 9th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 313].

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents, European Community Documents Nos. R/67/75, R/55/76 and R/804/78, concerning construction plant and equipment, together with the following Resolution: That this Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. R/67/75, R/55/76 and R/804/78 setting out proposals for Council Directives on the approximation of the laws of the member states relating to construction plant and equipment, and the permissible sound emission levels for concrete breakers and picks (jack-hammers), tower cranes, current generators and compressors, and the supplementary memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 28th November 1983; and supports the Government's intention to seek final agreement on these proposals for Directives which would facilitate trade within the Community and safeguard the protection of workers and the environment.
Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 309].

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

The Lords request that the Commons will be pleased to return the Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords] because Clause No. 2 of the Bill is incorrect.

Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Lords Message this day relating to the Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords] be now considered.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Lords Message.

Ordered, That the proceedings yesterday in relation to the Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords] be null and void.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

Free Newspapers (Restriction of Delivery) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 16th March, the Free Newspapers (Restriction of Delivery) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 13th April.

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 23rd March, the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

European Assembly Elections (Proportional Representation) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 16th March, the European Assembly Elections (Proportional Representation) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 13th April.

Treasury and Civil Service.—Ordered, That the Memoranda submitted to the Treasury and Civil Service Committee in the last Session of Parliament be referred to the Treasury and Civil Service Committee. (Mr. Terence L. Higgins.)

Entry Clearance (Change of Circumstances).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish the right of a person issued with a clearance for entry into the United Kingdom to retain such clearance and any attendant rights of settlement when circumstances forming the basis of the claim to admission have changed; and to establish the right of entry and settlement of those affected by a change of circumstances since the beginning of 1982: And that Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Tony Banks, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Dave Nellist, and Miss Clare Short, do prepare and bring it in.

Entry Clearance (Change of Circumstances) Bill,—Mr. Harry Cohen accordingly presented a Bill to establish the right of a person issued with a clearance for entry into the United Kingdom to retain such clearance and any attendant rights of settlement when circumstances forming the basis of the claim to admission have changed; and to establish the right of entry and settlement of those affected by a change of circumstances since the beginning of 1982: 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 118].

Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords];

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Tim Sainsbury : 276.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr. John McWilliam : 156.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Road Traffic,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limits) Regulations 1984, a copy of which was laid before the House on 8th February, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Ridley);
And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. John Major: 171.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 69.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limits) Regulations 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th February, be approved.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones);

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.24 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 7th March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:
Race Relations,—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th February 1984, entitled the Race Relations (Prescribed Public Bodies) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 218) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
British Nationality,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th February 1984, entitled the British Nationality (Fees) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 230) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th February 1984, entitled the National Health Service (Vocational Training) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 215) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Iron and Steel,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th February 1984, entitled the Distributors of Iron and Steel Products (ECSC Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 219) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd February 1984, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 201) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of the Report of the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on transfer procedure from primary to secondary education: control of intakes (day pupils) to secondary schools [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Coal Industry,—Copy of a Statement by the Secretary of State for Energy on the draft Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1984 [by Act].
Coal Industry,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1984, and
(2) the Redundant Mineworkers' and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) Order 1984 [by Act].

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Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [21st December] from parents in the constituency of Harlow and elsewhere for reform of the law relating to child care proceedings [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [17th February] from residents of the constituency of Thurrock for the Government to reverse its decision to cut housing benefit by £230 million [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. Kenneth Carlisle, Mr. Alfred Dubs, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Alan Howarth, Mr. Douglas Hurd, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Bill Michie, Mr. Mark Robinson, Mr. Jonathan Sayeed, Mr. John M. Taylor, Mr. George Walden, Mr. Michael Welsh, and Mr. Mike Woodcock.

Standing Committee G.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of the Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. David Atkinson, Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. David Gilroy Bevan, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Richard Body, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. David Marshall, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Keith Raffan, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Peter Snape, and Mr. Robin Squire.

Standing Committee G.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee G in respect of the Somerset House Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Tony Blair, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Dr. David Clark, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Robert Jackson, Mr. Gwilym Jones, Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr. Neil MacFarlane, Mr. John Major, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. Barry Porter, Mr. Richard Shepherd, Mr. Andrew Stewart, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, and Mr. James White.

Special Standing Committee.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Special Standing Committee on the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords] Miss Harriet Harman; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Tony Blair.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 7th March 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords]; and Sir Philip Holland Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Somerset House Bill [Lords].

Thursday 8th March 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 15th March.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 15th March.
Alexandra Park and Palace Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alexandra Park and Palace Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 15th March.

Dartmoor Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 15th March.

London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 12th April.

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

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr. William O'Brien reported from the Committee on the County of Lancashire Bill [Lords], That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Monday 12th March at Eleven o'clock.

Agriculture.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 8th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 306-ii].

Education, Science and Arts.—Sir William van Straubenzee reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 8th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos 264-vii and viii].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the extension of travel concessions to registered unemployed persons and persons working under the Youth Opportunities Programme; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords].

Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords].—The Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 16th March and to be printed [Bill 121].

Regional Assemblies (England) (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. Paddy Ashdown, supported by Mr. David Alton, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Stephen Ross, and Mr. Richard Wainwright, presented a Bill to establish regional assemblies in England; to provide for the transfer of functions to those assemblies; to make consequential changes in the government of the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes: 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 120].

Specified Premises (Improvement) Bill.—Sir Ian Gilmour, supported by Mr. Maurice Macmillan, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Jim Lester, and Mr. Richard Needham, presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 in relation to the conduct and advertisement of licensed betting offices and to make provision for the alteration of the fees payable under paragraph 20 of Schedule 1 to that Act: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 122].

Estimates [1st allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to the Resolution [29th February], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 101 (Liaison Committee).

Supplementary Estimates, 1983-84 (Class XI, Vote 1), A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £1,000 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 1984 for expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Security on the provision of services under the national health service in England, on other health and personal social services including certain services in relation to the United Kingdom, and on research, exports, services for the disabled and certain other services; including grants in aid and international subscriptions—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke);

The Question was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (2)(c) of Standing Order No. 19 (Consideration of Estimates).
Supplementary Estimates, 1983-84 (Class IV, Vote 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £289,952,000 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 1984 for expenditure by the Department of Energy on assistance to the coal industry including grants to the National Coal Board and payments to redundant workers—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Question was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (2)(c) of Standing Order No. 19 (Consideration of Estimates).

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the deferred Questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings on Supplementary Estimates, 1983-84, Class XI, Vote 1 and Class IV, Vote 3.

Class XI, Vote 1

Resolved, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £1,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1984 for expenditure by the Department of Health and Social Security on the provision of services under the national health service in England, on other health and personal social services including certain services in relation to the United Kingdom, and on research, exports, services for the disabled and certain other services; including grants in aid and international subscriptions.

Class IV, Vote 3

Resolved, That a supplementary sum not exceeding £289,952,000 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 1984 for expenditure by the Department of Energy on assistance to the coal industry including grants to the National Coal Board and payments to redundant workers.

Estimates.—Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions which he was directed to put pursuant to paragraph (7) of Standing Order No. 19 (Consideration of Estimates).

Estimates, 1984-85 (Navy)

Vote A

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 1985 a number not exceeding 74,500 all ranks be maintained for Naval Service.

Estimates, 1984-85 (Army)

Vote A

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 1985 a number not exceeding 190,500 all ranks be maintained for Army Service, a number not exceeding 5,000 for the Home Service Force, a number not exceeding 125,000 for the Individual Reserves, a number not exceeding 86,000 for the Territorial Army and a number not exceeding 12,600 for the Ulster Defence Regiment.

Estimates, 1984-85 (Air)

Vote A

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 1985 a number not exceeding 96,600 all ranks be maintained for Air Force Service, a number not exceeding 11,675 for the Royal Air Force Reserve and a number not exceeding 4,550 for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force.

Supplementary Estimates, 1983-84

Resolved, That a further supplementary sum not exceeding £1,103,954,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray charges for Defence and Civil Services which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1984, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 244, 245 and 281.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £135,693,449.27 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 1983, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 250.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Resolutions come to this day relating to Supplementary Estimates, 1983-84, and Estimates, Excesses, 1982-83: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, and Mr. Ian Stewart, do prepare and bring it in.
Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. John Moore accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on 31st March 1983 and 1984: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 105].

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 10.26 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 8th March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

National Health Service,—Copies of Regulations, dated 7th March 1984, entitled—
(1) the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 298),
(2) the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 300), and
(3) the National Health Service (Dental and Optical Charges) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 299)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Ancient Monuments,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1984, entitled the Ancient Monuments (Class Consents) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 222) [by Act].

Local Government,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th February 1984, entitled the Local Government (Prescribed Expenditure) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 223) [by Act].

Rating and Valuation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th February 1984, entitled the Rating (Exemption of Unoccupied Industrial Hereditaments) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 221) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Local Government,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st March 1984, entitled the Block Grant (Education Adjustments) (Wales) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 284) [by Act].

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

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd February 1984, entitled the Legal Aid and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 241) [by Act].

Race Relations,—Copy of the Account of the Commission for Racial Equality for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 320].

FRIDAY 9th MARCH 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Relations with the Soviet Union.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House congratulates the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and Her Majesty's Government on recent diplomatic moves and visits which have improved relations between the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union; and calls upon the Government to work on a realistic and long-term basis for the reduction of tension between the East and the West, to press for balanced and verifiable reductions in the nuclear and conventional forces and weapons of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and Warsaw Pact countries, and for the elimination of all chemical weapons, and to
persuade the Soviet Union to remove the impediments which adversely influence the
non-arms trade and the easy movement of people between the United Kingdom and
the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics—(Mr. Bill Walker);

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

**Working Conditions of Government Trainees (No. 2) Bill.**—The Order of the day being
read, for the Second Reading of the Working Conditions of Government Trainees
(No. 2) Bill;

*Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 16th March.*

**Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill.**—The Order of the day being
read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 18th November,
That the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill be now read a
second time;

*Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 23rd March.*

**Education (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [Lords].**—The Education (Amendment) (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.
Barry Henderson.)*

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

(In the Committee)

**Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.**

*Bill to be reported.*

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones 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. 58 (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.*

**Specified Premises (Improvement) Bill.**—The Specified Premises (Improvement) Bill was,
according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee
pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

**Adjournment,**—*Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.*

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

[Adjourned at 2.56 p.m.]

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**APPENDIX**

*Friday 9th March 1984*

**Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:**

**Mr. John Moore:**

New Towns,—*Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—*

1. 21st February 1984 on borrowing by the Northampton Development
Corporation,
2. 22nd February 1984 on borrowing by the Basildon Development Corporation,
and
3. 27th February 1984 on borrowing by the Redditch Development Corporation
[by Act].

New Towns (Scotland),—*Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 22nd
February 1984 on borrowing by the Cumbernauld Development Corporation [by Act].*

**Mr. Ian Stewart:**

Friendly Societies,—*Copy of Regulations, dated 5th March 1984, entitled the Friendly
Societies (Fees) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 309) [by Act].*
Industrial and Provident Societies,—Copies of Regulations, dated 5th March 1984, entitled—

(1) the Industrial and Provident Societies (Amendment of Fees) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 307), and
(2) the Industrial and Provident Societies (Credit Unions) (Amendment of Fees) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 308)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 1st March 1984, entitled the Amusements with Prizes (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 245),
(2) an Order, dated 1st March 1984, entitled the Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 247),
(3) an Order, dated 1st March 1984, entitled the Gaming (Small Charges) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 246), and
(4) Regulations, dated 1st March 1984, entitled the Gaming Clubs (Hours and Charges) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 248)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Court of Session (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1984, entitled the Court of Session etc. Fees Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 256) [by Act].

District Courts (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1984, entitled the District Court Fees Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 251) [by Act].

High Court of Justiciary (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 28th February 1984, entitled the High Court of Justiciary Fees Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 252) [by Act].

Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd February 1984, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 210) [by Act].

Mental Health,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th March 1984, entitled the Mental Health (State Hospital Management Committee, State Hospital, Carstairs: Membership and Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 294) [by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 6th March 1984, entitled the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 292),
(2) 6th March 1984, entitled the National Health Service (Dental and Optical Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 293), and
(3) 7th March 1984, entitled the National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 295)

[by Act].

Pensions,—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th February 1984, entitled the Local Government Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 254) [by Act].

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd March 1984, entitled the Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Licensing Measures) (North of Scotland Box) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 291) [by Act].

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copies of—

(1) an Act of Sederunt, dated 29th February 1984, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Fees for Sheriff Court) 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 233), and
(2) an Order, dated 28th February 1984, entitled the Sheriff Court Fees Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 257)

[by Act].

Town and Country Planning (Scotland),—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 24th February 1984, entitled the Town and Country Planning (General Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 237),
(2) Regulations, dated 24th February 1984, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Development by Planning Authorities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 238), and
(3) Regulations, dated 24th February 1984, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Enforcement of Control) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 236)

[by Act].
Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Local Government.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th February 1984, entitled the Block Grant (Education Adjustments) (England) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 224) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:


Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Housing.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st March 1984, entitled the Slum Clearance Subsidy (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 244) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Police (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Report of the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary for 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Coal Industry.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture.—Copy of an Order, dated 1st March 1984, entitled the Eggs Authority (Rates of Levy) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 249) [by Act].

Plant Breeders' Rights.—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st March 1984, entitled the Plant Breeders' Rights (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 242) [by Act].

Plant Health.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th March 1984, entitled the Import and Export (Plant Health) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 306) [by Act].

Rivers.—Copy of an Order, dated 7th March 1984, entitled the Diseases of Fish (Definition of "Infected ") Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 301) [by Act].

Seeds.—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th February 1984, entitled the Seeds (National Lists of Varieties) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 243) [by Act].

Sugar.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd March 1984, entitled the Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 250) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Metals Society Bill [Lords].—Report of the Attorney General on the Metals Society Bill [Lords] (pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)).

Norwich City Council Bill [Lords].—Report of the Attorney General on the Norwich City Council Bill [Lords] (pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)).

Paper laid upon the Table by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission:

National Audit.—First Report from the Public Accounts Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 290].

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

Building Societies.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th March 1984, entitled the Building Societies (Fees) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 279) [by Act].

Industrial Assurance.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th March 1984, entitled the Industrial Assurance (Fees) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 280) [by Act].

Legal Aid (Scotland).—Copy of the Account of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Fund for the year ended on 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 321].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Coal Industry.—Draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) Order 1984 [laid 7th March].
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 Maurice Victor Macmillan, Member for South West Surrey, 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).

Environment.—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 12th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-vii].

Transport.—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 12th March, together with a memorandum laid before it.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 286-ii].

Memorandum to lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Merchant Shipping Bill [Lords] (formerly Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Lords]), without Amendment.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Major.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Electricity (Private Generating Stations and Requests by Private Generators and Suppliers) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 136) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Major.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Public Records (British Railways Board) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Major.)

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme (Application to Banff) Revocation Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 25th January, be approved—(Mr. John Major):—It was agreed to.

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Aberdeen and District Milk Marketing Scheme 1984, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved—(Mr. John Major):—It was agreed to.

Construction Equipment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 80 (Standing Committees on European Documents), That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. R/67/75, R/55/76 and R/804/78 setting out proposals for Council Directives on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to construction plant and equipment, and the permissible sound emission levels for concrete breakers and picks (jack-hammers), tower cranes, current generators and compressors, and the supplementary memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry on 28th November 1983; and supports the Government's intention to seek final agreement on these proposals for Directives which would facilitate trade within the Community and safeguard the protection of workers and the environment—(Mr. John Major):—It was agreed to.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill:

Mr. Speaker put forthwith the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 113 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being put forthwith, 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.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 113 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. John Major);

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Nine o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 9.28 a.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented pursuant to several Acts of Parliament and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 9th March 1984 pursuant to Standing Order No. 141 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

National Health Service,—Copies of Orders, dated—
(1) 6th March 1984, entitled the National Health Service (Amendment of Trust Instruments) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 281), and
(2) 7th March 1984, entitled the Voluntary Organisations (Joint Consultative Committees) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 296).


Supreme Court,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 7th March 1984, entitled the Civil Courts (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 297), and

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 12th March 1984:

Mr. Peter Rees:
Appropriations in Aid,—Copies of Treasury Minutes, dated 12th March 1984, directing—
(1) that certain receipts shall no longer be applied as appropriations in aid of the Vote for Agricultural Support (Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce), and
(2) the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the vote for Central Administration (Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce)

[by Act].

Mr. John Moore:
Public Accounts,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 12th March 1984, on the Ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1983-84 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9191].

Mr. Ian Stewart:
Administration of Estates,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:
Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census.—Copies of Ward and Civil Parish Monitors for—
(1) Gloucestershire,
(2) Northumberland, and
(3) Warwickshire
for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Patents.—Copy of Rules, dated 5th March 1984, entitled the Patents (Amendment) Rules 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 283) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:


Local Government.—Report, entitled the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 2) 1983-84 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 317].

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

Criminal Law.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th March 1984, entitled the Costs in Criminal Cases (Central Funds) (Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 330) [by Act].

National Health Service (Scotland).—Copy of Summarised Accounts of Health Boards and the Account of the Common Services Agency, for Scotland, for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 323].

Severn Bridge Tolls.—Copy of the Account prepared pursuant to the Severn Bridge Tolls Act 1965 for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 324].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 12th March 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Specified Premises (Improvement) Bill to Standing Committee C.

[No. 118.]

Tuesday 13th March 1984.

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).

Financial Statement and Budget Report 1984-85.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Financial Statement and Budget Report as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget. (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pensions Commutation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Western Isles Islands Council (Kallin Pier, Harbour Jurisdiction) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Ullapool Harbour Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Education (Grants and Awards) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Mental Health (Scotland) Bill [Lords]].

Education (Grants and Awards) Bill,—Lords Amendment to the Education (Grants and Awards) Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 125].

Mental Health (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Mental Health (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 126].

Concessionary Television Licences for State Retirement Pensioners.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for concessionary television licences for state retirement pensioners and others: And that Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Alec Woodall, Mr. David Winnick, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Michael Welsh, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Derek Foster, and Mr. Dennis Skinner, do prepare and bring it in.

Concessionary Television Licences for State Retirement Pensioners Bill,—Mr. Allen McKay accordingly presented a Bill to provide for concessionary television licences for state retirement pensioners and others: 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 123].

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:


Ways and Means,—Provisional Collection of Taxes.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 114 (Ways and Means Motions), That pursuant to section 5 of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968 provisional statutory effect shall be given to the following Motions proposed to be moved by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer—

(a) Spirits (Motion No. 2)
(b) Beer (Motion No. 3)
(c) Wine and made-wine (Motion No. 4)
(d) Cider (Motion No. 6)
(e) Tobacco products (Motion No. 7)
(f) Hydrocarbon oil (Motion No. 8)
(g) Vehicles excise duty (Motion No. 9)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

Ways and Means,—Amendment of the law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 114 (Ways and Means Motions), That pursuant to section 5 of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968 provisional statutory effect shall be given to the following Motions proposed to be moved by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer—

(a) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;
(b) for refunding any amount of tax, otherwise than by a provision relating to supplies to, and importation by, a government department within the meaning of section 27 of the Value Added Tax Act 1983;
(c) for varying the rate of that tax otherwise than in relation to all supplies and importations; or
(d) for any relief other than relief applying to goods of whatever description or services of whatever description—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer):—

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The British Railways (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Donald Thompson);
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. Carol Mather.)
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

Tuesday 13th March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Public Expenditure,—Copy of a Paper, entitled The Next Ten Years: Public Expenditure and Taxation into the 1990s [by Command] [Cmnd. 9189].

Mr. Peter Rees:

Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—Copy of a Memorandum by the Chief Secretary to the Treasury on the Supply Estimates for the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9161].

Mr John Moore:


Financial Statement, 1984-85,—Copy of the Financial Statement and Budget Report, 1984-85, as laid before the House by Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget [pursuant to Order this day] ; to be printed [No. 304].

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Friendly Societies,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th March 1984, entitled the Friendly Societies (Life Assurance Premium Relief) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 323) [by Act].

Industrial Assurance,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th March 1984, entitled the Industrial Assurance (Life Assurance Premium Relief) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 322) [by Act].

Savings Banks,—Draft of an Order, entitled the National Savings Bank (Investment Deposits) (Limits) (Amendment) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th March 1984, entitled the Value Added Tax (Increase of Registration Limits) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 342) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 11, 1984),—Copy of an International Convention of 2nd December 1961, as revised at Geneva on 10th November 1972 and on 23rd October 1978, for the protection of new varieties of plants [by Command] [Cmnd. 9152].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Census (Scotland),—Copy of a Report by the Registrar General for Scotland on migration (Volume 3) for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Statements by the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales concerning the provision of residential accommodation for handicapped persons under the age of 65 at—

(1) 31st March 1981, and
(2) 31st March 1982
[by Act] ; to be printed [Nos. 314 and 315].
Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Trade.—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 14th November 1983 for a return of statistics relating to overseas trade for each month during 1984, for January.

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copies of Reports by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on—

(1) a complaints procedure for children in residential care and their parents,

(2) the proposal for a draft Family Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order, and

(3) the proposal for a draft Industrial Training (Northern Ireland) Order [by Act].


Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—Estimate for Class XIII-A (House of Commons: Administration) for the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 293].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission:

Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—Estimate for Class XIII-B (National Audit Office) for the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 294].

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

Supreme Court,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th March 1984, entitled the Supreme Court (Review of Taxation in Criminal Cases) Fees Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 340) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 13th March 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee F; the draft Public Records (British Railways Board) Order 1984 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1984 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Electricity (Private Generating Stations and Requests by Private Generators and Suppliers) Regulations 1984 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 119.]

Wednesday 14th March 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Cardiff City Council Bill,—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Cardiff City Council Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. John Ryman reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Registered Homes Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had agreed
to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read.

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].

Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 14th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 232].

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 14th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-viii].

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 78-xix].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xix].

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 14th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 126-iii].

Foreign Affairs,—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th and 22nd February: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [FCO and ODA Spring Supplementary Estimates 1983-84].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 280].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 280].

Foreign Affairs,—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 14th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 251-iii].

Scottish Affairs,—Mr. David Lambie reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [Scott Lithgow Limited: The Economic and Social Consequences of Closure].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 207].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 207].

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Trade and Industry,—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 14th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 329-i].

Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 14th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 328-i].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before its Sub-Committee on 14th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 302-iii].
Welsh Affairs.—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 14th March, together with Appendices.

Minutes of Evidence and Appendices to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 326].

Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 16th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 325].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the establishment and functions of a Cable Authority and to make other provisions with respect to cable programme services; to amend the Broadcasting Act 1981 and to make further provision with respect to broadcasting services; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Cable and Broadcasting Bill] [Lords].

Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords].—The Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 127].

Prevention of Imprisonment (Fine Default).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove the power of imprisonment in cases of default of payment of fines imposed for offences for which imprisonment cannot be imposed: And that Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. John Ryman, Mr. Robert N. Wareing, Mr. Robin Corbett, Miss Janet Fookes, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Alex Carlile, and Mr. Paddy Ashdown, do prepare and bring it in.

Prevention of Imprisonment (Fine Default) Bill.—Mr. Gerald Bermingham accordingly presented a Bill to remove the power of imprisonment in cases of default of payment of fines imposed for offences for which imprisonment cannot be imposed: 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 124].

Ways and Means.—Amendment of the law.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but this Resolution does not extend to the making of any amendment with respect to value added tax so as to provide—

(a) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;

(b) for refunding any amount of tax, otherwise than by a provision relating to supplies to, and importation by, a government department within the meaning of section 27 of the Value Added Tax Act 1983;

(c) for varying the rate of that tax otherwise than in relation to all supplies and importations; or

(d) for any relief other than relief applying to goods of whatever description or services of whatever description;

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Woking for amendment of the Video Recordings Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 10.28 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Wednesday 14th March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:
Appropriations in Aid.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 14th March 1984, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Vote for the Department of Health and Social Security and of other Government Departments in carrying into effect the Pensioners' Payments and Social Security Act 1979, the Social Security Act 1980, the Social Security (No. 2) Act 1980 and the Social Security and Housing Benefits Act 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
National Health Service.—Draft of an Order, entitled the General Practice Finance Corporation (Increase of Borrowing Powers) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr Secretary Tebbit:
Monopolies and Mergers.—Copy of a Report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger between Trafalgar House plc and The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company [by Command] [Cmnd. 9190].

Mr Secretary Jenkin:
Landlord and Tenant.—Copy of an Order, dated 5th March 1984, entitled the Assured Tenancies (Approved Bodies) (No. 1) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 276) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Health and Personal Social Services.—Summary of the Health and Social Services Accounts for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1982; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon [by Command] [Cmnd. 9168].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th March 1984, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 274) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Fisheries.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 12th March 1984, entitled the Fish Farming (Financial Assistance) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 341) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th March 1984, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 82) [by Statutory Instrument].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. Stephen Dorrell, Mr. Alex Fletcher, Dr. Norman A. Godman, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Michael Grylls, Dr. Keith Hampson, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. James Hill, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Mr. Gregor MacKenzie, Mr. Bill Michie, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, and Mr. John Watson.

Standing Committee F,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Henry Bellingham, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Ron Davies, Mrs. Peggy Fenner, Mr. Geraint Howells, Dr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Robert Hughes, Mr. Andrew Hunter, Mr. Robert Jackson, Mr. Robert Key, Mr. Michael Lord, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Paul Marland, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Phillip Oppenheim, and Mr. Tom Torney.
Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Public Records (British Railways Board) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. John Butterfill, Mr. Michael Carttiss, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. John Farr, Sir Philip Goodhart, Mr. Christopher Hawkins, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Richard Page, Mr. Ernie Ross, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Tony Speller, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Gary Walker, Mr. David Winnick, and Mr. Tim Yeo.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. David Ashby, Sir Frederic Bennett, Mr. Graham Bright, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Jerry Hayes, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. Robert McCorndle, Mr Michael McGuire, Mr. Lewis Stevens, Mr. Roger Stott, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. Bowen Wells, Mr. Ray Whitney, and Mr. John Wilkinson.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Electricity (Private Generating Stations and Requests by Private Generators and Suppliers) Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. Bob Edwards, Mr. Tony Favell, Mr. Terry Fields, Mr. Neil Hamilton, Mr. Robert Harvey, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Francis Maud, Mr. Richard Ottaway, Mr. George Park, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Ted Rowlands, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Derek Spencer, Mr. Donald Thompson, and Mr. James Wallace.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 14th March 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill; Mr. Patrick Cormack and Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairmen of Standing Committee F in respect of the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords]; Mr. Ted Leadbitter an additional Chairman of Standing Committee H in respect of the Data Protection Bill [Lords] in place of Mr. Roy Hughes; and Miss Janet Fookes Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Public Records (British Railways Board) Order 1984.

CHAIRMEN'S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 127 (Chairmen's Panel), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Donald Coleman and Mr. Hugh McCartney to be members of the Chairmen's Panel during this Session.

[No. 120.]


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

PRAYERS.

Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 22nd March.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 22nd March.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 22nd March.
Alexandra Park and Palace Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alexandra Park and Palace Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday 21st March at Seven o'clock.

Dartmoor Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 22nd March.

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

Agriculture.—Mr. Tom Torney reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 15th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 306-iii].

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it:

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Foreign Affairs.—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [Grenada].

Report, together with Appendices and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 226].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 226].

Members' Interests.—Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith reported from the Select Committee on Members' Interests, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Specific complaints relating to the registering and declaring of interests].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 330].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 330].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill, without Amendment.

People's Right to Fuel Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the People's Right to Fuel Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 13th April.

Prohibition of Female Circumcision (No. 2) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Prohibition of Female Circumcision (No. 2) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 23rd March.

Trade Union (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Trade Union (Amendment) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 13th April.

Trade Union Membership Rights Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Trade Union Membership Rights Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 13th April.

Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords].—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords] was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 13th April.

Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That the matter of the Government response to the First Report from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, Session 1982-83, entitled Water in Wales (Cmnd. 9138) in so far as it relates exclusively to Wales, being a matter relating...
exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Ways and Means.—Amendment of the law.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th March, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but this Resolution does not extend to the making of any amendment with respect to value added tax so as to provide—

(a) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;

(b) for refunding any amount of tax, otherwise than by a provision relating to supplies to, and importation by, a government department within the meaning of section 27 of the Value Added Tax Act 1983;

(c) for varying the rate of that tax otherwise than in relation to all supplies and importations; or

(d) for any relief other than relief applying to goods of whatever description or services of whatever description;

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday 19th March.

Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That during the proceedings on the matter of the Government response to the First Report from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, Session 1982-83, entitled Water in Wales (Cmnd. 9138) insofar as it relates exclusively to Wales, the Welsh Grand Committee have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet; and that, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 67 (Meetings of standing committees), the second such sitting shall not commence before Four o'clock nor continue after the Committee has considered the matter for two hours at that sitting.—(Mr. John Major.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

Thursday 15th March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 12, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement, done at Kinshasa on 28th July 1983, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Zaire on certain commercial debts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9157].

Treaty Series (No. 13, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement, done at Kinshasa on 28th July 1983, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Zaire on certain commercial debts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9158].

Treaty Series (No. 14, 1984).—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Seoul on 23rd August and 22nd September 1983, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Korea concerning the extension to the bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey and the Isle of Man of the Agreement for the promotion and protection of investments, signed at Seoul on 4th March 1976 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9159].

Treaty Series (No. 15, 1984).—Copy of Amendments to Annex I to the European Convention on Social and Medical Assistance, signed at Paris on 11th December 1953 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9160].
Mr. Secretary Younger:

Tourism,—Statement of increase of salary of the Chairman of the Scottish Tourist Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security,—Copy of a Supplement to the Report of the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council on asbestos-related diseases without asbestosis [by Command] [Cmnd. 9184].

Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 7th March 1984, entitled the Social Security (Employed Earners’ Employments for Industrial Injuries Purposes) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 303), and
(2) 12th March 1984, entitled the Social Security (Categorisation of Earners) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 350) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Fines and Penalties (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copies of Reports by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on—
(1) the EEC Common Agricultural Policy: Effect in Northern Ireland of Changes in Agricultural Structures Measures, and
(2) the EEC Common Agricultural Policy: Effect in Northern Ireland of Changes in Market Support Measures [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Thursday 15th March 1984

In pursuance of paragraphs (1) and (2) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Donald Coleman Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of Transport and Communications in Wales in place of Mr. David Crouch and in respect of the matter of the Government response to the First Report from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, Session 1982-83, entitled Water in Wales (Cmnd. 9138) insofar as it relates exclusively to Wales; and Mr. R. Bonner Pink an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.

[No. 121]

Friday 16th March 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from tenants of the Greater London Council’s Seaside and Country Homes for the preservation of that Council’s Seaside and Country Homes Scheme was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from tenants of the Greater London Council’s Seaside and Country Homes for the preservation of that Council’s Seaside and Country Homes Scheme was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen 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).

Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

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A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. John Wakeham, 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. 58 (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.

Law Reform (Husband and Wife) (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Law Reform (Husband and Wife) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 58 (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.

Video Recordings Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Video Recordings Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Parliamentary procedure for designation)—(Mr. Graham Bright)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Annual Report)—(Mr. Graham Bright)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendment (No.1) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 12, at the end, to insert the words “ or as a series of still pictures “.—(Mr. Denis Howell.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 3 to 7) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 58) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 10, at the end, to insert the words—

“(c) it exclusively contains material broadcast over the transmitters of the Independent Broadcasting Authority or the British Broadcasting Corporation in respect of which the programme contractors to the Independent Broadcasting Authority under the Broadcasting Act 1981 or the British Broadcasting Corporation own the copyright or otherwise are the makers of the film within the definition contained in section 13(10) of the Copyright Act 1956 and which is material previously approved for broadcasting over such transmitters by the Independent Broadcasting Authority or the British Broadcasting Corporation respectively “.—(Mr. Denis Howell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Maclennan, Mr. Simon Hughes: 10.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. David Atkinson: 84.

Other Amendments (Nos. 8 to 12) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 19, at the end, to insert the words—

“(3) A video work is not an exempted work for the purposes of subsection (1) above if to any extent it demonstrates, or encourages the commission of crime “.—(Mr. Matthew Parris.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 15 to 18) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 6, after the word “ suitable “, to insert the words “ in relation to those matters referred to in section 2(2) above “.—(Mr. Matthew Parris.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 21, 25 and 26) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 27) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 35, to leave out from the word “ premises ” to the end of line 38, and insert the words “ other than a licensed sex shop “, instead thereof.—(Sir Bernard Braine.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. David Atkinson: 98.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Brinton, Mr. Matthew Parris: 3.

Other Amendments (Nos. 28 to 37 and 39 to 57) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 58 (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.

Child Abduction Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Child Abduction Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Child Abduction Bill be considered in the following order, namely, Amendments relating to Clause 1, new Schedule [Modifications of section 1 for children in certain cases], new Clauses, Amendments relating to Clauses 2 to 7, other new Schedules. — (Mr. Timothy Wood.)

And it being past Two o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Friday 23rd March.

Anatomy Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Anatomy Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 58 (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.

Juries (Disqualification) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Juries (Disqualification) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Friday 23rd March.

Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Friday 23rd March.

Green Belt (Preservation from Development) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Green Belt (Preservation from Development) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Powers of Criminal Courts (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Criminal Law Act 1977 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law Act 1977 (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Prevention of Delays of Trials Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Delays of Trials Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Multi-Occupied Properties (Regulation) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Multi-Occupied Properties (Regulation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 11th May.

Straw and Stubble Burning (Control) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straw and Stubble Burning (Control) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 13th April.

Working Conditions of Government Trainees (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Conditions of Government Trainees (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th April.

Procedure, Ordered, That a select committee of not more than seventeen Members be appointed to consider—

(i) procedure on public Bills in standing committees, with particular regard to the allocation of time therein;
(ii) the application of time limits on speeches in the House;
and any matters of procedure in the conduct of public business, as it may determine.

Ordered, That five be the quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, and to report from time to time.

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 16th March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Supply Estimates, 1983-84,—Copy of a Note by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury on the Spring Supplementary Estimates for the service of the year ending 31st March 1984 [by Command].

Supply Estimates, 1983-84,—Supplementary Estimate of further sums required to be voted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1984 for Class II, Vote 10 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 331].

National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th February 1984 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence,—Copy of a Statement of the financial position of the Territorial Auxiliary and the Volunteer Reserve Associations on 31st March 1983 [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security,—Copy of the Report of the Social Security Advisory Committee on the draft Child Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1984, with a Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services [by Command] [Cmnd. 9194].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th March 1984, entitled the Child Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 337) [by Act].

[No. 122.]


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

PRAYERS.

Anglian Water Authority (King's Lynn Tidal Defences) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Anglian Water Authority (King's Lynn Tidal Defences) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

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

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 19th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-ix].

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration on 19th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 279-ii].
Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the redemption of preference shares issued by the Derwent Valley Railway Company; for the reduction of the capital of the Company by the total nominal value of the shares so redeemed; for the variation of enactments relating to the Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Derwent Valley Railway Bill [Lords]].

Derwent Valley Railway Bill [Lords].—The Derwent Valley Railway Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Parents' Aid Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 23rd March, the Parents' Aid Bill was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Housing (Percentage of Approved Expense for Repairs Grants) (Lead Plumbing Works) (Scotland) Order 1984 to be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Rates (Regional Rate) Order (Northern Ireland) 1948 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 51) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Ways and Means.—Amendment of the law.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th March, That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but this Resolution does not extend to the making of any amendment with respect to value added tax so as to provide—

(a) for zero-rating or exempting any supply;
(b) for refunding any amount of tax, otherwise than by a provision relating to supplies to, and importation by, a government department within the meaning of section 27 of the Value Added Tax Act 1983;
(c) for varying the rate of that tax otherwise than in relation to all supplies and importations; or
(d) for any relief other than relief applying to goods of whatever description or services of whatever description;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate. And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

And it being Ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the further Motions pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 114 (Ways and Means Motions).

2. Spirits

And the Question being put, That, as from 14th March 1984, the rate of duty specified in section 5 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 shall be increased from £15.19 per litre of alcohol in the spirits to £15.48 per litre of alcohol in the spirits.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather: 350.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 26.

So the Question was agreed to.

3. Beer

Resolved, That, as from 14th March 1984, the rates of duty specified in section 36 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 shall be increased—

(a) from £21.60 for each hectolitre to £24.00 for each hectolitre; and
(b) from £0.72 for each additional degree of original gravity exceeding 1030 degrees to £0.80 for each such additional degree.
And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

4. Wine and made-wine

Resolved, That, as from 14th March 1984, the rates of duty under sections 54 and 55 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 shall be as follows—

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<tr>
<th>Description of wine or made-wine</th>
<th>Rates of duty per hectolitre</th>
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<tr>
<td>(1) Wine or made-wine of a strength of less than 15 per cent and not being sparkling</td>
<td>£90.50</td>
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<td>(2) Sparkling wine or sparkling made-wine of a strength of less than 15 per cent</td>
<td>£149.40</td>
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<td>(3) Wine or made-wine of a strength of not less than 15 per cent but not exceeding 18 per cent</td>
<td>£157.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>(4) Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 18 per cent but not exceeding 22 per cent</td>
<td>£183.30 plus £15.48 for every 1 per cent or part of 1 per cent in excess of 22 per cent.</td>
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<td>(5) Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 22 per cent</td>
<td>£183.30 plus £15.48 for every 1 per cent or part of 1 per cent in excess of 22 per cent.</td>
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And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

5. Meaning of “sparkling” in relation to wine and made-wine

And the Question being put, That, for the purposes of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979, provision may be made with respect to the meaning of “sparkling” and “rendered sparkling” in relation to wine and made-wine;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 349.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Cyril Smith, Mr. Paddy Ashdown: 28.

So the Question was agreed to.

6. Cider

Resolved, That, as from 14th March 1984,—

(a) the rate of duty specified in section 62(1) of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 shall be increased from £9.69 per hectolitre to £14.28 per hectolitre; and

(b) in the definition of “cider” in section 16(6) of that Act for the words “strength less than 8.7 per cent.” there shall be substituted “strength less than 8.5 per cent.”;

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

7. Tobacco products

Resolved, That, as from 16th March 1984, for the Table in Schedule 1 to the Tobacco Products Duty Act 1979 there shall be substituted—

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<td>1. Cigarettes ... ... ... An amount equal to 21 per cent. of the retail price plus £24.97 per thousand cigarettes.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Cigars ... ... ... £47.05 per kilogram.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Hand-rolling tobacco ... ... £40.60 per kilogram.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Other smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco ... ... £24.95 per kilogram.</td>
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</table>

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.
8. Hydrocarbon oil

Resolved, That, as from 6 o'clock in the evening of 13th March 1984,—

(1) the rates of duty specified in section 6(1) of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979 shall be increased—

(a) in the case of light oil, from £0.1630 a litre to £0.1716 a litre ; and

(b) in the case of heavy oil, from £0.1382 a litre to £0.1448 a litre ; and

(2) in section 11(3)(a) of that Act (rebate on kerosene, other than aviation turbine fuel) for the words “ of £0.0022 a litre less than ” there shall be substituted the words “ equal to ”.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

9. Vehicles excise duty

Resolved, That the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 and the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 shall have effect, in relation to licences taken out after 13th March 1984, with the amendments set out below.

But this Resolution shall not authorise the making of amendments which would result in different provisions being in force in different parts of Great Britain.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

(1) In the said Acts of 1971 and 1972, for the provisions of Part II of Schedules 1 to 5 (annual rates of duty) there shall be substituted the provisions set out below:

**PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 1 TO ACT OF 1971 AND ACT OF 1972**

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<th>Description of vehicle</th>
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<td>1. Bicycles and tricycles of which the cylinder capacity of the engine does not exceed 150 cubic centimetres</td>
<td>£ 9.00</td>
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<td>2. Bicycles of which the cylinder capacity of the engine exceeds 150 cubic centimetres but does not exceed 250 cubic centimetres; tricycles (other than those in the foregoing paragraph) and vehicles (other than mowing machines) with more than three wheels, being tricycles and vehicles neither constructed nor adapted for use nor used for the carriage of a driver or passenger</td>
<td>£ 18.00</td>
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<td>3. Bicycles and tricycles not in the foregoing paragraphs</td>
<td>£ 36.00</td>
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**PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 2 TO THE ACT OF 1971 AND ACT OF 1972**

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<td>Hackney carriages</td>
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with an additional 90p for each person above 20 (excluding the driver) for which the vehicle has seating capacity.
### PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 3 TO ACT OF 1971 AND ACT OF 1972

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<th>Weight unladen of vehicle</th>
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#### TABLE A

**RATES OF DUTY ON RIGID GOODS VEHICLES EXCEEDING 12 TONNES PLATED GROSS WEIGHT**

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<th>Plated gross weight of vehicle</th>
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**RATES FOR FARMERS’ GOODS VEHICLES**

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**RATES FOR SHOWMEN’S GOODS VEHICLES**

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### TABLE B
**SUPPLEMENTARY RATES OF DUTY ON RIGID GOODS VEHICLES OVER 12 TONNES USED FOR DRAWING TRAILERS EXCEEDING 4 TONNES PLATED GROSS WEIGHT**

**GENERAL RATES**

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**Rates for Farmers' Goods Vehicles**

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### TABLE C
**Rates of Duty on Tractor Units Exceeding 12 Tonnes Plated Train Weight and Having Only 2 Axles**
**General Rates**

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**Rates of Duty on Tractor Units Exceeding 12 Tonnes Plated Train Weight and Having Only 2 Axles**

**Rates for Showmen's Goods Vehicles**

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**AND HAVING 3 OR MORE AXLES**

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**AND HAVING 3 OR MORE AXLES**

**RATES FOR FARMERS’ GOODS VEHICLES**

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**RATES FOR SHOWMEN’S GOODS VEHICLES**

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### PROVISIONS SUBSTITUTED FOR PART II OF SCHEDULE 5 TO ACT OF 1971 AND ACT OF 1972

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<th>Description of vehicle</th>
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<td>1. Any vehicle first registered under the Roads Act 1920 before 1st January 1947, or which, if its first registration for taxation purposes had been effected in Northern Ireland, would have been so first registered under the Act as in force in Northern Ireland</td>
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(2) In subsection (5) of section 16 of the Act of 1971 (rates of duty for trade licences), including that subsection as set out in paragraph 12 of Part I of Schedule 7 to that Act, for "£42" and "£8.50" there shall be substituted, respectively, "£44" and "£9".

(3) In subsection (6) of section 16 of the Act of 1972 (rates of duty for trade licences), including that subsection as set out in paragraph 12 of Part I of Schedule 9 to that Act, for "£42" and "£8.50" there shall be substituted, respectively, "£44" and "£9".


(a) in paragraph 1(1), for "£150" there shall be substituted "£130";

(b) in paragraph 2, for "£320" there shall be substituted "£290";

(c) in paragraph 6(1), for "£63" there shall be substituted "£67"; and

(d) in paragraph 7, for "£85" there shall be substituted "£90".
10. Gaming licence duty

Resolved, That, for the purposes of gaming licence duty charged on gaming licences for any period beginning after 31st March 1984, the following Table shall be substituted for the Table set out in section 14(1) of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981—

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<th>Part of gross gaming yield</th>
<th>Rate</th>
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<td>The first £375,000</td>
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<td>25 per cent.</td>
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<td>The remainder</td>
<td>33\frac{3}{4} per cent.</td>
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And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

11. Gaming machine licence duty

Resolved, That provision may be made modifying the periods for which whole-year gaming machine licences are to be granted.

12. Free zones

Resolved, That provision may be made in connection with goods which are or have been within any area (to be known as a free zone) designated as a special area for customs purposes.

13. Restriction of zero-rating (food)

And the Question being put, That with respect to supplies made on or after 1st May 1984, in Schedule 5 to the Value Added Tax Act 1983, Note (3) in Group 1 (Food) shall be amended by inserting "(a)" after the word "includes" and by adding at the end "and"

(b) any supply of hot food for consumption off those premises;

and for the purpose of paragraph (b) above "hot food" means food which, or any part of which,—

(i) has been heated for the purpose of enabling it to be consumed at a temperature above the ambient air temperature; and

(ii) is at the time of the supply above that temperature.

This Resolution shall not authorise the making of amendments that would make value added tax chargeable at a rate other than either nil or the rate specified in section 9 of the Value Added Tax Act 1983.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 347.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Allen McKay: 211.

So the Question was agreed to.

14. Restriction of zero-rating (construction of buildings, etc.)

And the Question being put, That with respect to supplies made on or after 1st June 1984, in Schedule 5 to the Value Added Tax Act 1983, Group 8 (construction of buildings and civil engineering works), for paragraphs (a) and (b) there shall be substituted the words "in the course of the construction or demolition of".

(1) In item 2 (supply of services in the course of certain operations relating to buildings and civil engineering works), for paragraphs (a) and (b) there shall be substituted the words "in the course of the construction or demolition of".

(2) After Note (1) there shall be inserted the following Note:

"(1A) Any reference in item 2 or the following Notes to the construction of any building or the construction of any civil engineering work does not include a reference to the conversion, reconstruction, alteration or enlargement of any existing building or civil engineering work, and the reference in item 1 to a person constructing a building shall be construed accordingly."
(3) In Note (2) (matters excluded from item 2), for paragraph (a) (which excluded repair or maintenance and is rendered unnecessary by the removal from item 2 of the reference to alteration) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:

"(a) the supply of any services in the course of the construction of any building ("the secondary building") within the grounds or garden of another building ("the main building") which is used or to be used wholly or mainly as a private residence except—

(i) where the secondary building is itself to be so used; or

(ii) where the secondary building is a garage which is to be used and occupied together with another building which is being constructed at the same time as the secondary building and which is either the main building or another secondary building which is to be used wholly or mainly as a private residence."

(4) In Note (2)—

(a) in paragraph (b), the words "or alteration", and

(b) paragraph (c) (supply of services otherwise than in the course of furtherance of a business),

shall be omitted.

(5) After Note (2) there shall be inserted the following Note:—

"(2A) In item 3, the goods referred to in paragraph (a) do not include—

(a) finished or prefabricated furniture, other than furniture designed to be fitted in kitchens; or

(b) materials for the construction of fitted furniture, other than kitchen furniture; or

(c) domestic electrical or gas appliances, other than those designed to provide space heating or water heating or both."

This Resolution shall not authorise the making of amendments that would make value added tax chargeable at a rate other than either nil or the rate specified in section 9 of the Value Added Tax Act 1983.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather: 345.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 208.

So the Question was agreed to.

15. Zero-rating (supplies outside the United Kingdom)

Resolved, That provision may be made for removing from section 16(5) of the Value Added Tax Act 1983 references to the supply of goods or services outside the United Kingdom.

16. Value added tax (discretionary registration)

Resolved, That provision may be made as to discretionary registration under the Value Added Tax Act 1983.

17. Customs and excise duty and value added tax (reliefs)

Resolved, That—

(1) For section 7 of the Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Act 1979 (relief from customs or excise duty on imported legacies) there shall be substituted, as from 1st July 1984—

7.—(1) The Commissioners may by order make provision for conferring reliefs from duty and value added tax in respect of goods imported into the United Kingdom by or for any person who has become entitled to them as legatee.

(2) Any such relief may take the form either of an exemption from payment of duty and tax or of a provision whereby the sum payable by way of duty or tax is less than it would otherwise be.

(3) The Commissioners may by order make provision supplementing any Community relief, in such manner as they think necessary or expedient.
(4) An order under this section—

(a) may make any relief for which it provides, or any Community relief, subject to conditions, including conditions which are to be complied with after the importation of the goods to which the relief applies;

(b) may, in relation to any relief conferred by order made under this section, contain such incidental and supplementary provisions as the Commissioners think necessary or expedient; and

(c) may make different provision for different cases.

(5) In this section—

“Community relief” means any relief which is conferred by a Community instrument and is of a kind, or of a kind similar to that, which could otherwise be conferred by order made under this section;

“duty” means customs or excise duty chargeable on goods imported into the United Kingdom and, in the case of excise duty, includes any addition to the duty by virtue of section 1 of the Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) Act 1979;

“legatee” means any person taking under a testamentary disposition or donatio mortis causa or on an intestacy; and

“value added tax” means value added tax chargeable on the importation of goods.

(2) As from 31st March 1984, section 13 of the Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Act 1979 (orders providing for personal reliefs from duties etc.) shall be amended as follows—

(a) after subsection (1) there shall be inserted the following subsection—

“(1A) The Commissioners may by order make provision supplementing any Community relief, in such manner as they think necessary or expedient”;

(b) in subsection (3)(a), after the word “provides” there shall be inserted the words “or any Community relief”;

(c) in subsection (3)(b), after the word “may” there shall be inserted the words “in relation to any relief conferred by order made under this section,”; and

(d) in subsection (4) there shall be inserted at the appropriate place—

“‘Community relief’ means any relief which is conferred by a Community instrument and is of a kind, or of a kind similar to that, which could otherwise be conferred by order made under this section.”

(3) In section 17 of the Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Act 1979 (parliamentary control of orders and regulations)—

(a) in subsection (3), after the figure “4” there shall be inserted, as from 1st July 1984, “7”; and

(b) in subsection (4), after the figure “13” there shall be inserted, as from 31st March 1984, “(1)”.

(4) As from 31st March 1984, in the Isle of Man Act 1979—

(a) in section 8 (removal of goods from Isle of Man to United Kingdom), in subsection (3), the words “or under any Community instrument” shall be inserted after the words “imported goods)” and the words “or under the Community instrument in question” shall be added at the end; and

(b) in section 9 (removal of goods from United Kingdom to Isle of Man), in subsection (5), the words “or under any Community instrument” shall be added at the end.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

18. Car tax and value added tax (distress and poinding)

Resolved, That provision may be made empowering the imposition and recovery of costs, charges, expenses and fees in connection with anything done under regulations relating to the levy of distress or poinding of corporeal moveables in connection with unpaid car tax and value added tax and amounts recoverable as if they were value added tax.
19. Income tax (charge and rates for 1984-85)

Resolved, That—

(1) Income tax for the year 1984-85 shall be charged at the basic rate of 30 per cent., and—

(a) in respect of so much of an individual's total income as exceeds £15,400 (the basic rate limit as determined under subsection (4) of section 24 of the Finance Act 1980—indexation) at such higher rates as are specified in the Table below (in which the higher rate bands are those as so determined); and

(b) in respect of any sum which, by virtue of any provision of Part III of the Finance Act 1973 or Chapter I of Part III of the Finance Act 1974, is chargeable at the additional rate, as defined for the purposes of that provision, at the additional rate of 15 per cent.

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<td>The remainder</td>
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(2) This Resolution shall not require any change to be made in the amounts deductible or repayable under section 204 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (pay as you earn) before 11th May 1984.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

20. Income tax (personal reliefs)

Resolved, That—

(1) Section 24(5) of the Finance Act 1980 (increase of personal reliefs) shall not apply for the year 1984-85.

(2) In section 8 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (personal reliefs)—

(a) in subsection (1)(a) (married) for "£2,795" there shall be substituted "£3,155";

(b) in subsection (1)(b) (single) and (wife's earned income relief) for "£1,785" there shall be substituted "£2,005";

(c) in subsection (1A) (age allowance) for "£3,755" and "£2,360" there shall be substituted "£3,955" and "£2,490" respectively;

(d) in subsection (1B) (income limit for age allowance) for "£7,600" there shall be substituted "£8,100".

(3) This Resolution shall not require any change to be made in the amounts deductible or repayable under section 204 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (pay as you earn) before 11th May 1984.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

21. Relief for interest (limit for 1984-85)

Resolved, That, for the year 1984-85,—

(1) the limit imposed by paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Finance Act 1974 shall, subject to any reduction to be made under that paragraph, be the same as for the year 1983-84, that is to say, £30,000 and, accordingly, for any reference in sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph to £25,000 there shall continue to be substituted a reference to £30,000; and

(2) for any reference in paragraph 24(3) of that Schedule to £25,000 there shall, as for the year 1983-84, be substituted a reference to £30,000.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.
22. Corporation tax (charge and rate for financial year 1983)

And the Question being put, That corporation tax shall be charged for the financial year 1983 at the rate of 50 per cent.;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 378.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. John McWilliam: 173.

So the Question was agreed to.

23. Corporation tax (reducing fraction for chargeable gains)

Resolved, That, as from 1st April 1983, the fraction by which, under section 93(2) of the Finance Act 1972, chargeable gains are to be reduced before they are for the purposes of corporation tax included in the profits of a company shall be two-fifths.


Resolved, That the rate of advance corporation tax for the financial year 1984 shall be three-sevenths.

25. Corporation tax (small companies)

Resolved, That—

(1) the small companies rate for the financial year 1983 shall be 30 per cent.; and

(2) the fraction by reference to which corporation tax charged on income is reduced under section 95(2) of the Finance Act 1972 shall for that financial year be one-twentieth.

26. Relief for interest: bridging loans

Resolved, That, for the year 1984-85 and subsequent years of assessment, in paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Finance Act 1974 (continuing relief for an existing home loan where the borrower raises a new loan to purchase another home in which he takes up residence) after sub-paragraph (1) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph:

"(1A) Where Part I of Schedule 9 to the Finance Act 1972 continues to apply to a loan by virtue of sub-paragraph (1)(a) above, paragraph 5 above shall also continue to have effect in relation to the loan as if that Part applied to it by virtue of paragraph 4(1)(a) above."

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

27. Life assurance premium relief

Resolved, That provision may be made withdrawing relief under section 19 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 with respect to policies issued in respect of insurances made after 13th March 1984 and for the recovery of any relief given in respect of premiums under policies so issued.

28. Insurance policies

Resolved, That provision may be made—

(a) extending, with effect from 22nd August 1983, the provisions of section 30 of the Finance Act 1980 disqualifying certain policies of life insurance from being qualifying policies;

(b) restricting the cases in which a policy of life insurance may be a qualifying policy where the policy—

(i) is issued in respect of an insurance made after 17th November 1983, and

(ii) is so issued by a company resident outside the United Kingdom;

(c) amending paragraph 93(3)(a) of Schedule 1 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (substitute and varied policies), with respect to policies issued after 22nd February 1984;

(d) varying the application of Chapter III of Part XIV of that Act (chargeable events) in relation to a policy issued by a company resident outside the United Kingdom where the policy is either—

(i) a policy of life insurance issued in respect of an insurance made after 17th November 1983, or
(ii) a capital redemption policy issued in respect of an insurance made after 22nd February 1984; and
(e) restricting the cases where the maturity of a policy of life insurance is not a chargeable event for the purposes of Chapter III of the said Part XIV.

29. Registered friendly societies

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 332 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

30. Expenditure of Members of the House of Commons

Resolved, That, for the year 1984-85 and subsequent years of assessment, provision may be made denying—
(a) relief under section 189 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970, and
(b) allowances under Chapter I of Part III of the Finance Act 1971,
in respect of certain expenditure incurred by Members of the Commons House of Parliament.

31. Reduction and abolition of certain reliefs in relation to foreign earnings and emoluments

Resolved, That provision may be made—
(a) reducing the relief from income tax provided by section 23(3) of the Finance Act 1974, paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 1977 and section 27 of the Finance Act 1978;
(b) abolishing the relief from income tax provided by section 188(2)(a) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970; and
(c) abolishing (in relation to certain cases) the relief from income tax provided by paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to the Finance Act 1974.

32. Benefits in kind: scholarships

Resolved, That charges to income tax may be imposed by provisions amending section 62A of the Finance Act 1976 (scholarships).

33. Share options

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to share options.

34. Business expansion scheme

Resolved, That provision may be made excluding farming from the trades which are treated as qualifying trades for the purposes of Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 1983.

35. Schedule B

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 92 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 so far as it relates to the circumstances in which a person is deemed to be the occupier of woodlands for the purposes of Schedule B.

36. Groups and consortia

Resolved, That provision may be made—
(a) varying the circumstances in which a company is owned by a consortium and in which a company is a member of a consortium; and
(b) varying the basis of apportionment applied under section 262(2) of the Taxes Act where, otherwise than at the end of an accounting period, a company becomes or ceases to be a member of a group or begins or ceases to fulfil the conditions for relief for a consortium.

37. Stock relief

Resolved, That provision may be made ending the relief provided by Schedule 9 to the Finance Act 1981 as from 13th March 1984.

38. Deep discount securities

Resolved, That charges to income tax, capital gains tax and corporation tax may be imposed by provisions relating to certain redeemable securities issued at a price less than the amount payable on their redemption.

39. Grants under Industrial Development (Northern Ireland) Order 1982

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 42 of the Finance Act 1980 (grants under Industry Act 1972 etc.) with respect to payments made by way of grant under the Industrial Development (Northern Ireland) Order 1982.
40. Amendments to territorial extension of tax

Resolved, That provision may be made—

(a) bringing within section 38 of the Finance Act 1973 gains accruing on the disposal of certain assets used in connection with exploration or exploitation activities; and

(b) with respect to payments in respect of tax assessed by virtue of that section.

41. Initial and first-year allowances

Resolved, That, with respect to expenditure incurred before 1st April 1985,

(a) the rate of an initial allowance under section 1 of the Capital Allowances Act 1968 or Schedule 12 to the Finance Act 1982 shall be one-half; and

(b) the rate of a first-year allowance under section 41 of the Finance Act 1971 shall be three-quarters.

42. Transfers under Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982

Resolved, That charges may be imposed under the Capital Allowances Act 1968 and Chapter I of Part III of the Finance Act 1971 in respect of assets transferred pursuant to directions under section 11 of the Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982.

43. Capital gains

Resolved, That charges to capital gains tax and corporation tax may be imposed by provisions—

(a) repealing sections 6, 8, 9 and 148 of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979;

(b) amending section 80 of the Finance Act 1981 with respect to certain payments received on or after 6th April 1984;

(c) relating to the meaning of "settlement" "settlor" and "settled property" for the purposes of sections 80 to 84 of the Finance Act 1981; and

(d) making amendments to Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 1983 which have effect as if they had been included in that Schedule when originally enacted.

44. Oil exploration and exploitation activities

Resolved, That charges to income tax, corporation tax and capital gains tax may be imposed by provisions—

(a) terminating repayment of advance corporation tax under section 17(3) of the Oil Taxation Act 1975 with respect to accounting periods ending on or after 1st April 1984;

(b) limiting the allowances which may be claimed under Chapter I of Part III of the Finance Act 1971 on a transfer within Schedule 17 to the Finance Act 1980, of the whole or part of the interest in an oil field;

(c) restricting the losses and other amounts which may be set against certain chargeable gains arising on disposals of interests in oil and in other assets used in connection with any of the activities mentioned in section 13(1) of the Oil Taxation Act 1975; and

(d) restricting relief under Part VI of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 in certain cases where the assets replaced have been used in connection with any of those activities.

45. Controlled foreign companies

Resolved, That provision may be made imposing charges to corporation tax on companies resident in the United Kingdom which have interests in certain companies not so resident.

46. Offshore funds

Resolved, That charges to income tax and corporation tax may be imposed by reference to gains accruing on the disposal on or after 1st January 1984 of certain interests in—

(a) companies which are resident outside the United Kingdom;

(b) unit trust schemes, the trustees of which are resident outside the United Kingdom; and

(c) certain other arrangements which take effect by virtue of the law of a territory outside the United Kingdom.
47. Capital transfer tax

And the Question being put, That it is expedient to authorise amendments of the law relating to capital transfer tax which are designed to facilitate, or are otherwise desirable in connection with, the consolidation of that law;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 356.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 192.

So the Question was agreed to.

48. Reduction of stamp duty on conveyances or transfers

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 20th March 1984 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) In subsection (1) of section 55 of the Finance Act 1963 and subsection (1) of section 4 of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1963 for paragraphs (a) to (e) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:—

" (a) where the amount or value of the consideration is £30,000 or under and the instrument is certified, as described in section 34(4) of the Finance Act 1958, at £30,000, nil; 

(b) where paragraph (a) above does not apply and the amount or value of the consideration does not exceed £500, the rate of 50p for every £50 or part of £50 of the consideration; and 

(c) where paragraph (a) above does not apply and the amount or value of the consideration exceeds £500, the rate of £1 for every £100 or part of £100 of the consideration";

and in subsection (2) of each of those sections for the words from “as if” onwards there shall be substituted the words “as if paragraph (a) and, in paragraphs (b) and (c), the words ‘paragraph (a) above does not apply and’ were omitted.”

(2) Part III of Schedule 11 to the Finance Act 1974 (saving for certain transfers of stock or marketable securities) shall cease to have effect.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4) below, the foregoing provisions shall apply—

(a) to instruments executed on or after 20th March 1984; and 

(b) to instruments executed on or after 13th March 1984 which are stamped on or after 20th March 1984;

and, for the purposes of section 14(4) of the Stamp Act 1891 (instruments not to be given in evidence, etc. unless stamped in accordance with the law in force at the time of first execution), the law in force at the time of execution of an instrument falling within sub-paragraph (b) above shall be deemed to be that as varied in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

(4) In the case of an instrument giving effect to a stock exchange transaction, as defined in section 4 of the Stock Transfer Act 1963, the foregoing provisions do not apply unless the transaction takes place on or after 12th March 1984 and is one in respect of which settlement is due on or after 13th March 1984.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.

49. Stamp duty: sub-sales

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 20th March 1984 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) In subsection (4) of section 58 of the Stamp Act 1891 (in case of a sub-sale to a single purchaser, duty chargeable only on consideration moving from the sub-purchaser) after the words “conveyed immediately to the sub-purchaser” there shall be inserted the words “then, except where—

(a) the chargeable consideration moving from the sub-purchaser is less than the value of the property immediately before the contract of sale to him, and 

(b) the conveyance is not one to which section 107 of the Finance Act 1981 (sales of houses at discount by local authorities etc.) applies.”

(2) In subsection (5) of section 58 of the Stamp Act 1891 (in case of a sub-sale in parts or parcels to different sub-purchasers, each conveyance chargeable with duty only on consideration moving from the sub-purchaser) after the words “to different persons in parts or parcels” there shall be inserted the words “then, except where the aggregate
of the chargeable consideration for the sale of all such parts or parcels is less than the value of the whole of the property immediately before the contract for their sale or, as the case may be, the first contract for the sale of any of them.

(3) At the end of the said section 58 there shall be inserted the following subsection:

"(7) Any reference in subsection (4) or subsection (5) of this section to chargeable consideration is a reference to consideration which falls to be brought into account in determining the duty (if any) chargeable on the conveyance to the sub-purchaser or, as the case may be, on the conveyance of each of the parts or parcels in question; and in any case where it is necessary for the purposes of either of those subsections to determine the value of any property, that value shall be determined as for the purposes of section 74 of the Finance (1909-10) Act 1910 (gifts inter vivos)."

(4) The foregoing provisions apply where the contract for the sub-sale or, as the case may be, the first contract for sub-sale of a part or parcel is entered into on or after 20th March 1984.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.

50. Stamp duty: agreements for leases

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 20th March 1984 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) In section 75 of the Stamp Act 1891 (agreements for leases for terms not exceeding 35 years to be stamped as if they were leases) in subsection (1) the words "not exceeding thirty-five years" shall be omitted and for subsection (2) (5 pence stamp on lease in conformity with duly stamped agreement) there shall be substituted the following subsection:

"(2) Where duty has been duly paid on an agreement for a lease or tack and, subsequent to that agreement, a lease or tack is granted which either—

(a) is in conformity with the agreement, or

(b) relates to substantially the same property and term as the agreement,

then the duty which would otherwise be charged on the lease or tack shall be reduced (or, as the case may be, extinguished) by the deduction therefrom of the duty paid on the agreement."

(2) In any case where—

(a) an interest in land is conveyed or transferred subject to an agreement for a lease or tack for a term exceeding 35 years, or

(b) a lease or tack is granted subject to an agreement for a lease or tack for a term exceeding 35 years,

then, whether or not the conveyance, transfer, lease or tack is expressed to be so subject, it shall not be taken to be duly stamped unless there is denoted upon the conveyance, transfer, lease or tack the duty paid on the agreement and section 11 of the Stamp Act 1891 shall have effect for this purpose as if the duty chargeable on the conveyance, transfer, lease or tack depended on the duty paid on the agreement.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2) above, an interest conveyed or transferred or, as the case may be, a lease or tack granted is not to be regarded as subject to an agreement for a lease or tack if that agreement is directly enforceable against another interest in the land in relation to which the interest conveyed or transferred or, as the case may be, the lease or tack granted is a superior interest.

(4) In section 15 of the Stamp Act 1891 (stamping of instruments after execution) in the Table following paragraph (d) of subsection (2) (instruments as to which certain special provisions apply), after the entry beginning "lease or tack", there shall be inserted:

"Agreement for lease or tack chargeable under section 75 to be granted to him or another."

(5) The foregoing provisions apply to any agreement for a lease or tack entered into on or after 20th March 1984.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.
51. Stamp duty: sales of houses at discount by certain bodies

Resolved, That, for the period beginning 20th March 1984 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973, section 107 of the Finance Act 1981 shall have effect—

(a) with the addition to subsection (3) of the following paragraph—

"(n) the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority"; and

(b) with the insertion, after subsection (3), of the following subsection:

"(3A) This section also applies to any conveyance or transfer on sale of a dwellinghouse where the conveyance or transfer is made pursuant to a sub-sale made at a discount by a body falling within subsection (3)(f) above."

The foregoing provisions shall apply—

(a) to instruments executed on or after 20th March 1984; and

(b) to instruments executed on or after 13th March 1984 and stamped on or after 20th March 1984;

and, for the purposes of section 14(4) of the Stamp Act 1891 (instruments not to be given in evidence etc. unless stamped in accordance with the law in force at the time of first execution), the law in force at the time of execution of an instrument falling within sub-paragraph (b) above shall be deemed to be that as varied in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.

52. Oil taxation (reliefs for expenditure and losses)

Resolved, That provision may be made for restricting the amounts allowable under section 5, 5A or 6 of the Oil Taxation Act 1975 on claims made after 13th September 1983.

53. Oil taxation (payments for minimum delivery and capacity payments)

Resolved, That provision may be made with respect to the treatment, for the purposes of Part I of the Oil Taxation Act 1975, of certain sums forming part of the consideration payable under contracts for the sale of oil won from an oilfield.

54. Relief from tax (incidental and consequential charges)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise any incidental or consequential charges to any duty or tax (including charges having retrospective effect) which may arise from provisions designed in general to afford relief from tax.

Procedure (Loans by Public Works Loan Commissioners).—Resolved, That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to matters which may be included in Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain provision with respect to the power of the Public Works Loan Commissioners to make loans in pursuance of section 3 of the National Loans Act 1968 and the limit on such loans.

Procedure (Future Taxation).—Resolved, That notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to matters which may be included in Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain the following provisions taking effect in a future year—

(a) provisions charging corporation tax for the financial years 1984, 1985 and 1986 at the rate of 45 per cent., 40 per cent. and 35 per cent. respectively and provisions having effect for all or any of those years with respect to—

(i) the small companies rate; and

(ii) the fractions referred to in sections 93(2) and 95(2) of the Finance Act 1972; and

(iii) the special rate for the purposes of section 96 of that Act;

(b) provision that section 310(1), (2) and (4) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 shall not have effect with respect to the financial year 1986 or any subsequent financial year;

(c) provisions with respect to initial allowances under section 1 of the Capital Allowances Act 1968 and Schedule 12 to the Finance Act 1982;

(d) provisions with respect to first-year allowances under section 41 of the Finance Act 1971;

(e) provisions abolishing the relief from income tax provided by section 23(3) of the Finance Act 1974, paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 1977 and
section 27 of the Finance Act 1978, and reducing and abolishing the relief provided by paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to the Finance Act 1974;

(f) provisions requiring certain banks and other deposit-takers making certain payments of interest to account for and pay amounts representing income tax on the grossed up amounts of those payments;

(g) provisions abolishing the surcharge payable under the National Insurance Surcharge Act 1976 with respect to secondary Class I contributions payable by any of the bodies mentioned in section 143(4) of the Finance Act 1982.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr. Secretary Walker, Mr. Secretary Jenkin, Mr. Secretary Tebbit, Mr. Michael Jopling, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Secretary Ridley, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, and Mr. Ian Stewart, do prepare and bring it in.

Finance (No. 2) Bill,—Mr. John Moore accordingly presented a Bill to grant certain duties, to alter other duties, and to amend the law relating to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with Finance: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 133].

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the consideration of the Lords Amendment to the Education (Grants and Awards) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. John Major.)

Education (Grants and Awards) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the Education (Grants and Awards) Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment.—(Secretary Sir Keith Joseph);

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And the Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. John Major: 239.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 161.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment.—(Secretary Sir Keith Joseph.)

Ordered, That Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Peter Brooke, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Secretary Sir Keith Joseph, and Mr. Giles Radice be members of the Committee.—(Secretary Sir Keith Joseph.)

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Secretary Sir Keith Joseph.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Secretary Sir Keith Joseph.)

Education (Grants and Awards) Bill,—Secretary Sir Keith Joseph reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment to the Education (Grants and Awards) Bill, That it had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which it had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment made by the Lords for the following Reason:

Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendment.

Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft European Assembly Constituencies (Wales) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved.—(Mr. David Mellor);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 112.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 14.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That the draft European Assembly Constituencies (Wales) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved.

Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 69 (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. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.45 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Monday 19th March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary King:

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th March 1984, entitled the Mines and Quarries (Fees for Approvals) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 310) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census,—Copies of Ward and Civil Parish Monitors for—

(1) Derbyshire,
(2) Lincolnshire, and
(3) Powys
for the Census 1981 [by Act].

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

House of Commons Members' Fund,—Copy of the Accounts of the House of Commons Members' Fund for the year ended 30th September 1982; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 332].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee F,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr. Ron Davies (nominated in respect of the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Ken Weetch.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Roger Stott (nominated in respect of the draft Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. George Robertson.

[No. 123.]

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

PRAYERS.

Private Bills (Standing Order not previously inquired into complied with).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That
in the case of the following Bill, referred on the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Order not previously inquired into, which is applicable thereto, has been complied with, viz.:

British Railways (No. 2) Bill.

Bill committed.

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

Private Bills (Absence of a Member).—Mr. Gavin Strang reported from the Committee on the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords], That Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr. Gavin Strang reported from the Committee on the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords], That for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next at half-past Nine o’clock.

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to joint with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had ordered him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th March and a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-first Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxviii]. Minutes of Evidence, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxix].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Sir Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services,—Mrs. Reneé Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 308-iii].

Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-ii].

Health and Social Security Bill,—Mr. Stan Crowther reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Health and Social Security Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 135]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 334].

Rates Bill,—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Rates Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 129]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 336].

Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Ian Campbell reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That it had gone through the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 128]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 333].

Parents’ Aid (No. 2) Bill,—Mr. Jerry Hayes, supported by Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. Gerald Bowden, Mr. David Alton, and Miss Clare Short, presented a Bill to give full party status to parents or guardians in care proceedings; to allow parents or guardians or custodians and certain relatives to apply to the court for an order giving them access to their children in local authority care and to regulate the conditions of such orders; and to require local authorities to prove the need to remove parental rights in court; 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 134].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Fish Farming (Financial Assistance) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 341) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments. &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)
Marks of Origin.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the prominent indelible marking or permanent affixing on all mechanical or electrical goods, over a certain value, of the flag of origin of the country that provides the highest content by value of the goods, excluding final assembly: And that Mr. Jonathan Sayeed, Mr. David Alton, Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Dr. Alan Glyn, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr. Michael Martin, Mr. Roy Mason, Mr. Hal Miller, Sir David Price, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, and Mr. George Walden, do prepare and bring it in.

Marks of Origin Bill.—Mr. Jonathan Sayeed accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the prominent indelible marking or permanent affixing on all mechanical or electrical goods, over a certain value, of the flag of origin of the country that provides the highest content by value of the goods, excluding final assembly: 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 131].

Public Accounts.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Sixth to Thirtieth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 1981-82, of the First Special Report and First to Eleventh Reports of Session 1982-83, of the First to Ninth Reports of Session 1983-84 and of the Treasury Minutes and Northern Ireland Department of Finance Memoranda on those Reports (Cmnd. 8620, 8757, 8759, 8828, 8995, 9071, 9178 and 9191).—(Mr. Robert Sheldon)

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 2) 1983-84, which was laid before this House on 12th March, be approved.—(Mr. William Waldegrave);

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 244.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 171.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 2) 1983-84, which was laid before this House on 12th March, be approved.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at to-morrow's sitting, the Motion relating to House of Commons (Services) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock or for one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, and Mr. Speaker shall then put any Question necessary to dispose of proceedings thereon, if not previously concluded.—(Mr. David Hunt)

Procedure.—Ordered, That Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Jim Callaghan, Mr. Christopher Chope, Sir Walter Clegg, Viscount Cranborne, Sir Peter Emery, Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Hugh McCartney, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. Fred Silvester, and Mr. Roger Sims, be members of the Select Committee on Procedure.

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

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

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bexhill and Battle for amendment of the Video Recordings Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.12 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 20th March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:

National Debt,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th March 1984, entitled the Savings Certificates (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 388) [by Act].
Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 2, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 27th June 1983, on the Amendment of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on the application of the rules on Community Transit [by Command] [Cmnd. 9163].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Copy of an Order, dated 8th March 1984, entitled the Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 338) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Community Land,—Copy of the Report of the Land Authority for Wales for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th March 1984, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 331) [by Act].

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

Community Land,—Copy of the Accounts of the Land Authority for Wales for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 335].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Fifth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1983-84, being the Annual Report for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 322].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committee F,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee F Mr. Robin Corbett (nominated in respect of the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Eric Deakins.

Special Standing Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Special Standing Committee on the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords] Mr. Stuart Bell; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robert Parry.

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 20th March 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee A; the Rates (Regional Rate) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Fish Farming (Financial Assistance) Scheme 1984 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Housing (Percentage of Approved Expenses for Repairs Grants) (Lead Plumbing Works) (Scotland) Order 1984 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.


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

PRAYERS.

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. John Ryman reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Food Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred. That it had
gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereunto, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it; And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 339].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 339].

Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 232].

Employment,—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 340-i].

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-x].

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 78-xx].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xx].

Foreign Affairs,—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st March, together with a Memorandum laid before it.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 268-iii].

Memorandum to lie upon the Table.

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 252-v].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 342-i].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Trade and Industry,—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [The British Steel Corporation's Prospects].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 344].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 344].

Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-iii].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341-i].

Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill (changed to Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill).—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 30th March; and to be printed [Bill 136].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 337].

Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr. Donald Coleman reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of Transport and Communications in Wales, referred to it on 21st February, and the matter of the Government response to the First Report from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, Session 1982-83 (Cmnd. 9138), entitled Water in Wales, in so far as it relates exclusively to Wales, referred to it on 15th March, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 343].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Miss Janet Fookes reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Public Records (British Railways Board) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 12th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 338].

Marking of Gravity (Beer and Lager).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the marking of the original gravity of all beers and lagers on dispensing taps, bottles, cans and other containers: And that Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Stan Crowther, Mr. Mark Fisher, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Ted Leadbitter, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. Terry Patchett, and Mr. Barry Porter, do prepare and bring it in.

Marking of Gravity (Beer and Lager) Bill.—Mr. John McWilliam accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the marking of the original gravity of all beers and lagers on dispensing taps, bottles, cans and other containers: 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 132].

Opposition day [11th allotted day: second part].—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Fuel Costs and Poverty.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government for increasing gas and electricity prices merely to raise revenue for the Treasury and for ignoring the increased hardship this will create for millions of pensioners, one-parent families, low-income households, disabled people and the unemployed; and calls upon the Government to introduce both a home insulation programme and a comprehensive system of heating allowances to protect all vulnerable groups from high fuel costs and the risk of fuel disconnection—(Mr. Stanley Orme);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word “House” to the end of the Question and add the words “welcomes that increases in the prices of the nationalised energy industries are now below the rate of inflation and that the Government has maintained and improved the real value of social security benefits, particularly for the neediest members of the community”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 202.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 289.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on Amendments):—It was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes that increases in the prices of the nationalised energy industries are now below the rate of inflation and that the Government has maintained and improved the real value of social security benefits, particularly for the neediest members of the community.

Alexandra Park and Palace Bill.—The Alexandra Park and Palace Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill—

1. (a) that it amend the Bill by including a provision establishing a statutory advisory committee to assist the Trustees in fulfilling the Trusts and ensuring that no activities undertaken or permitted by the Trustees in Alexandra Park and Palace shall be a nuisance or annoyance or of detriment to the amenities of local residents;
(b) that the statutory advisory committee shall be composed as follows:

(i) eight Councillors appointed by the council of the London Borough of Haringey of which not less than one shall represent each of the wards currently known as Alexandra, Bowes Park, Fortis Green, Hornsey Central, Muswell Hill and Noel Park; and

(ii) eight representatives of local residents associations from within the above named wards;

(c) that the powers and duties of the Committee shall be to consider and advise the Trustees on the following matters—

(i) the general policy relating to the activities and events arranged or permitted in the Palace and Park;

(ii) the effects of such activities and events upon the local inhabitants and local environment;

(iii) the frequency of activities and events attracting more than 10,000 people at any one time and the maximum number to be permitted on such occasions;

(iv) the adequacy of car parking arrangements within the Palace and Park so as to avoid overflow into adjoining residential streets;

(v) any proposals which require planning permission;

(vi) the establishment and maintenance of the Park as a Metropolitan Park;

(vii) the furtherance of recreation and leisure in the Alexandra Palace and Park;

(viii) such other matters as the Committee to which the Bill is referred may consider appropriate;

(d) that the Trustees shall consult the statutory advisory committee on all matters listed in (c) above, shall have due and proper regard to the advice received, and shall use their best endeavours to give effect to such reasonable recommendations of the statutory advisory committee as are consistent with the Trusts;

2. that, subject to the approval of the Charity Commissioners, it amend the Bill by including a provision that nothing therein shall permit any contribution to be made out of the Rate Fund by the London Borough of Haringey towards any of the expenses of the maintenance, management or administration of the Park and Palace; and

3. that it satisfy itself that the Council of the London Borough of Haringey will take all reasonable steps to ensure that car parking does not occur in residential streets near the Palace and Park as a result of the activities and events therein.

—(Sir Hugh Rossi.)

European Strategic Programme for Research and Development in Information Technology (ESPRIT).—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 7619/83 concerning the proposed European Strategic Programme for Research and Development in Information Technology (ESPRIT); and supports the Government’s endorsement of the programme at the Research Council on 28th February as helping to strengthen the technological competitiveness of the Community’s information technology industry.—(Mr. Kenneth Baker.)

House of Commons (Services).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That paragraph (12) of Standing Order No. 103 (Select Committee on House of Commons (Services)) shall have effect for the remainder of the present Session as if the words “Canada and the United States of America” were inserted at the end of line 54—(Mr. John Biffen);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Tinn, Mr. Gerald Bermingham: 77.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Neil Hamilton: 13.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That paragraph (12) of Standing Order No. 103 (Select Committee on House of Commons (Services)) shall have effect for the remainder of the present Session as if the words “Canada and the United States of America” were inserted at the end of line 54.

Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

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Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Lewes for amendment of the Video Recordings Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes past Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 11.19 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 21st March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Banks and Banking.—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th March 1984, entitled the Banking Act 1979 (Exempt Transactions) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 396) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th March 1984, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order and Trees in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 329) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Monopolies and Mergers.—Copy of a Report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the proposed merger between Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds PLC and AE PLC [by Command] [Cmnd. 9199].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Attorney General, Mr. John Browne, Mr. Eric Cockeram, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Roger King, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Mr. John Morris, Mr. Patrick Nicholls, Mr. Terry Patechet, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mr. Jack Thompson, Mr. George Walden, Mr. John Watts, Mr. John Whittfield, Mr. David Winnick, and Mr. Tim Yeo.

Standing Committee C.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Agriculture (Amendment) Bill, viz.: Mr. David Ashby, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Derek Conway, Viscount Cranborne, Mr. John Farr, Mrs. Peggy Fenner, Mr. David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr. Tom Hoosen, Mr. Peter Hubbard-Miles, Dr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Michael McGuire, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Nicholas Soames, Mr. Gavin Strang, and Mr. Tom Torney.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Rates (Regional Rate)
Order (Northern Ireland) 1984, viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Sir John Biggs-Davidson, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Peter Bruinvels, Mr. Alistair Burt, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. John Carlisle, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. J. Enoch Powell, Mr. K. Harvey Proctor, Mr. Clive Soley, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Dr. Ian Twinn, and Mr. Mark Wolfson.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fish Farming (Financial Assistance) Scheme 1984, viz.: Sir Peter Blaker, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Frank Cook, Sir Edward Gardner, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Ken Hargreaves, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. John Home Robertson, Dr. Mark Hughes, Mr. John MacGregor, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. T. H. H. Skeet, Mr. Jim Spicer, Mr. Andrew Stewart, and Mr. James Wallace.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Housing (Percentage of Approved Expense for Repairs Grants) (Lead Plumbing Works) (Scotland) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. David Lamble, Mr. Iain Lang, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. David Maclean, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. David Marshall, Mr. Michael Martin, Mr. John Maxton, and Sir Hector Munro.

Thursday 22nd March 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 29th March.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 29th March.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 29th March.

Dartmoor Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 29th March.

Selection,—Ordered, That the Standing Order of 30th June 1983 relating to the nomination of members of the Committee of Selection be amended, by leaving out Mr. Roy Hughes and inserting Mr. Donald Coleman.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 22nd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 341-ii and 345-i].

Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill,—Mr. Michael Morris reported from Standing Committee J, That it had gone through the Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 137].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 346].

Prohibition of Female Circumcision (No. 2) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Prohibition of Female Circumcision (No. 2) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Concessionary Television Licences for State Retirement Pensioners Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Concessionary Television Licences for State Retirement Pensioners Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th April.

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:


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

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the second Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with, though opposed, until One o'clock or for three hours after being entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones):

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

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

And the Question being accordingly put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, Mr. Charles Kennedy: 6.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 104.

So the Question was negatived.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes to Two o'clock, adjourned till this day.

Adjourned at 1.43 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Thursday 22nd March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Income Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 20th March 1984, entitled the Capital Allowances (Corresponding Northern Ireland Grants) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 407) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Miscellaneous (No. 5, 1984).—Copy of the European Convention on the compensation of victims of violent crimes, signed at Strasbourg on 24th November 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9167].

Treaty Series (No. 83, 1983).—Copy of Fourth Supplementary List of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc. for 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9170].

Treaty Series (No. 16, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 8th December 1983, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania, on certain commercial debts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9166].
Mr. Secretary Younger:

Representation of the People,—Copy of the Report by the Boundary Commission for Scotland on the 1983 Review of European Assembly constituencies [by Command] (Cmnd. 9176).

 Representation of the People,—Copy of Rules, dated 9th March 1984, entitled the Scottish Local Elections Amendment Rules 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 352) [by Act].

 Representation of the People,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Assembly Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Enterprise Zones,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th March 1984, entitled the Glanford (Flixborough) Enterprise Zone (Designation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 347) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Petroleum,—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th March 1984, entitled the Petroleum (Production) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 397) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th March 1984, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 346) [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

European Communities,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 14th March 1984, entitled the European Communities (Designation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 353) [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 14th March 1984, entitled—
(1) the Merchant Shipping Act 1979 (Hong Kong) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 350), and
(2) the Merchant Shipping (Confirmation of Legislation) (New South Wales) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 357) [by Act].

Patents,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 14th March 1984, entitled the Patents Etc. (Republic of Rwanda) (Convention) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 367) [by Act].

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute, made by the University of Cambridge on 12th January 1984, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:


Plant Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd March 1984, entitled the Parsley (Temporary Prohibition on Landing) (Great Britain) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 416) [by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the Petition [16th December] from Anthony John Miller on income tax and the self employed [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Clive Soley (nominated in respect of the Rates (Regional Rate) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Derek Fatchett.

MEMORANDA

Thursday 22nd March 1984

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 45 (Business Committee), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Secretary Jenkin, Mr. Peter Lilley, Mr. John Major, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. John Powley, Mr. Jack Straw, and Mr. William Waldegrave to be members of
the Business Committee in respect of the Rates Bill; and Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Donald Dewar, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Alexander Pollock and Mr. Solicitor General for Scotland to be members of the Business Committee in respect of the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed the Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords]; Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Agriculture (Amendment) Bill; Sir Philip Holland Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords]; Mr. Hugh McCartney and Mr. Ian Campbell Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Rates (Regional Rate) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984; and Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1984.

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 127 (Chairmen’s Panel), Mr. Speaker nominated Sir Anthony Meyer to be a member of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

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Friday 23rd March 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Derwent Valley Railway [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bristol South against the closure of Merrywood Boys’ School, Bristol was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Bristol East against the closure of Merrywood Boys’ School, Bristol was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Treasury and Civil Service.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 22nd March.

Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 345-i].

Juries (Disqualification) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Juries (Disqualification) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Interpretation of sentence of imprisonment (No. 1))—(Mr. Alfred Dubs)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, to leave out the word ‘ten’ and to insert the word ‘seven’, instead thereof.—(Mr. Alfred Dubs.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, to leave out the words ‘or the Channel Islands’.—(Mr. Alfred Dubs.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words 'or the Republic of Ireland'.—(Mr. Alfred Dubs.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 18, to leave out the words 'five years' and insert the words 'twelve months', instead thereof.—(Mr. Alfred Dubs.)

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

An Amendment (No. 12) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. John Watson 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. Gary Waller, Mr. Jonathan Sayeed: 36.

Tellers for the Noes, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Harry Cohen: 0.

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. 32 (Majority for Closure).

And it being after half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 30th March.

Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lotteries (Amendment) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Child Abduction Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Child Abduction Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Friday 6th April.

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 30th March.

Theft from Shops Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Theft from Shops Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Tour Operators (Advertising of Foreign Holidays) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tour Operators (Advertising of Foreign Holidays) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 27th April.

Entry Clearance (Change of Circumstances) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Entry Clearance (Change of Circumstances) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 11th May.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 18th November, That the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 13th April.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

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

[Adjourned at 3.9 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Friday 23rd March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Government Trading Funds,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 21st March 1984, on the determination of further financial objectives desirable of achievement by the Royal Mint [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes, made by the Governing Bodies of—
(1) Brasenose College, Oxford, on 16th January 1984, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(2) Trinity College, Cambridge, on 11th January 1984, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Medicines,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th March 1984, entitled the Medicines (Exemptions from Restrictions on the Retail Sale or Supply of Veterinary Drugs) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 349) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

Friday 23rd March 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Wells Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Fish Farming (Financial Assistance) Scheme 1984.

[No. 127.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Agriculture,—Mr. Tom Torney reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 22nd March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 306-iv].

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 26th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-xi].

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration on 26th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 279-iii].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirteenth Report) [Evasion and enforcement of Vehicle Excise Duty].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 243].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 243].
Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 26th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 348-i].

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

That—

(1) the order in which proceedings on Consideration are taken shall be new Clauses, amendments to Parts I, II and III, amendments to Schedules 1 and 2, amendments to Part IV, new Schedules.

(2) the allotted days which under the Order [29th February] are given to the proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be allotted in the manner shown in the Table set out below and, subject to the provisions of that Order, each part of the proceedings shall be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the third column of that Table.

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

That—

(1) the order in which proceedings on Consideration are taken shall be new Clauses, new Schedules, amendments to Clauses 1 and 2, amendments to Clauses 1 to 17, amendments to Schedules 2 and 3, and amendments to Clauses 18 and 19.

(2) on the allotted day given under the Order [5th March] to the proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading, subject to the provisions of that Order, each part of the proceedings shall be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the second column of the Table set out below.

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Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report) [The Government's Economic Policy : Autumn Statement].

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 347].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 26th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 341-iii].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 341].

Regional Assemblies (England) (No. 2) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 4th May, the Regional Assemblies (England) (No. 2) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.
Multi-Occupied Properties (Regulation) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon
Friday 11th May, the Multi-Occupied Properties (Regulation) Bill was read and
discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Local Government (Direct Labour Organisations)
(Competition) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee
on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang)

Trade Union Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Trade Union
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the order in which proceedings on consideration of the Trade Union
Bill are taken shall be new Clauses relating to Part I, Amendments relating to Part I,
new Clauses relating to Part II, Amendments relating to Part II, new Clauses relating
to Part III, Amendments relating to Part III, remaining new Clauses, Amendments to
Clauses 17 and 18 and new Schedules.—(Mr. Secretary King.)

A Clause (Union ballots an applicability of Part I)—(Mr. John Smith)—brought up,
and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. James Hamilton: 174.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 272.

Amendment (No. 22) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, to leave out the word
‘voting’.—(Mr. David Penhaligon.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. A. J. Beith: 14.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 241.

Amendments (Nos. 2 and 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 28, after the word
‘constraint’, to insert the words ‘by means other than a workplace or union branch
ballot’.—(Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 26) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 30, to leave out
from the word ‘supplied’ to the word ‘a’ in line 31 and insert the words ‘by post
with’, instead thereof.—(Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. A. J. Beith: 12.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. Michael Neubert: 242.

Other Amendments (Nos. 4 to 7 and 9) made to the Bill.

And it being Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Trade Union Bill and the
consideration of Lords Amendments to the Town and Country Planning Bill may be
proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Trade Union Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Trade Union Bill, as amended
in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Limitation of meaning of ‘actionable in tort’ in section 7)—(Mr. John
Smith)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Allen McKay: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. John Major: 247.

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

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered to-morrow.

Town and Country Planning Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the
Lords Amendments to the Town and Country Planning Bill.
Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2:
A Motion being made, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Neil MacFarlane);

Mr. Secretary Jenkin, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Lords Amendment, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Mr. Secretary Jenkin, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Lords Amendment, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 8 were agreed to.

Public Records,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Public Records (British Railways Board) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 5th March, be approved—(Mr. Robert Boscawen):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Knights of St. Columba and people of the constituency of Poole for granting parents statutory rights to know and give consent to all medication of their children whilst under sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from objectors to Project S7 in the Local Plan for the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames against the proposed Project was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the parliamentary constituency of Newport West for tougher sentences for child beaters was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.50 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 26th March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Civil List Pensions,—List of pensions granted during the year ended 31st March 1983 under section 4(1) of the Civil List Act 1972 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:
Defence (Royal Air Force Reserve),—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd March 1984, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force Reserve (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Defence (Royal Auxiliary Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd March 1984, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Auxiliary Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].
Defence.—Copies of Schemes, dated 12th March 1984, for the establishment and constitution of Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Associations for—

(1) East Anglia,
(2) East Midlands,
(3) Eastern Wessex,
(4) Greater London,
(5) Highlands of Scotland,
(6) Lowlands of Scotland,
(7) North of England,
(8) North West of England and the Isle of Man,
(9) Northern Ireland,
(10) South East,
(11) Wales,
(12) West Midlands,
(13) Western Wessex, and
(14) Yorkshire and Humberside
[by Act].

Museums and Galleries.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th March 1984, entitled the Armed Forces Museums (Designation of Institutions) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 422) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census.—Copies of Ward and Civil Parish Monitors for—

(1) Essex, and
(2) Suffolk

for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Population Censuses and Surveys.—Copy of local authority vital statistics for 1982 [by Act].

Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th March 1984, entitled the Statutory Sick Pay (General) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 385) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on the investigation by the Fair Employment Agency for Northern Ireland into the non-industrial Northern Ireland Civil Service [by Act].

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Hugh McCartney Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Housing (Percentage of Approved Expenses for Repairs Grants) (Lead Plumbing Works) (Scotland) Order 1984.

[No. 128.]

Tuesday 27th March 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Anglian Water Authority (King's Lynn Tidal Defences) Bill.—A Motion being made, That the Anglian Water Authority (King's Lynn Tidal Defences) Bill be now read the third time;

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

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Cardiff City Council Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Cardiff City Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

    Bill to be read the third time.

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

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Richard Alexander reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, that it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-second Report).

    Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxx].

Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords].—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from Standing Committee A, that it had gone through the Foreign Limitation Periods 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. 350].

London Regional Transport Bill,—Mr. John Forrester reported from Standing Committee B, that it had gone through the London Regional Transport Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

    Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 140].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 351].

Somerset House Bill [Lords].—Sir Philip Holland reported from Standing Committee G, that it had gone through the Somerset House Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereto.

    Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 142].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 349].

Local Government Elections (Proportional Representation) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 30th March, the Local Government Elections (Proportional Representation) Bill, was read and discharged.

    Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 4th May.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, that the draft General Practice Finance Corporation (Increase of Borrowing Powers) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, that the draft Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, that the Block Grant (Education Adjustments) (England) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 224) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

European Community Documents,—Ordered, that European Community Document No. 7933/83 concerning the Community road haulage quota be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

European Community Documents,—Ordered, that European Community Document No. 8307/83 concerning the reduction in noise from motor vehicles be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Local Authority (Standards of Service).—Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the maintenance of standards of service where local authorities place public services out to competitive tender: And that Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. Tony Blair, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Harry Cowans, Mr. Allan Roberts, Mr. Chris Smith, and Mr. Jack Thompson, do prepare and bring it in.

Local Authority (Standards of Service) Bill,—Mr. Nicholas Brown accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the maintenance of standards of service where local authorities place public services out to competitive tender. 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 138].
Rates Bill (Allocation of Time).—Ordered, That the Report [26th March] from the Business Committee be now considered.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Report.

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (Business Committee), That this House doth agree with the Committee in its Resolution:—It was agreed to.

Rates Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Rates Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Levels of expenditure)—(Dr. John Cunningham)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 193.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 301.

Another Clause (Representations to the Secretary of State)—(Mr. Jack Straw)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Rate of growth in local government expenditure)—(Mr. Jack Straw)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Effect on public spending)—(Mr. Jack Straw)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Consultation on principles)—(Mr. Jack Straw)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 291.

Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 12, at the end, to insert the words

'(1A) For the purpose of this part of this Act, the Secretary of State shall not designate more than twenty authorities in any financial year'.—(Mr. Charles Morrison.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Charles Morrison: 196.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 288.

Another Amendment (No. 26) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 23, after the word 'report', to insert the words 'or reports'.—(Mr. Charles Morrison.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 12, to leave out the words 'or authorities'.—(Mr. Jack Straw.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 193.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 300.
Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, to leave out lines 35 and 36.—(Mr. John Cartwright.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft : 180.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 297.

And it being after Twelve o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned pursuant to the Order [29th February].

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be further considered this day.

Public Records,—Resolved, That the draft Public Records (Commission for the New Towns) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 5th March, be approved.—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

House of Commons (Services),—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 103 (Select Committee on House of Commons (Services)) be amended, in line 7, by leaving out the word 'nineteen' and inserting the word 'twenty'.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

House of Commons (Services),—Ordered, That Mr. Carol Mather be added to the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services).—(Mr. David Hunt.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes to One o'clock, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.43 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 27th March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 3, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of letters exchanged at Brussels on 14th October 1983, concerning Article 10 of the Framework Agreement for Co-operation between the European Economic Community and the Federative Republic of Brazil [by Command] [Cmnd. 9182].

European Communities (No. 5, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, done at Brussels on 3rd February 1983, amending the Community-COST Concertation Agreement on a Concerted Action Project in the Field of Analysis of Micropollutants in water (COST Project 64 bis) [by Command] [Cmnd. 9177].

Treaty Series (No. 19, 1984),—Copy of a Convention, done at London on 1st November 1983, on Social Security between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of New Zealand [by Command] [Cmnd. 9179].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:


Mr. Secretary Tebbit:


Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on youth service [by Act].

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft General Practice Finance Corporation (Increase of Borrowing Powers) Order 1984 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order 1984 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Local Government (Direct Labour Organisations) (Competition) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Block Grant (Education Adjustments) (England) Regulations 1984 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; European Community Document No. 7933/83 concerning the Community road haulage quota to the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents; and European Community Document No. 8307/83 concerning the reduction in noise from motor vehicles to the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents.

Wednesday 28th March 1984.

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).

Selby Bridge Bill.—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Selby Bridge Bill and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

Employment.—Mr. John Gorst reported from the Employment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 28th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 340-ii].

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report) [Indemnities by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority to British Nuclear Fuels Limited in Respect of Incidents Involving Nuclear Material (Cmnd. 9132)].

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 357].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 357].

Environment.—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, that it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 28th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275-xii].

European Legislation.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 78-xxi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xxi].

Home Affairs.—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 28th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 252-vii].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourteenth Report) [Manpower Control—reviewing the need for work].
Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 150].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 150].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 28th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 361].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services,—Mrs. Renee Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed her to make to the House ; and had directed her to report an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it, together with Memoranda : And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [Children in care].

Report, together with an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 360].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 360].

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Trade and Industry,—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 28th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 329-ii].

Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 28th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 319-iv].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 28th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 341-iv].

Welsh Affairs,—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 28th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 235-vi].

Agriculture (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Agriculture (Amendment) Bill, and had amended the Title, as follows : A Bill to enable grants under section 64 of the Agriculture Act 1967 towards fulfilling guarantees of bank loans to be made in relation to a wider range of co-operative marketing businesses ; and to extend the powers of obtaining information conferred by subsection (1) of section 1 of the Agricultural Statistics Act 1979 and to repeal subsection (5) of that section.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 30th March ; and to be printed [Bill 144].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 352].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Rates (Regional Rate) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 51), referred to a Committee on 19th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 356].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Forrester reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 12th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 355].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Wells reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Fish Farming (Financial Assistance) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 341), referred to a Committee on 20th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 354].

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Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Harry Gourlay reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Housing (Percentage of Approved Expense for Repairs Grants) (Lead Plumbing Works) (Scotland) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 19th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 353].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to prohibit female circumcision; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to repeal The Metals Society Act 1973; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Metals Society Bill [Lords].

Metals Society Bill [Lords].—The Metals Society Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day’s sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1)(b) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business), the Motions relating to the Coal Industry may be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours after the first Motion has been entered upon, and Mr. Speaker shall then put any Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on those Motions, if not previously concluded.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

Polygraph Registration and Control.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a polygraph registration and calibration organisation with powers to license all polygraphs used in both the public and private sectors subject to certain exceptions; to establish a Commission of Members of the House of Commons serviced by an Office of Technology Assessment to oversee the use of such polygraphs in the public sector; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Merlyn Rees, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Brynmor John, and Mr. Ron Leighton, do prepare and bring it in.

Polygraph Registration and Control Bill.—Mr. Merlyn Rees accordingly presented a Bill to establish a polygraph registration and calibration organisation with powers to license all polygraphs used in both the public and private sectors subject to certain exceptions; to establish a Commission of Members of the House of Commons serviced by an Office of Technology Assessment to oversee the use of such polygraphs in the public sector; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 139].

Rates Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Rates Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 31) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 1, to leave out Clauses 9 to 12.—(Mr. Charles Morrison.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. W. Benyon, Mr. David Lightbown : 202.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 304.

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 30, at the end, to insert the words ‘ and the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District ’.—(Mr. Chris Smith.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 41) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

‘ (2A) Schedule 3 to this Act shall have effect with respect to the rating of agricultural buildings.

In applying rates to any agricultural buildings under this Schedule, rating authorities shall charge rates according to the following formula—

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—(Mr. Teddy Taylor.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 46, at the end, to insert the words—

‘20. In the third Schedule to the General Rate Act 1967 (Classes of Machinery and Plant deemed to be part of hereditament) Class 4 therein shall cease to have effect.’

(Dr. John Cunningham.)

And it being fifteen minutes past Eight o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [29th February] and the Resolution yesterday, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was negatived.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 326.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Frank Haynes : 201.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Coal Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr. Giles Shaw);

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And the Question being put:

Resolved, That the draft Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved.

Coal Industry.—Resolved, That the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Scheme) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 9th March, be approved.—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.41 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 28th March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Forestry.—Copy of the Accounts of the Forestry Commission for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 303].

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Government Annuities and Insurances.—Accounts of all moneys received on account of contracts for the grant of deferred life annuities and for payments on death, under the provisions of the Government Annuities Act 1929, and of the disposal thereof, and of the contracts made, for 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Representation of the People.—Copy of the Report by the Boundary Commission for England on the 1983 Review of European Assembly constituencies [by Command] [Cmd. 9208].

Representation of the People.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the European Assembly Constituencies (England) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Population Censuses and Surveys.—Copy of the Review of the Registrar General on deaths by area of usual residence, in England and Wales, for 1982 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production 1981; Summary Tables [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Prior:
Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copies of Reports by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on—
1. the proposal for a draft Road Traffic, Transport and Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, and
2. the proposal for a draft University of Ulster (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Offshore Installations,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd March 1984, entitled the Offshore Installations (Application of Statutory Instruments) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 419) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th March 1984, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 386) [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Forestry,—Copy of the Report of the Forestry Commission for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 303].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Economy of Stores Support [by Act]; to be printed [No. 359].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection
Standing Committee C,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Specified Premises (Improvement) Bill, viz.: Mr. Jack Aspinwall, Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Kenneth Carlisle, Mr. Clement Freud, Sir Ian Gilmour, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Richard Holt, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Douglas Hard, Mr. Jim Lester, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Francis Maude, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. Richard Needham, Mr. Michael Stern, Mr. David Sumberg, Mr. James White, and Mr. David Young.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft General Practice Finance Corporation (Increase of Borrowing Powers) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Mr. Frank Dobson, Mr. Roy Galley, Dr. Alan Glyn, Mr. Peter Hordern, Mr. Alan Howarth, Mr. Gerald Howarth, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Richard Ottaway, Mr. Ernie Roberts, Mr. Mark Robinson, Mr. Gareth Wardell, Mr. Timothy Wood, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Tony Banks, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Cecil Franks, Mr. Roger Freeman, Mr. John Gorst, Sir Raymond Gower, Mr. Patrick Ground, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Greg Knight, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. Derek Spencer, Mr. Michael Stern, Mr. Ian Stewart, and Mr. David Winnick.
Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Local Government (Direct Labour Organisations) (Competition) (Scotland) Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Jim Craigie, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Gerald Malone, Dr. M. S. Miller, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Alexander Pollock, Mr. Ernie Ross, and Mr. Bill Walker.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Block Grant (Education Adjustments) (England) Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Gerald Bowden, Mr. Roland Boyce, Mr. Peter Brooke, Mrs. Edwina Currie, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Piers Merchant, Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock, Sir Julian Ridsdale, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. Lewis Stevens, and Mr. Patrick Thompson.

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Document No. 7933/83 concerning the road haulage quota, viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Simon Coombs, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Robert B. Jones, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Hal Miller, Mr. Tom Norman, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Robin Squire, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. Peter Thurnham, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, that it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Document No. 8307/83 concerning the reduction in noise from motor vehicles, viz.: Mr. Tony Baldry, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Christopher Chope, Mr. David Harris, Mr. Robert Hayward, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. David Lightbown, Mr. Andrew MacKay, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Jonathan Sayeed, Mr. Peter Snape, Mr. Nigel Spearing, Mr. Robin Squire, Mr. John M. Taylor, Mr. Stan Thorne, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Specified Premises (Improvement) Bill; Mr. Michael Shersby Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft General Practice Finance Corporation (Increase of Borrowing Powers) Order 1984; Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order 1984; Mr. Donald Coleman Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Electricity (Private Generating Stations and Requests by Private Generators and Suppliers) Regulations 1984; Mr. Hugh McCartney Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Local Government (Direct Labour Organisations) (Competition) (Scotland) Regulations 1984; Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Block Grant (Education Adjustments) (England) Regulations 1984; and Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Document No. 7933/83 concerning the community road haulage quota.

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

PRAYERS.

Derwent Valley Railway Bill [Lords].—The Derwent Valley Railway Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 5th April at Seven o'clock.
Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 5th April.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 5th April.

Dartmoor Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 5th April.

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

County of Lancashire Bill [Lords].—Mr. William O’Brien reported from the Committee on the County of Lancashire Bill [Lords], That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Transport.—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 29th March.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-v].

Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.—Sir Michael Shaw reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 143].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 364].

Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords].—Sir Philip Holland reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Fosdyke Bridge 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. 362].

Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That it had considered the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords] in relation to the principle of the Bill and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read a second time to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 363].

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Education (Grants and Awards) Bill to which this House has disagreed.

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

Telecommunications Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Telecommunications Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 146].

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 28th March to be printed [No. 64-v].

Rights of Londoners.—Mr. Tony Banks, supported by Mr. Chris Smith, Miss Jo Richardson, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Miss Harriet Harman, Mr. Frank Dobson, and Mr. Harry Cohen, presented a Bill to entrench the rights of the people of London directly to elect a Greater London Council as constituted at 1st January 1984, so that the needs of Greater London may be more fully met and the administration made more fully accountable to the people through the ballot box; to confer further duties on the Greater London Council and the London boroughs; 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 141].
Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (Allocation of Time).—Ordered, That the Report [26th March] from the Business Committee be now considered.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Report.

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (Business Committee), That this House doth agree with the Committee in its Resolution:—It was agreed to.

Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill [allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Restriction of Secretary of State's power to control rates)—(Mr. Donald Dewar)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Don Dixon: 151.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Michael Neubert: 245.

Another Clause (Factors to be considered in relation to section 23A of the Housing (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1972)—(Mr. Jim Craigen)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

And it being Seven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [5th March] and the Resolution this day, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Allen McKay: 153.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 223.

Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 10, to leave out Clause 2.—(Mr. Donald Dewar.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. James Hamilton: 127.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 197.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 31, at the end, to insert the words—

' (9) The Secretary of State shall not make any order under this section if it appears that any local authority as a result of the order may fail to fulfil any of its statutory duties.'—(Mr. Dennis Canavan.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being half-past Nine o'clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [5th March] and the Resolution this day, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was negatived.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at half-past Nine o'clock.

Other Amendments (Nos. 3 to 7) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, to leave out from the beginning of line 38 to the end of line 6 on page 11, and to insert the words—

' (1A) It shall be competent to found, by way of comparison, on hereditaments in England and Wales comparable to those which are the subject of the proceedings to enable the Committee or, as the case may be, the Lands Tribunal for Scotland, to draw conclusions as to the rent at which the lands and heritages which are the subject of the proceedings might reasonably be expected to let from year to year in the circumstances mentioned in section 6(2) or, as the case may be, 6(8) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956 (ascertainment of gross and net annual values by reference to expected rent) instead thereof.'—(Mr. Dennis Canavan.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—

' (c) after the word "means" shall be inserted the words "for a period of three years from the coming into effect of section 16 of the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 1984."—(Mr. Donald Dewar.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 11 and 12) made to the Bill.

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

Mr. John Wakeham, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 204.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. John Home Robertson: 138.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Housing (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Housing (Percentage of Approved Expense for Repairs Grants) (Lead Plumbing Works) (Scotland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 2nd March, be approved—(Mr. Robert Boscawen):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.12 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 29th March 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Security Commission,—Copy of the Report of the Security Commission on matters arising from the case of Philip Leslie Aldridge [by Command] [Cmnd. 9212].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 4, 1984),—Copy of a Paper, entitled Developments in the European Community July to December 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9214].

Treaty Series (No. 20, 1984),—Copy of Amendments to the International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC), 1972 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9180].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th March 1984, entitled the Grant-Aided Secondary Schools (Scotland) Grant Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 381) [by Act].

Provisional Orders (Scotland),—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the Provisional Orders for which Petitions were presented to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on or before 27th November 1983, namely—

(1) the British Railways Order;
(2) the City of Glasgow District Council (No. 2) Order;
(3) the East Lothian District Council (Musselburgh Links, etc.) Order;
(4) the Highland Region (Kinlochbervie) Order;
(5) the Highland Regional Council (Uig Pier, Skye) Order;
(6) the Lerwick Harbour Order;
(7) the Lochaber Water Power Order;
(8) the Lochmaddy and East Loch Tarbert (Improvement of Piers, etc.) Order; and
(9) the Strathclyde Regional Council Order,
and report that they are of opinion that the Orders should be allowed to proceed, subject

to such recommendations as they may hereafter make with respect to the said Orders
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Export of Works of Art,—Copy of the Report of the Reviewing Committee on the
Export of Works of Art for the year ended 30th June 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9206].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 16th March 1984, entitled—
(1) the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations
1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 402), and
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 401)
[by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords],—Report of the Attorney General on
the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills
affecting charities or educational foundations)].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Wales on the Petition
[22nd February] from residents of the Vale of Glamorgan for steps to be taken to ensure
the continuance of the medical practice of Doctor E. H. White at Rhoose [by Standing
Order]; to be printed.

[No. 131.]

Friday 30th March 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—A Paper was presented and ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill,—Mr. Secretary Jenkin, supported by Mr.
Secretary Brittan, Secretary Sir Keith Joseph, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Secretary Ridley,
and Mr. William Waldegrave, presented a Bill to make provision for the composition
of the Greater London Council and metropolitan county councils pending a decision
by Parliament on their continued existence; to establish a commission for safeguarding
the interests of local government staff employed by or in the areas of those authorities;
to require those authorities and their officers to furnish information in connection with
proposals for the abolition of those authorities and the transfer of their functions; to
postpone the exercise of certain functions by or in relation to those authorities; and to
confer rights in respect of the accounts and finances of those authorities on London
borough councils, the Common Council and metropolitan district councils: And the
same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday
2nd April and to be printed [Bill 145].

Juries (Disqualification) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned
Debate on the Question proposed on 23rd March, That the Bill be now read the third
time;

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

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Stephen Dorrell: 24.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Gerald Birmingham: 0.
And it appearing from the report of the Division that fewer than Forty Members had taken part in the Division, Mr. Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill (changed from Trade Marks Act 1938 (Amendment) Bill).—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 9 and 11 to 15) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Agriculture (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Agriculture (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Cycle Tracks Bill.—The Cycle Tracks Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Generic Substitution (National Health Service) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Generic Substitution (National Health Service) Bill;

 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

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

 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th April.

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

 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

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 6th July.

Right of Londoners Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rights of Londoners Bill;

 Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th April.

Scottish Affairs.— Ordered, That the Order of the House [8th December], That the matter of Electricity in Scotland—Generation and Capacity be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee, be discharged.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 30th March 1984

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Greenwich Hospital and Travers Foundation.—Copy of the Accounts of Greenwich Hospital and the Foundation of Samuel Travers, Esquire, for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 365].
Monday 2nd April 1984.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Metals Society Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

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

Foreign Affairs,—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 2nd April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 251-iii].

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration on 2nd April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 279-iv].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 2nd April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 367-l].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make it an offence in England and Wales, in certain circumstances, to enter as a trespasser any building in which a person has his home or other living accommodation or any part of such a building ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Criminal Trespass Bill [Lords].

Criminal Trespass Bill [Lords].—The Criminal Trespass Bill [Lords] was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th April and to be printed [Bill 149].

Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords].—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 13th April, the Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords], was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 27th April.

Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of Scottish Prisons and Penal Policy, being a matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Northern Ireland Affairs,—Ordered, That the matter of the draft Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Trade Union Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Trade Union Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 34, at the end, to insert the words ‘which breach must be adequately defined’.—(Mr. John Smith.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 11 to 13) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Limitation of meaning of ‘political objects’)—(Mr. John Smith)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Don Dixon: 172.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 343.

Another Clause (Contracting in for making political contributions)—(Mr. John Townend)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Trade Union Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Trade Union Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Trade Union Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Contracting in for making political contributions) be read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Townend, Mr. Vivian Bendall: 57.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Ian Lang: 472.

Another Clause (Collection of political levy)—(Mr. George Gardiner)—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.

Another Clause (Management of Political Fund)—(Mr. David Penhaligon)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. John Cartwright: 12.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 436.

Other Amendments (Nos. 30 to 39, 14, 15, 40 and 41) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day; and be printed [Bill 130].

Civil Aviation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mr. Ian Lang):—It was agreed to.

Fisheries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Fish Farming (Financial Assistance) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 341), dated 12th March 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th March, be approved—(Mr. Ian Lang):—It was agreed to.

Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 70 (Public bills relating exclusively to Scotland), That the Bill be committed to a Scottish Standing Committee—(Mr. Ian Lang):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.40 a.m.]
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Coal Industry.—Statements of Guarantees dated—
(1) 22nd March 1984,
(2) 22nd March 1984,
(3) 22nd March 1984, and
(4) 22nd March 1984
on borrowing by the National Coal Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Coroners,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th March 1984, entitled the Gwent (Coroners’ Districts) (Revocation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 454) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1984, entitled the Education (Grants for Further Training of Teachers) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 432) [by Act].
 Seeds,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th March 1984, entitled the Seed Potatoes Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 412) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:
Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 14th March 1984, amending the regulations governing the trade structure of the Royal Air Force [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Census,—Copies of the Ward and Civil Parish Monitors for—
(1) Shropshire, and
(2) Staffordshire
for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Copies of the Reports of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales for—
(1) the year ended 31st March 1983, and
(2) the period 1st April to 30th June 1983
[by Act].

Public Health,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1984, entitled the Vaccine Damage Payments (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 442) [by Act].

Social Security,—Copies of—
(3) a Scheme, dated 26th March 1984, entitled the Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 453), and
(4) a Scheme, dated 28th March 1984, entitled the Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 452)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Merchant Shipping,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th March 1984, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Health and Safety: General Duties) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 408) [by Act].

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

Health and Safety,—Copy of the Accounts of the Health and Safety Commission and the Health and Safety Executive for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 366].
MEMORANDA

Monday 2nd April 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Cycle Tracks Bill to Standing Committee C.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Stan Crowther an additional Chairman of the Special Standing Committee in respect of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords].

Tuesday 3rd April 1984.

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).

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Richard Alexander reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxxi].

Education, Science and Arts.—Sir William van Straubenzee reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it, together with Memoranda: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [The Effect of the Abolition of the GLC and Metropolitan Authorities upon Support for the Arts].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 264].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 264].

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Members' Interests.—Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith reported from the Select Committee on Members' Interests, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [Specific complaints relating to the registering and declaring of interests].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 370].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 370].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Sir Anthony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 3rd April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Transport.—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 3rd April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-vi].

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents, European Community Document No. 7933/83, concerning the Community road haulage quota, together with the following Resolution:

That this Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 7933/83 and of the Department of Transport's Explanatory Memorandum of September 1983 and welcomes the Government's strong support for the proposal.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 368].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the London Docklands Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Local Government Competitive Tendering.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for local authorities to put out to competitive tender certain of their functions and services—(Mr. Christopher Chope);

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. 15 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Fallon, Mr. Christopher Murphy: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Jim Callaghan: 170.

So the Question was negatived.

Opposition day [12th allotted day].—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Investment in Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, aware of the concern felt by parents and teachers about inadequate educational provision in many parts of the country and believing that the future of this nation depends on developing the skills and abilities of all our people and that therefore investment in education ought to be increased rather than diminished, deplores the Government's curbs on local authority educational expenditure which, as Her Majesty's Inspectors have warned, are already threatening standards in our schools; and deeply regrets the Government's plans (Cmd. 9143) to cut back on educational spending—(Mr. Giles Radice);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the improvements in the level of educational provision since 1979, including the increased proportion of under-fives in school, the lower pupil-teacher ratio in primary and secondary schools, the expansion of non-advanced further education and the growth in participation in higher education and endorses the Government’s policy for raising the standards and effectiveness of the education service within the resources available’; instead thereof.—(Secretary Sir Keith Joseph.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

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

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam: 481.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Simon Hughes: 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam: 206.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Michael Neubert: 302.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Michael Neubert: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 20.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the improvements in the level of educational provision since 1979, including the increased proportion of under-fives in school, the lower pupil-teacher ratio in primary and secondary schools, the expansion of non-
advanced further education and the growth in participation in higher education and endorses the Government's policies for raising the standards and effectiveness of the education service within the resources available.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. David Hunt); 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 the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Twelve o'clock.—(Mr. John Major.)

Adjournment,—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. John Home Robertson: 178.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Michael Neubert: 253.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Donald Thompson); And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Tuesday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then nineteen minutes to One o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.41 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 3rd April 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th March 1984 on borrowing by the Peterborough Development Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1984, entitled the Bingo Duty (Exemptions) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 431) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:


Treaty Series (No. 22, 1984).—Copy of International Labour Convention No. 147, signed at Geneva on 11th November 1976, concerning minimum standards in merchant ships [by Command] [Cmnd. 9186].

Treaty Series (No. 23, 1984).—Copy of Agreement, done at Lusaka on 30th December 1983, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Zambia on certain commercial debts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9187].
Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Consumer Credit,—Copies of Orders, dated 26th March 1984, entitled—
(1) the Consumer Credit (Exempt Agreements) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 434), and
(2) the Consumer Credit (Negotiable Instruments) (Exemption) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 435)
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Enterprise Zones,—Copies of Orders, dated 22nd March 1984, entitled—
(1) the Milford Haven Waterway (North Shore) Enterprise Zones Designation Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 443), and
(2) the Milford Haven Waterway (South Shore) Enterprise Zones Designation Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 444)
[by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 14th March 1984, entitled—
(1) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Non-Effective Benefits and Family Pensions) Order 1984, and
(2) the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions Increase) Order 1984
[by Act].

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

National Audit,—Copy of a Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Property Services Agency: Building Maintenance Expenditure in the United Kingdom [by Act]; to be printed [No. 369].

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday 3rd April 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords] to the First Scottish Standing Committee.

[No. 134.]


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

PRAYERS.

Stafford 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 Stafford, in the room of the Right Honourable Sir Hugh Charles Patrick Joseph Fraser, M.B.E., deceased.—(Mr. John Wakeham.)

South West Surrey 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 South West Surrey, in the room of the Right honourable Maurice Victor Macmillan, deceased.—(Mr. John Wakeham.)

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

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. John Ryman reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Road Traffic Regulation Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was
referred, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 377].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 377].

Defence.—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 4th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 232].

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 4th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 380-i].

European Legislation.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 78-xxii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xxii].

Foreign Affairs.—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 4th April, together with a Memorandum laid before it.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 268-iv].

Memorandum to lie upon the Table.

Home Affairs.—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 4th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 252-vii].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 4th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 378-iv].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services.—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 4th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-iv].

Trade and Industry.—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 4th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 329-iii].

Treasury and Civil Service.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report) [The 1984 Budget].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 341].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 341].

Welsh Affairs.—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 4th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 235-vii].

Specified Premises (Improvement) Bill (changed to Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, Mr. R. Bonner Pink reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Specified Premises (Improvement) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 6th April; and to be printed [Bill 152].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 375].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Michael Shersby reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft General Practice Finance Corporation (Increase of Borrowing Powers) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 27th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 376].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Forrester reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 27th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 377].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Donald Coleman reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Electricity (Private Generating Stations and Requests by Private Generators and Suppliers) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 136), referred to a Committee on 12th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 378].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Local Government (Direct Labour Organisations) (Competition) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 159), referred to a Committee on 26th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 379].

Energy,—Ordered, That the Memoranda submitted to the Energy Committee in the last Parliament be referred to the Energy Committee.—(Mr. Ian Lloyd.)

Housing Defects Bill,—Mr. Secretary Jenkin, supported by Mr. Secretary Younger, Mr Secretary Edwards, Mr. Secretary Fowler, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Ian Gow, and Sir George Young, presented a Bill to make provision in connection with defective dwellings disposed of by public sector authorities; and to provide for certain provisions in agreements between building societies to be disregarded for the purposes of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 147].

Slaughter of Animals (Amendment),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Slaughterhouses Act 1974 in respect of methods of slaughtering food animals—(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. 15 (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. James Pawsey, Mr. Christopher Murphy: 54.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Alton, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 155.

So the Question was negatived.

London Regional Transport Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the London Regional Transport Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the order in which, on consideration of the London Regional Transport Bill, new Clauses shall be taken shall be new Clause 7, new Clause 8, new Clause 9, new Clause 1, new Clause 2, new Clause 3, new Clause 11, new Clause 10, new Clause 4, new Clause 6, new Clause 12, other new Clauses.—(Mr. Secretary Ridley.)

A Clause (Reserve free travel scheme for London residents)—(Mr. Secretary Ridley)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 51, to leave out the word ‘ evening ‘.—(Mr. John Prescott.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam: 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 273.
Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Supplementary provisions with respect to the free travel scheme)—(Mr. Secretary Ridley)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Requirements as to scope and uniformity of arrangements for travel concessions under section 48(1)—(Mr. Secretary Ridley)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Provisions for the operation of travel concessions by independent transport operators)—(Mr. John Prescott)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam : 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Michael Neubert : 268.

Another Clause (Disregarded expenditure)—(Mr. John Prescott)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe : 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. David Hunt : 248.

And it being Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That at this day’s sitting, the London Regional Transport Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

London Regional Transport Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the London Regional Transport Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Public service obligation grants)—(Mr. Peter Snape)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Don Dixon : 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Michael Neubert : 257.

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

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered to-morrow.

Cynon Valley 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 Cynon Valley, in the room of Joan Lyonel Evans, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Michael Cocks.)

Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft European Assembly Constituencies (England) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 28th March, be approved—(Mr. David Mellor);

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Douglas Hogg : 145.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft : 8.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft European Assembly Constituencies (England) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 28th March, be approved.

Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft European Assembly Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 22nd March, be approved—(Mr. Michael Ancram);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Douglas Hogg : 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Charles Kennedy : 9.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That the draft European Assembly Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1984 which was laid before this House on 22nd March, be approved.

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.7 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 4th April 1984

Paper presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th March 1984 on borrowing by the Severn-Trent Water Authority [by Act].

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

Legal Profession,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1984, entitled the Commissioners for Oaths (Fees) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 481) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee C,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Cycle Tracks Bill, viz.: Mr. Richard Alexander, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Peter Bruinvels, Mr. Richard Caborri, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Frank Cook, Mr. Terry Fields, Mr. Cecil Franks, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Kenneth Hind, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Grey Knight, Mr. Colin Moynihan, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. John Powley, Mr. Keith Rafah, Mr. Peter Snape, and Mr. Robin Squire.

First Scottish Standing Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. John Corrie, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Dr. Norman A. Godman, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Ian Lang, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. John McKay, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. Martin J. O’Neill, Mr. Alexander Pollock, Mr. Donald Stewart, Mr. Gavin Strong, and Mr. Bill Walker.

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Twenty-five additional Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the draft Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Tom Arnold, Sir John Biggs-Davison, Mr. Andrew Bowden, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Michael Caritiss, Mr. J. D. Concannon, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Eric Forth, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Neil Hamilton, Mr. Jerry Hayes, Mr. Geoff Lawler, Mr. Robert Maclennan, Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Richard Ryder, Mr. Clive Soley, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. David Winnick, Mr. Mark Wolfson, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (i) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. R. Bonner Pink Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Cycle Tracks Bill; Mr. Ian Campbell and Mr. Hugh McCartney Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Scottish Prisons and Penal Policy and of the First Scottish Standing Committee in respect of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords]; Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee in respect of the matter of the draft Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984; and Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Document No. 8307/83 concerning reduction in noise from motor vehicles.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 12th April.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 12th April.

Dartmoor Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 12th April.

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

Agriculture.—Mr. Tom Torney reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Organisation and Financing of Agricultural Research and Development].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 381].

Agriculture.—Mr. Tom Torney reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 5th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 306-v].

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 5th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 380-ii].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Housing and Building Control Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Standard Chartered Bank Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to the control of disease and to the establishment and functions of port health authorities, including enactments relating to burial and cremation and to the regulation of common lodging-houses and canal boats, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Public Health (Control of Disease) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to county courts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [County Courts Bill [Lords].

County Courts Bill [Lords].—The County Courts Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 151].

Public Health (Control of Disease) Bill [Lords].—The Public Health (Control of Disease) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 150].

Housing and Building Control Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Housing and Building Control Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 148].

Housing (Empty Property) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Housing (Empty Property) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.
London Regional Transport Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the London Regional Transport Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Annual business plans)—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 3, to leave out from the word "proposals" to the end of line 4 and to insert the words "for the next three years ('the relevant period') with respect to—

(a) the general level of transport services and facilities to be provided by them, or by agreement with them, by other persons; and

(b) the general level and structure of fares to be charged for those services, and the general level of charges to be made for those facilities, so far as they are to be charged, made or otherwise determined by London Regional Transport", instead thereof.—(Mr. Peter Snape.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Nicholas Neubert: 260.

Clause added to the Bill.

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

Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now considered;

Mr. John Farr rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Peter Bruinvels, Mr. David Ashby: 56.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ernie Ross, Mr. Tony Banks: 52.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker declared that the Question was not decided in the Affirmative because it was not supported by the majority prescribed by Standing Order No. 32 (Majority for Closure).

The Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now considered:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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

Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, the Motion relating to Adjournment (Easter and Monday 7th May) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Adjournment (Easter and Monday 7th May).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House at its rising on Friday 13th April do adjourn till Wednesday 25th April, and at its rising on Friday 4th May do adjourn till Tuesday 8th May, and that the House shall not adjourn on Friday 13th April until Mr. Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Acts which have been agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr. David Hunt);

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And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 12 (Periodic adjournments):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House at its rising on Friday 13th April do adjourn till Wednesday 25th April, and at its rising on Friday 4th May do adjourn till Tuesday 8th May, and that the House shall not adjourn on Friday 13th April until Mr. Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Acts which have been agreed upon by both Houses.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the Order of 23rd June relating to Business of the House, Private Members' Bills shall have precedence over Government Business on Friday 27th April instead of Friday 13th April and Private Members'
Bills which now stand in the Order Book for Friday 13th April shall have precedence over any other Bill which may have been set down for Friday 27th April: provided that the provisions of paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business) shall apply to the arrangement of Bills on the Order Paper on that day.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.28 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 5th April 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Magistrates' Courts,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1984, entitled the Criminal Penalties etc. (Increase) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 447) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 21, 1984),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Bandar Seri Begawan on 7th January 1979, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and His Highness Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei terminating the special treaty relations between the United Kingdom and the State of Brunei [by Command] [Cmnd. 9185].

Treaty Series (No. 24, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, signed at London on 26th January 1984, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Liberia on certain commercial debts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9192].

Treaty Series (No. 25, 1984),—Copy of a Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation signed at Bandar Seri Begawan on 7th January 1979, between Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom and His Highness Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei [by Command] [Cmnd. 9193].

Venezuela (No. 1, 1984),—Copy of a Basic Convention, signed at London on 16th December 1983, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela for cultural co-operation [by Command] [Cmnd. 9211].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Census of Production,—Copies of Reports on the Census of Production for 1982 on—(1) bread, biscuits and flour confectionery, (2) builders' carpentry and joinery, (3) drawing, cold rolling and cold forming of steel, and (4) soft drinks [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copies of Reports by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on—
1. the Proposal for a draft Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, and
2. the Proposal for a draft Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Seeds,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th March 1984, entitled the Seed Potatoes (Fees) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 445) [by Act].

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

Gas,—Copy of the Account prepared pursuant to section 6 of the Gas Levy Act 1981 for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 382].

[No. 136.]

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

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Juries (Disqualification) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Juries (Disqualification) 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. Gary Waller, Mr. Martin Brandon-Bravo: 46.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Gerald Bermingham: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill (changed from Specified Premises (Improvement) Bill).—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 58 (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.

Child Abduction Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Child Abduction Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1, 11 and 3) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Modifications of section 1 for children in certain cases)—(Mr. Timothy Wood)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

A Clause (Offence in Scotland of parent etc. taking or sending child out of United Kingdom)—(Mr. Timothy Wood)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendments (a), (b) and (c) made to the proposed Clause.

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to arrest)—(Mr. Timothy Wood)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Penalties and prosecutions)—(Mr. Timothy Wood)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Proof and admissibility of certain documents)—(Mr. Timothy Wood)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Evidence)—(Mr. Timothy Wood)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 5 to 10) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Immigration Offences (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Immigration Offences (Amendment) Bill;

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 27th April.

European Human Rights Convention Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the European Human Rights Convention Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Social Security (Cold Climate Allowance) Amendment Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Social Security (Cold Climate Allowance) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Prevention of Imprisonment (Fine Default) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prevention of Imprisonment (Fine Default) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Working Conditions of Government Trainees (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Conditions of Government Trainees (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Marking of Gravity (Beer and Lager) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marking of Gravity (Beer and Lager) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 27th April.

Concessionary Television Licences for State Retirement Pensioners Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Concessionary Television Licences for State Retirement Pensioners Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 27th April.

Local Authority (Standards of Service) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authority (Standards of Service) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Rights of Londoners Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rights of Londoners Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 27th April.

Criminal Trespass Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Trespass Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 27th April.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

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

[Adjourned at 3.2 p.m.]
APPENDIX
Friday 6th April 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:


Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 28th March 1984, entitled the Education (Grants for Teacher Training) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 446) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Employment Protection,—Copy of the Report of the Certification Officer for trade unions and employers' associations for 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages,—Copy of an Order, dated 27th March 1984, entitled the Marriages (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 106) [by Act].

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

Public Petitions, Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the Petition [23rd March] from residents of the constituency of Bristol South against the closure of Merrywood Boys' School, Bristol [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Public Petitions, Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the Petition [23rd March] from residents of the constituency of Bristol East against the closure of Merrywood Boys' School, Bristol [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Funds in Court (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of Funds in Court in Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 383].

[No. 137.]


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

PRAYERS.

Selby Bridge Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Selby Bridge Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Metals Society Bill [Lords].—The Metals Society Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

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

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 9th April. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 384-i].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before its Sub-Committee on 9th April. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 302-iv].

Adjournment (Policing Operations connected with the Mining Dispute),—Mr. Allen McKay, Member for Barnsley West and Penistone, rose in his place and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration, viz., the implications for civil liberties and the rule of law of policing operations connected with the current mining dispute; and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over under Standing Order No. 10 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) until the commencement of public business to-morrow.
London Regional Transport Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the London Regional Transport Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (London Transport Money Act)—(Mr. John Prescott)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Don Dixon: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 260.

Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 10, to leave out from the word ' Any ' to the word ' may ' in line 13, and insert the words ' agreement entered into by London Regional Transport by virtue of subsection (2) above for the provision by any other person of any such public passenger transport services shall include such provision as appears to London Regional Transport to be appropriate for securing the proper discharge of their general duty under section 2(1) of this Act: and, without prejudice to the preceding provision, any agreement entered into by London Regional Transport by virtue of subsection (2) above ', instead thereof.—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 5, after ' 2(1) ', to insert ' 2(2) and 2(3) '.—(Mr. Nigel Spearing.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 13, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. Simon Hughes.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 8 and 9) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 33, to leave out Clauses 9, 10 and 11.—(Mr. Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 129.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 238.

Other Amendments (Nos. 11 to 16) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, line 21, to leave out the words " £100 million ", and to insert the words " £250 million ", instead thereof.—(Mr. Simon Hughes.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 52, 18 and 19) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed to the Bill, in page 33, line 24, to leave out the words " subject to subsection (6) below ":—(Mr. Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 145.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Michael Neubert: 235.

Other Amendments (Nos. 23, 25, 27 to 30, and 34 to 48) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 254.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 168.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Telecommunications Bill [Money] (No. 2).—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Telecommunications Bill [Money] (No. 2);

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Telecommunications Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in providing a radio interference service or in defraying or contributing towards the expenses of advisory bodies.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Telecommunications Bill (Allocation of Time).—Ordered, That the Order of the House [21st November] be supplemented as follows:

Lords Amendments

1.—(1) The proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed at this day’s sitting.

(2) The order in which the proceedings are taken shall be Lords Amendments 1 to 60, Lords Amendments 62 to 79, Lords Amendments 181 to 251, Lords Amendments 80 and 81, Lords Amendment 82A, Lords Amendment 82, Lords Amendment 61, Lords Amendments 83 to 180 and Lords Amendments 252 to 277 and, subject to the provisions of the Order of 21st November, each part of the proceedings shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the end of such period beginning with the commencement of the proceedings on the Motion for this Order as is of the length specified in the second column of the Table set out below.

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(3) Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

(4) No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

2. For the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1 above—

(a) Mr. Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has already been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided and, if that Question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment, shall then put forthwith the Question on any further Amendment of the said Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown and on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth agree or disagree with the Lords in the said Lords Amendment or, as the case may be, in the said Lords Amendment as amended;

(b) Mr. Speaker shall then designate such of the remaining Lords Amendments as appear to him to involve questions of Privilege and shall—

(i) put forthwith the Question on any Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment and then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth agree or disagree with the Lords in their Amendment, or, as the case may be, in their Amendment as amended;

(ii) put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in a Lords Amendment;

(iii) put forthwith with respect to each Amendment designated by Mr. Speaker which has not been disposed of, the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in their Amendment; and

(iv) put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments;

(c) as soon as the House has agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Amendments Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith a separate Question on any other Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to that Lords Amendment.

TABLE
Stages subsequent to first Consideration of Lords Amendments

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be brought to a conclusion one hour after the commencement of the proceedings.

4. For the purpose of bringing those proceedings to a conclusion—

(a) Mr. Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has already been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided, and shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown which is related to the Question already proposed from the Chair;

(b) Mr. Speaker shall then designate such of the remaining items in the Lords Message as appear to him to involve questions of Privilege and shall—

(i) put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on any item;

(ii) in the case of each remaining item designated by Mr. Speaker, put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in their Proposal; and

(iii) put forthwith the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

Supplemental

5.—(1) In this paragraph “the proceedings” means proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill, on the appointment and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the Report of such a Committee.

(2) Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the consideration forthwith of the Message or, as the case may be, for the appointment and quorum of the Committee.

(3) A Committee appointed to draw up Reasons shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

(4) Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

(5) No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a member of the Government, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(6) If the proceedings are interrupted by a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 10 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on the Motion shall be added to the period at the end of which the proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion.—(Mr. Secretary Tebbit.)

Telecommunications Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Telecommunications Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 4 were agreed to.

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Telecommunications Bill (Allocation of Time), Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put forthwith the Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 5 was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 6 to 35 were agreed to.

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Telecommunications Bill (Allocation of Time), Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order this day, to put forthwith the Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 36 to 60, 62 to 79, and 181 to 251 were agreed to.

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Lords Amendments Nos. 80 and 81 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 82A:

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 10, at the end, to insert the words ' provided that no person shall be taken to have done an act wholly or partly for the purpose of causing loss or damage merely because he appreciated that such loss or damage would be a consequence of that Act. A trade union shall not be liable under this section in respect of any act unless that act was authorised or endorsed
by a responsible person for the purpose of causing such loss or damage. For the purposes of this section, “authorised or endorsed by a responsible person” shall have the same meaning as in section 15 of the Employment Act 1982.”—(Mr. John Golding.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr. John McWilliam: 155.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 224.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being after two and three-quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Telecommunications Bill (Allocation of Time), Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order yesterday, to put forthwith the Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 82A was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 82 was disagreed to.

Amendments (a) to (h) were made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 82 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 61:

An Amendment (a) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 83 to 121 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 122 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 123 to 131 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 132 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 133 to 142 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 143:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment;

And it being four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Telecommunications Bill (Allocation of Time), Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order yesterday, to put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put the Questions necessary for the disposal of the remaining Lords Amendments.

Lords Amendment No. 153:

The Lords Amendment was amended, in line 27, at the end, by inserting the words “for supply” and, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 152, 157 and 261 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 144 to 151, 154 to 156, 158 to 180, 252 to 260, and 262 to 277, were agreed to.

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

Resolved, That, for the purpose of any Act resulting from the Cycle Tracks Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under that Act;

(b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of such money under any other Act.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Administration of Estates.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Administration of Estates (Small Payments) (Increase of Limit) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 12th March, be approved—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones):—It was agreed to.
National Health Service. — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), that the draft General Practice Finance Corporation (Increase of Borrowing Powers) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 14th March, be approved — (Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones): It was agreed to.

Community Road Haulage Quota. — A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 80 (Standing Committees on European Community Documents), that this House takes note of European Community Document No. 7933/83 and of the Department of Transport's Explanatory Memorandum of September 1983 and welcomes the Government's strong support for the proposal — (Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones): It was agreed to.

Public Petitions. — A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment. — Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. — (Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes to Three o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day. | [Adjourned at 2.46 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 9th April 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Local Government (Scotland). — Copy of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the functions and powers of the Islands Councils of Scotland [by Command] [Cmnd. 9216].

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries. — Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 29th March 1984, entitled the Amusements with Prizes (Variation of Monetary Limits) (Scotland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 465),

(2) an Order, dated 29th March 1984, entitled the Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) (Scotland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 468),

(3) an Order, dated 29th March 1984, entitled the Gaming (Small Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 469), and

(4) Regulations, dated 29th March 1984, entitled the Gaming Clubs (Hours and Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 470) [by Act].

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries. — Copy of an Order, dated 26th March 1984, entitled the Mallaig Harbour Revision Order 1984 ; with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Scotland under section 2(5) of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Sheriff Court (Scotland). — Copy of an Order, dated 27th March 1984, entitled the Sheriff Court Fees Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 466) [by Act].


Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Computers. — Copy of the Report of the Computer Board for Universities and Research Councils for the period 1st April 1979 to 31st March 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9215].
Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census,—Copies of Ward and Civil Parish Monitors for—

(1) Gwynedd,
(2) Mid Glamorgan, and
(3) Nottinghamshire

for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 9th April 1984, entitled the Supplementary Benefit (Conditions of Entitlement) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 518) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Securities,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations 1984 [by Act].

Transport,—Copy of the Report of the Transport Users' Consultative Committee for Wales to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and the Secretary of State for Transport for 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:


Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Gas (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd April 1984, entitled the Civil Aviation (Aerial Advertising) (Captive Balloons) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 474) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Clerk of the House:

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Copy of Rules, dated 22nd March 1984, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 110) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Cycle Tracks Bill, in place of Mr. R. Bonner Pink.

[No. 138.]

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

PRAYERS.

London Docklands Railway Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the London Docklands Railway Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Standard Chartered Bank Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Standard Chartered Bank Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be considered upon Thursday 12th April.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).
Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-fourth Report). Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxxii].

Employment.—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [The Manpower Services Commission's Corporate Plan 1984-88]. Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 340]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 340].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Sir Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 10th April. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Social Services.—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 10th April. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-ji].

Scottish Grand Committee.—Mr. Ian Campbell reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of the National Health Service in Scotland, referred to it on 30th November and had directed him to report accordingly to the House. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 386].

Scottish Grand Committee.—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of Scottish Prisons and Penal Policy, referred to it on 2nd April, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 386].

Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents, European Community Document No. 8307/83, concerning reduction in noise from motor vehicles, together with the following Resolution:

That this Committee takes note of European Community Document No. 8307/83 and supports the Government's intention to seek the implementation of the recommendations contained therein. Report to lie upon the Table. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 385].

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

The Lords have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to certain of the Lords Amendments to the Telecommunications Bill; they do not insist on their remaining Amendment to which this House has disagreed; and have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House in lieu thereof.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for facilitating the transfer between the United Kingdom and places outside the British Islands of persons for the time being detained in prisons, hospitals or other institutions by virtue of orders made in the course of the exercise by courts and tribunals of their criminal Jurisdiction; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords]].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the licensing of premises upon which certain amusement machines are situate; to proscribe access thereto of persons under sixteen years of age; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Amusement Machines Bill [Lords]].

Bank Notes (Scotland).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the issue of bank notes in Scotland: And that Mr. Michael Forsyth, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Nicholas Fairbairn, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, and Mr. Gordon Wilson, do prepare and bring it in.
Bank Notes (Scotland) Bill,—Mr. Michael Forsyth accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the issue of bank notes in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 27th April and to be printed [Bill 153].

Adjournment (Policing Operations connected with the Mining Dispute)—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Allen McKay);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 321.

So the Question was negatived.

Finance (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance (No. 2) Bill;

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

Mr. Robert Rhodes James 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.

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Mr. John Wakeham 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. David Hunt, Mr. Ian Lang: 220.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Norman Hogg, Mr. Allen McKay: 108.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. David Hunt: 218.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Allen McKay: 121.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Clauses 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105, 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12 be committed to a Committee of the whole House;

That the remainder of the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee;

That, when the provisions of the Bill considered, respectively, by the Committee of the whole House and by the Standing Committee have been reported to the House, the Bill be proceeded with as if the Bill had been reported as a whole to the House from the Standing Committee—(Mr. John Moore);

And the Motion being opposed;

Notice having been taken that Strangers were present, Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 136 (Withdrawal of strangers from House), put forthwith the Question, That strangers do withdraw;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Winnick, Mr. Tony Lloyd: 7.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 217.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Motion having been 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. 42 (Committal of bills):—

It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Clauses 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105, 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12 be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
That the remainder of the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee;

That, when the provisions of the Bill considered, respectively, by the Committee of the whole House and by the Standing Committee have been reported to the House, the Bill be proceeded with as if the Bill had been reported as a whole to the House from the Standing Committee.

Committee to-morrow.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from members of the Church of the Holy Redeemer (R.C.), Harold Hill for the statutory right of parents or legal guardians to give consent to all medication of their children whilst under sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents, shopkeepers and stallholders of Southwark for a public inquiry before any plans are adopted or changes made in respect of Choumert Road Market was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes to Four o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 3.42 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 10th April 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Friendly Societies,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th April 1984, entitled the Friendly Societies (Limits of Benefits) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 513) [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Car Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd April 1984, entitled the Car Tax (Vehicles for the Handicapped) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 488) [by Act].

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd April 1984, entitled the Value Added Tax (Handicapped Persons) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 489) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 26, 1984),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Manila on 21st and 22nd October 1982, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines further amending the Route Schedules annexed to the Agreement for Air Services between and beyond their respective territories, signed at Manila on 31st January 1955, as amended [by Command] [Cmnd. 9195].


Treaty Series (No. 29, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, done at Algiers on 27th May 1981, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria for the Avoidance of Double Taxation of Income derived from the Operation of International Air Services [by Command] [Cmnd. 9198].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Criminal Law (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 5th April 1984, entitled the Increase of Criminal Penalties etc. (Scotland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 526) [by Act].

Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th March 1984, entitled the Increase of Rent Restriction (Housing Association) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 501) [by Act].
Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 9th April 1984, entitled—

(1) the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees in Civil Proceedings) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 519), and

(2) the Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees in Criminal Proceedings) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 520)

Sheriff Court (Scotland),—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 29th March 1984, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Solicitors' Fees) 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 471) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Trade,—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 14th November 1983 for a Return relating to overseas trade for each month during 1984, for February.

Trade Marks,—Copy of Rules, dated 29th March 1984, entitled the Trade Marks (Amendment) Rules 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 459) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:


Mr. Attorney General:

Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School Bill [Lords],—Report of the Attorney General on the Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

Leicestershire Bill [Lords],—Report of the Attorney General on the Leicestershire Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petitions from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department of Trade and Industry: Reliability of Companies Register [by Act]; to be printed [No. 387].

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

PRAYERS.

Cardiff City Council Bill,—The Cardiff City Council Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Derwent Valley Railway Bill [Lords],—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Derwent Valley Railway Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

Barclays Bank Bill,—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Barclays Bank Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 232 and 397].
Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report) [The Disposal of the British Gas Corporation's Interest in the Wytch Farm Oilfield].

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 358].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 358].

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, together with an Appendix, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report) [The Government’s Reply to the Committee’s Second Report (Session 1983-84) on the Department of Energy’s Supplementary Estimate for £290 million in respect of the Coal Industry].

Report, together with Appendix, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 396].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 396].

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 380-iii].

European Legislation.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 78-xxiii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xxiii].

Foreign Affairs.—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 268-v].

Home Affairs.—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 252-viii].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifteenth Report) [Department of Trade and Industry monitoring of British Technology Group].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 144].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 144].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of the Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixteenth Report) [Financial Control and Accountability and other matters relating to the National Health Service].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 113].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 113].

Social Services.—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 395-i].
Trade and Industry,—Sir Peter Emery reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 329-iv].

Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-vii].

Welsh Affairs,—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, That it had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it.

Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 235-viii].

Cycle Tracks Bill,—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Cycle Tracks Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 27th April; and to be printed [Bill 156].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 393].

Northern Ireland Committee,—Mr. John Forrester reported from the Northern Ireland Committee, That it had considered the matter of the draft Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, referred to it on 2nd April, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 394].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. David Crouch reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Block Grant (Education Adjustments) (England) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 224), referred to a Committee on 27th March.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 392].

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision as regards roads in Scotland; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords]].

Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 157].

Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords],—The Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 158].

Scottish Anglers’ Trust,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to set up a Scottish Anglers’ Trust to administer fresh-water fishing rights in Scotland; and for connected purposes—(Mr. Dennis Canavan);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (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 Maxton, Mr. Kevin Barron: 122.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 93.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Dennis Canavan, Mr. Ernie Ross, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Bob McTaggart, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Dick Douglas, Mr. Ron Brown, Dr. Norman A. Godman, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. David Marshall, and Mr. George Foulkes, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Scottish Anglers’ Trust Bill,—Mr. Dennis Canavan accordingly presented a Bill to set up a Scottish Anglers’ Trust to administer fresh-water fishing rights in Scotland; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 27th April and to be printed [Bill 154].
Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill in the absence of Parliament having approved any alternative arrangements for the administration of services currently the responsibility of the Metropolitan County Councils and the Greater London Council', instead thereof.—(Dr. John Cunningham.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 208.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 300.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41 (Amendment on Second or Third Reading);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 301.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Don Dixon: 208.

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. Tim Sainsbury.)

Committee to-morrow.

Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under that Act.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

British Nationality.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the British Nationality (Fees) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 230), dated 29th February 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th March, be annulled.—(Mr. Denis Howell)

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c., (negative procedure)).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. David Winnick: 84.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 165.

So the Question was negatived.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones);

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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 seven minutes past Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.7 a.m.]
APPENDIX

Wednesday 11th April 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Criminal Law Revision,—Copy of the Report of the Criminal Law Revision Committee on sexual offences [by Command] [Cmnd. 9213].

Mr. Secretary King:

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Agriculture,—Copy of the Report on smallholdings in Wales for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th March 1984, entitled the Local Government (General Grant (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 107) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Protection of Wrecks,—Copy of an Order, dated 9th April 1984, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Designation No. 1) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 521) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Agriculture,—Copy of the Report on smallholdings in England for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

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PRAYERS.

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

Selby Bridge Bill,—The Selby Bridge Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 26th April.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 26th April.

London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 26th April.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 26th April.

Dartmoor Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 26th April.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).
Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, that it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 12th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-viii].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Road Traffic (Driving Instruction) Bill, without Amendment.

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

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for disabled persons and to establish a Commission having the functions of considering certain matters concerning the treatment of disabled persons and of making recommendations [Disabled Persons Bill [Lords].

Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill [Lords].—The Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 27th April and to be printed [Bill 160].

Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of the Effect of European Community policies on Scotland, being a matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. John Major.)

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:


Housing and Building Control Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Housing and Building Control Bill.

Ordered, That Lords Amendment No. 86 to the Housing and Building Control Bill be considered before all other Lords Amendments to that Bill.—(Mr. John Major.)

Lords Amendment No. 86:

An Amendment (a) was made to the Lords Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment, as amended—(Sir George Young);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 143.

So the Question was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Consequential Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) were made to the Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Sir George Young);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 259.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 138.

So the Question was agreed to.

Amendments (a) to (c) were made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 1 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 10 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 11 was disagreed to.
Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 11 disagreed to.

An Amendment (No. 1) was made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 12 was disagreed to.

An Amendment (No. 1) was made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 13:

Amendments ((a) to (c)) were made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 14:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Ian Gow);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 235.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Allen McKay: 101.

So the Question was agreed to.

Amendments ((a) to (o)) were made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 14 disagreed to.

An Amendment (No. 1) was made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 15 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 16 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 17 to 47 and 49 to 62 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 63:

Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 64 to 80 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 81 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 82 and 83 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 84 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 85:

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 87 to 90 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 91:

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 6, to leave out paragraph (b).—(Mr. John Fraser.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—It was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments No. 92 to 94 were agreed to.

And it being Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Lords Amendments stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Housing and Building Control Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Housing and Building Control Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Housing and Building Control Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 95 to 185 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 186:
Amendments (a) and (b) were made to the Lords Amendment.
The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 187 to 189 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 190:
Amendments (a) and (b) were made to the Lords Amendment.
The Lords Amendment was further amended, in line 14, by leaving out "(1)" and inserting "(1A)" and in line 15, by leaving out the words "the 1980" and inserting the word "that".
The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 191 to 215 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 216:
Amendments (a) and (b) were made to the Lords Amendment.
The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 217 was agreed to.
Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 16.-(Mr. Ian Gow.)
Ordered, That Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Eric S. Heffer, Mr. John Major and Mr. Wyn Roberts be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Ian Gow.)
Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Ian Gow.)
Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Ian Gow.)

Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Local Government Superannuation (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 201), dated 23rd February 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th March, be annulled.—(Mr. Jack Straw):—It was negatived.

Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That, in the course of its consideration of the matter of the effect of European Community policies on Scotland, the Scottish Grand Committee may meet in Edinburgh on Monday 30th April at half-past Ten o'clock.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Reduction in Noise from Motor Vehicles.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 80 (Standing Committees on European Community Documents), That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 8307/83 and supports the Government's intention to seek the implementation of the recommendations contained therein.—(Mr. Michael Neubert):—It was agreed to.

Liaison,—Ordered, That Sir Peter Emery be added to the Liaison Committee.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Housing and Building Control Bill,—Mr. Ian Gow reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 16 to the Housing and Building Control Bill, That it had drawn up a Reason accordingly which it had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows:
The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 16) made by the Lords in page 3, line 19, for the following Reason:
Because the decision taken by the Commons on the Amendment (No. 13) made by the Lords in page 3, line 12, makes it unnecessary.
The Reason was agreed to.
Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.24 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Thursday 12th April 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Public Accounts,—Copy of a Treasury Minute on the Tenth to Twelfth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1983-84 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9226].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
Treaty Series (No. 84, 1983),—Copy of the Index to the Treaty Series 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9209].

Mr. Alfred Morris:
House of Commons Members' Fund,—Report of the Government Actuary on the general financial position of the House of Commons Members' Fund as at 30th September 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 398].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
National Health Service,—Copy of Summarised Accounts of Health Authorities and special authorities in England and Wales, and Boards of Governors, summaries of Trust Funds held by Health Authorities, Boards of Governors and Special Trustees, and the Account of the Dental Estimates Board, for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 399].

MEMORANDA

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105, 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12) to Standing Committee A.

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. James Lamond and Miss Janet Fookes Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105, 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12).

PRAYERS.

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

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

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

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o'clock, adjourned till Wednesday 25th April, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 5th April.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]
Friday 13th April 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Coal Industry,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 22nd March 1984 on borrowing by the National Coal Board [by Act].

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 22nd March 1984 on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1982 on—
(1) articles of cork and plaiting materials, brushes and brooms,
(2) brewing and malting,
(3) clocks, watches and other timing devices,
(4) cotton and silk industries,
(5) electric lamps and other electric lighting equipment,
(6) extraction of miscellaneous minerals (including salt),
(7) extraction of stone, clay, sand and gravel,
(8) fish processing,
(9) grain milling,
(10) insulated wires and cables,
(11) jute and polypropylene yarns and fabrics,
(12) medical and surgical orthopaedic appliances,
(13) mineral oil processing,
(14) miscellaneous vehicles,
(15) motor vehicles parts,
(16) motor vehicles and their engines,
(17) musical instruments,
(18) ordnance, small arms and ammunition,
(19) paints, varnishes and printing ink,
(20) pharmaceutical products,
(21) production of man-made fibres,
(22) pulp, paper and board,
(23) railway and tramway vehicles,
(24) sugar and sugar by-products,
(25) throwing, texturing, etc. of continuous filament yarn,
(26) tobacco industry,
(27) water supply industry,
(28) wines, cider and perry
[by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 4th April 1984, entitled the Third Country Fishing (Enforcement) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 516) [by Act].


Public Petitions,—Observations by the Home Secretary on the Petitions from residents of several constituencies in the United Kingdom for amendment of the Video Recordings Bill [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Erskine Bridge Tolls,—Copy of the Account prepared pursuant to the Erskine Bridge Tolls Act 1968 for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 400].

The House met at half-past Two o'clock

PRAYERS.

Barclays Bank Bill,—The Barclays Bank Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services,—Mrs. Renee Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 25th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 395-i].

Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House ; and had directed him to report an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 14th March: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Transport Aspects of the 1984 Public Expenditure White Paper].

Report, together with an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 328].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 328].

Abolition of Standing Charges Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Abolition of Standing Charges Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Free Newspapers (Restriction of Delivery) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Free Newspapers (Restriction of Delivery) Bill was read and discharged.

Discharge of Radioactive Material (Control),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate further the discharge of nuclear material from existing and future nuclear reprocessing plants and other establishments: And that Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr. George Foukes, Mr. Ken Maginnis, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Reg Freeson, and Mr. Frank Cook, do prepare and bring it in.

Discharge of Radioactive Material (Control) Bill,—Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours accordingly presented a Bill to regulate further the discharge of nuclear material from existing and future nuclear reprocessing plants and other establishments: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 27th April and to be printed [Bill 161].

Opposition day [13th allotted day],—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Deterioration of Britain's Transport Systems,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government's transport policy which is based on ideological obsession with competition, profit, privatisation and reduced Government financial support and inadequate investment, which has resulted, since 1979, in higher fares, poorer services, massive redundancies, reductions in rail services and bus route miles, especially in the rural areas, and a serious deterioration in road and rail infrastructure; notes that a policy of privatisation and competition has reduced the United Kingdom merchant fleet by 500 ships, and is creating greater uncertainty in our ports, waterways, and aviation industries; affirms that the provision of a comprehensive, efficient and integrated transport system at prices which do not unreasonably constrain demand cannot be provided by reliance solely on market forces; and therefore calls upon Her Majesty's Government to pursue those policies which meet the essential needs of a modern developed economy—(Mr. John Prescott); An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ' House ' to the end of the Question and add the words ' welcomes the steps Her Majesty's Government is taking to improve the transport system of the United Kingdom ', instead thereof.—(Mr. Secretary Ridley).
And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Home Robertson: 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Michael Neubert: 247.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 246.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Austin Mitchell: 165.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the steps Her Majesty's Government is taking to improve the transport system of the United Kingdom.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Trade Union Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

Trade Union Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Trade Union Bill;

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

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And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 231.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Frank Haynes: 149.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.10 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Paper presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 140 (Presentation of Command Papers) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Treaty Series (No. 30, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement, signed at Bonn on 13th December 1983, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany concerning host nation support during crisis or war [Cmnd. 9202].

Papers presented pursuant to several Acts of Parliament and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates pursuant to Standing Order No. 141 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

16th April 1984

Health and Safety.—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd April 1984, entitled the Explosives Act 1875 etc. (Metrication and Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 510).
17th April 1984


18th April 1984


19th April 1984

Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated 11th April 1984, entitled—
(1) the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 550), and
(2) the Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 551).

Copyright,—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 11th April 1984, entitled—
(1) the Copyright (British Indian Ocean Territory) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 541), and
(2) the Copyright (International Conventions) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 549).


Merchant Shipping,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 11th April 1984, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 543).

24th April 1984

Children and Young Persons,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th April 1984, entitled the Curators ad Litem and Reporting Officers (Panels) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 566).

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Wednesday 25th April 1984:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:
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 1983 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Police.—Copy of the Report of the Police Complaints Board for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 391].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Census (Scotland).—Copy of the Report of the Registrar General for Scotland on workplace and transport to work (10 per cent. sample) for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Solicitors (Scotland).—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Lay Observer for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 372].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Census.—Copy of the Report on economic activity in Great Britain for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Census.—Copies of Ward and Civil Parish Monitors for:
(1) Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly,
(2) Dyfed,
(3) Hampshire,
(4) Humberside, and
(5) Somerset
for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors.—Copies of the Accounts of—
(1) the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for the year ended 31st March 1983 ; and
(2) the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for the year ended 31st March 1983 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 390 and 389].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:


Securities,—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th April 1984, entitled the Dealers in Securities (List Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 562) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British National Oil Corporation for 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Transport,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Railways Board for 1983 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

College Charters,—Copy of Petition, Draft Charter and Statutes relating to the incorporation of Robinson College in the University of Cambridge [by Act].

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 11th April 1984, entitled the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Retired Officers', Ratings' and Other Ranks' Abatement) (Amendment) Order 1984 [by Act].

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute, made by the University of Oxford on 17th January 1984, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

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

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the Petition [21st March] from residents of Lewisham and others for the preservation of the Inner London Education Authority [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Employment and Training,—Accounts of the Manpower Services Commission (including the Professional Executive Recruitment Service) for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 402].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Sixth Report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1983-84 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 388].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee A,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Thirty-five Members to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105, 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12), viz.: Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr. Stuart Bell, Mr. Graham Bright, Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Sir William Clark, Mr. Terry Davis, Mr. Tim Eggar, Mr. Mark Fisher, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Neil Hamilton, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. Barry Henderson, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Archie Kirkwood, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. John Maples, Dr. John Marek, Dr. Brian Mawhinney, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. John Moore, Mr. William Powell, Mr. Stuart Randall, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. Jeff Rooker, Mr. Richard Ryder, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Tim Smith, Mr. Michael Stern, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. Peter Viggers, and Mr. John Watts.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 25th April 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ian Campbell and Mr. Hugh McCartney Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Effect of European Community policies on Scotland.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill,—A Bill to regulate prescribed expenditure and expenditure on lending to other persons by the Greater London Council, including prescribed expenditure of the London Transport Executive and their wholly-owned subsidiaries which is to be treated as prescribed expenditure of the Greater London Council, during the financial period from 1st April 1984 to 30th September 1985; and for other purposes, was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Associated British Ports (No. 2) Bill,—A Motion being made, That the Associated British Ports (No. 2) Bill be now read the third time;

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

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Derwent Valley Railway Bill [Lords],—The Derwent Valley Railway Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 3rd May.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 3rd May.

London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 3rd May.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 3rd May.

Dartmoor Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 3rd May.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 26th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-ix].

Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords],—Mr Patrick Cormack reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 162].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 404].

Data Protection Bill [Lords],—Mr. John Hunt reported from Standing Committee H, That it had gone through the Data Protection Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 159].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 405].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the law relating to allotment gardens and to confirm that allotment gardening has the status of a recreation; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Recreational Gardening Bill [Lords]].

Recreational Gardening Bill [Lords].—The Recreational Gardening Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 164].

European Assembly Elections (Proportional Representation) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the European Assembly Elections (Proportional Representation) Bill was read and discharged.

People’s Right to Fuel Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the People’s Right to Fuel Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Scottish Anglers’ Trust Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Scottish Anglers’ Trust Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Trade Union Membership Rights Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Trade Union Membership Rights Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Housing Defects Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing Defects 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 welcoming the principle of assistance for private owners of defective homes, declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which provides no help for over one million families who remain tenants of publicly-owned non-traditional and industrialised defective homes, which will place further burdens on ratepayers and local authorities, and which fails to place a duty on Her Majesty’s Government to help all occupants of defective non-traditional and industrialised homes irrespective of tenure’, instead thereof.—(Mr. John Fraser.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes : 125.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 225.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41 (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. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Housing Defects Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Housing Defects Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Housing Defects Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in contributing towards the expense incurred by housing authorities under the Act.
(2) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under the Act, and
(3) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

National Health Service.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 298), dated 7th March 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th March, be annulled.—(Mr. Michael Meacher);
And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c., (negative procedure)).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Allen McKay: 104.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 177.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Doncaster and others for the abolition of standing charges for water, gas and electricity was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from customers of fish friers for value added tax not to be imposed on hot take-away food was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Taunton for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent 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. Carol Mather);

Friday 27th April 1984

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes past Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.10 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 26th April 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:

National Debt,—Copies of Regulations, dated 26th April 1984, entitled—
(1) the National Savings Stock Register (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 600),
(2) the Premium Savings Bonds (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 601),
(3) the Savings Certificates (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 603), and
(4) the Savings Contracts (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 599) [by Act].

Savings Banks,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th April 1984, entitled the National Savings Bank (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 602) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 6, 1984),—Copy of an Additional Protocol, done at Brussels on 1st December 1982, to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Federative Republic of Brazil on Trade in Textile Products consequent on the Accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community [by Command] [Cmnd. 9204].

European Communities (No. 7, 1984),—Copy of a Convention, done at Brussels on 20th October 1983 supplementing the Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) concerning Aid to Refugees in the Countries of the Near East [by Command] [Cmnd. 9205].

Miscellaneous (No. 9, 1984),—Copy of a Convention, done at Geneva on 24th May 1983, for the Establishment of a European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites ("Eumetsat") [by Command] [Cmnd. 9203].

Treaty Series (No. 17, 1984),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Cairo on 11th April 1979, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt constituting the United Kingdom/Egypt Retrospective Terms Agreement 1979 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9200].
Treaty Series (No. 18, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, done at London on 11th January 1984, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Senegal on Certain Commercial Debts [by Command] [Cmd. 9201].

Treaty Series (No. 31, 1984),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Bandar Seri Begawan on 22nd September 1983, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and His Highness Sir Muda Hassanal Bolkiah Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Negara Brunei Darussalam concerning the Arrangements for a United Kingdom Force in Negara Brunei Darussalam [by Command] [Cmd. 9207].

Mr. Secretary King:


Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th April 1984, entitled the Health and Safety (Fees for Medical Examinations) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 569) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Population Censuses and Surveys,—Copy of the Review of the Registrar General on deaths attributed to accidental and violent causes in England and Wales for 1982 [by Act].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th April 1984, entitled the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 539) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th April 1984, entitled the Civil Aviation Authority (Operational Land) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 575) [by Act].

MR SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

Thursday 26th April 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 70 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Bank Notes (Scotland) Bill and the Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 144.]

Friday 27th April 1984.

The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Cycle Tracks Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Cycle Tracks Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1A) A local highway authority shall not make an order under this section designating as a cycle track any footpath or part of a footpath which crosses any agricultural land unless every person having a legal interest in that land has consented in writing to the making of the order.

In this subsection “agricultural land” has the meaning given by section 1(2) of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1948; and “legal interest” does not include an interest under a letting of land having effect as a letting for an interest less than a tenancy from year to year'.—(Mr. Cecil Franks.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 5 (Friday sittings).
Cycle Tracks Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Cycle Tracks Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 3) be made.

Question put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 4 to 7) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 30, to leave out the words 'High Court' and insert the words 'Crown court or county court', instead thereof. (Mr. Gerald Bermingham.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 10 to 12) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. John Wakeham, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Mr. John Wakeham, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Private Tenants' Rights Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Private Tenants' Rights Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. Tony Banks 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.

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 4th May.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 18th November, That the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 11th May.

Tour Operators (Advertising of Foreign Holidays) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tour Operators (Advertising of Foreign Holidays) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 11th May.

Immigration Offences (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 6th April, That the Immigration Offences (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 6th July.

Concessionary Television Licences for State Retirement Pensioners Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Concessionary Television Licences for State Retirement Pensioners Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 11th May.

Rights of Londoners Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rights of Londoners Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Criminal Trespass Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Trespass Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.
Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 4th May.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 3.13 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 27th April 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Attorney General:

Oxfordshire Bill [Lords],—Report of the Attorney General on the Oxfordshire Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

Surrey Bill [Lords],—Report of the Attorney General on the Surrey Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

Worcester City Council Bill [Lords],—Report of the Attorney General on the Worcester City Council Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland),—Copy of the Accounts of the Legal Aid Fund (Northern Ireland) for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 406].

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the control of manpower in non-departmental public bodies sponsored by the Department of Education and Science [by Act]; to be printed [No. 403].

[No. 145.]


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration on 30th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 279-vi].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 30th April.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 411-l].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Special Report) [Head of the Government Accountancy Service].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 409].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Special Report) [The Government's Expenditure Plans 1984-85 to 1986-87].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 410].
Scottish Grand Committee,—Mr. Ian Campbell reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, that it had considered the matter of the Effect of European Community Policies on Scotland, referred to it on 12th April, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 408].

Straw and Stubble Burning (Control) Bill,—Ordered, That the Straw and Stubble Burning (Control) Bill be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Nigel Spearin, supported by Dr. Brian Mawhinney, and Dr. M. S. Miller, presented a Bill to amend section 36 of the Medical Act 1983 to enable the Professional Conduct Committee of the General Medical Council to exercise greater discretion in respect of conduct which they judge cannot be regarded as acceptable professional conduct; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 163].

Finance (No. 2) Bill (Clauses Nos. 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105, 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12),—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill (Clauses Nos. 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105, 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12).

(In the Committee)

Ordered, That the order in which proceedings in Committee of the whole House on the Finance (No. 2) Bill are to be taken shall be Clause 10, Schedule 6, Clause 17, Schedule 7, Clause 21, Clause 18, Clause 20, Clause 57, Schedule 12, Clause 113, Clause 27, Schedule 8, Clause 98, Clause 105.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

Clause No. 10 (Zero rating).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 6, to leave out lines 13 and 14.—(Mr. Jeff Rooker.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay : 139.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Tim Sainsbury : 241.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 6, to leave out lines 15 and 16.—(Mr. Roy Hattersley.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Miss Betty Boothroyd reported, that the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motion relating to Ways and Means may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Finance (No. 2) Bill (Clauses Nos. 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105, 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12),—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill (Clauses Nos. 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105, 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 10 (Zero rating).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 3) be made.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Austin Mitchell : 139.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 235.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Douglas Hogg : 233.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Austin Mitchell : 136.
Schedule No. 6 (Modifications of Schedule 5 to Value Added Tax Act 1983).

Amendment (No. 11) proposed, in page 133, line 5, to leave out the words 'ambient air' and insert the word 'room'.—(Mr. Jeff Rooker.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed, in page 133, line 7, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(c) paragraph (b) above shall not apply to hot food the items of which are packaged separately’.—(Mr. Jeff Rooker.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed, in page 133, line 7, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(c) paragraph (b) above shall not apply to hot food supplied from mobile premises’.—(Mr. Jeff Rooker.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:

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Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Stuart Bell: 92.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 204.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed, in page 133, line 7, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(c) paragraph (b) above shall only apply to caterers providing hot food from retail outlets which have an annual turnover in excess of £100,000’.—(Mr. Archy Kirkwood.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed, in page 133, line 14, to leave out from the word substituted to the end of line 15 and insert the words—

‘(a) in the course of construction or demolition of, or
(b) in the course of alteration work undertaken by—

(i) registered charities, including churches in respect of their own buildings
(ii) the owners of properties of special historic, architectural or aesthetic merit, in respect of such properties, or
(c) in the course of the construction of free standing properties designed as annexes to existing buildings, and built within their curtilage, but physically separated from them, or
(d) in the course of the conversion of disused or derelict agricultural barns or storehouses for the purposes of creating new residences or industrial properties’.—(Mr. Michael Latham.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed, in page 133, line 19, to leave out the word 'not'.—(Mr. James Wallace.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the Schedule be the Sixth Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 183.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 66.

Clause No. 17 (Charge of income tax for 1984-85).

Amendment (No. 26) proposed, in page 10, line 19, to leave out from the beginning to the word 'for' in line 23.—(Dr. Oonagh McDonald.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 56.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 169.
Another Amendment (No. 27) proposed, in page 10, line 27, at the end, to add the words—

' (4) Payments to any person of invalidity benefit under the Social Security Act 1975 shall not be liable to income tax until 5 per cent. abatement of invalidity pension, made under the Social Security (No. 2) Act 1980, shall have been made good'.—(Dr. Oonagh McDonald.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Norman Hogg, Mr. Allen McKay: 55.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 162.

Clause agreed to.

Schedule No. 7 agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. David Hunt reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will this day again resolve itself into the Committee.

Ways and Means,—Capital allowances,—Resolved, That for the purposes of—

(a) initial allowances under section 1 of the Capital Allowances Act 1968 or paragraph 1 of Schedule 12 to the Finance Act 1982, and

(b) first-year allowances under section 41 of the Finance Act 1971, provision may be made with respect to expenditure incurred on or after 1st April 1984 under certain contracts.—(Mr. John Moore.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Three o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.29 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 30th April 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census,—Copy of the Ward and Civil Parish Monitor for Buckinghamshire for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Social Security,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 18th April 1984, entitled the Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 581), and


Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1982 on—

(1) ice-cream, cocoa, chocolate and sugar confectionery, and

(2) miscellaneous wooden articles [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Public Health,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th April 1984, entitled the Control of Pollution (Underground Water) (Specification) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 582) [by Act].
Tuesday 1st May 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bill Petitions (Standing Orders not complied with).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Petition for the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Piece Hall, Halifax (No. 2) Bill.

Report referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented ; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix).

Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords].—Mr. Gavin Strang reported from the Committee on the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords], That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true ; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto ; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House : And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House : And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 41-xxxiii].

European Legislation.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House : And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 78-xxiv].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xxiv].

Transport.—Mr. Peter Fry reported from the Transport Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House : And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report) [Government Observations on the First, Second and Third Reports of the Committee, Session 1982-83].

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 274].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 274].

Transport.—Mr. Peter Fry reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 1st May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 319-x].

Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill.—Miss Janet Fookes reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 167].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 413].

Local Government Elections (Proportional Representation) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Local Government (Proportional Representation) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords] be referred to a Second Reading Committee.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Motor Vehicles Rear Seat Safety Provisions.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in motor cars by providing for
the compulsory fitting of rear seat belts and the compulsory provision of anchorage points for child restraint systems in all new cars: And that Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. A. J. Beith, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Terry Davis, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Roger Moate, Mr. Merlyn Rees, Mr. Barry Sheerman, and Mr. Gordon Wilson, do prepare and bring it in.

Motor Vehicles Rear Seat Safety Provisions Bill.—Mr. Austin Mitchell accordingly presented a Bill to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in motor cars by providing for the compulsory fitting of rear seat belts and the compulsory provision of anchorage points for child restraint systems in all new cars: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 166].

Finance (No. 2) Bill (Clauses Nos. 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105, 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill (Clauses Nos. 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105, 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 21 (Personal reliefs).
Amendment (No. 29) proposed, in page 12, line 27, to leave out ‘£3,955’, and insert ‘£4,225’.—(Mr. Jeff Rooker.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 130.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Ian Lang: 217.

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed, in page 12, line 30, at the end, to add the words—
‘(3) In subsection (1A) of section 8 of the Taxes Act (personal reliefs: age allowance) for the words “of the age of sixty-five or upwards” wherever they appear there shall be substituted the words “of pensionable age”; and at the end of that subsection there shall be added the words “and the expression “pensionable age” shall bear the same meaning as in Schedule 20 to the Social Security Act 1975”’.—(Mr. Jeff Rooker.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr. Austin Mitchell: 131.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 204.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 18 (Corporation tax for financial years 1983 to 1986: charge, rates and consequential provisions).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 233.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. James Hamilton: 126.

Clause No. 20 (Corporation tax: other rates and fractions).
Amendment (No. 35) proposed, in page 12, line 6, to leave out from the word ‘year’ to the end of line 17 and add the words ‘1983 be 40 per cent. and for the financial year 1984 be 38 per cent. and for the financial year 1985 be 31 per cent. and for the financial year 1986 and subsequent years be 27 per cent.’.—(Mr. Roy Hattersley.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 126.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. David Hunt: 224.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 57 (Withdrawal of initial and first year allowances).
Amendment (No. 36) proposed, in page 42, line 32, at the end to insert the words—
‘(2) Subsection (1) above shall not apply to allowances against Schedule D case I and Schedule D case II of income tax’.—(Mr. Roy Hattersley.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 109.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. John Major: 215.
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. John Major: 195.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 66.

Schedule No. 12 (Initial allowances and first-year allowances).

Amendment (No. 38) proposed, in page 154, line 11, at the end, to insert the words 'and expenditure shall be deemed to be incurred when the asset first belongs to the person in question or, if earlier, when the sums in question are paid'.—(Sir William Clark.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 43 and 44) made.

Question proposed, That the Schedule, as amended, be the Twelfth Schedule to the Bill.

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Question put and agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Peter Rees)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Carol Mather reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will this day again resolve itself into the Committee.

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Gas (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 9th April, be approved.—(Mr. Adam Butler.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at to-morrow's sitting, the Motion relating to House of Commons (Services) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock for one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, and Mr. Speaker shall then put any Question necessary to dispose of proceedings thereon, if not previously concluded.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Boscawen);

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 One o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

Adjourned at 1.17 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 1st May 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th April 1984, entitled the Opencast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) Order 1984 (S.I.; 1984, No. 607) [by Act].
Mr. Ian Stewart:


Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

El Salvador—Copy of the Report on the First Round of the Presidential Election in El Salvador on 25th March 1984 by Sir James Swaffield and Dr. David Browning [by Command] [Cmnd. 9233].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Legal Aid (Scotland)—Copy of the Report of the Law Society of Scotland on the Legal Aid Scheme for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Census of Production—Copies of the Reports on the Census of Production 1982, on—
(1) asbestos goods,
(2) basic industrial chemicals,
(3) domestic-type electric appliances,
(4) manufacture of office machinery and data processing equipment,
(5) miscellaneous textiles,
(6) preparation of milk and milk products,
(7) starch and miscellaneous foods,
(8) structural clay products,
(9) textile machinery, and
(10) wooden and upholstered furniture and shop and office fittings [by Act].

Securities—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture—Copies of—
(1) Regulations, dated 26th April 1984, entitled the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 618),
(2) Regulations, dated 26th April 1984, entitled the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 620), and
(3) a Scheme, dated 30th April 1984, entitled the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 619) [by Act].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Securities—Draft Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations 1984 [laid 9th April].

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Housing Defects Bill to Standing Committee B.

[No. 147.]

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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (Money (No. 2) Bill)—Mr Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill, referred after the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with.

Bill to be read a second time.
Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr. Don Dover reported from the Committee on the Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords], That for the convenience of Members the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 8th May at One o'clock.

Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 30th April and 1st May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 397].

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 2nd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 380-iv].

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 2nd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 414-i].

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it, relating to acid rain.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 2nd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 411-iii].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services,—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 2nd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-iii].

Trade and Industry,—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 2nd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 329-v].

Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 2nd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-xi].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before its Sub-Committee on 2nd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 302-v].

Entry Clearance (Change of Circumstances) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 11th May, the Entry Clearance (Change of Circumstances) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Road Traffic Control (Greater London) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday 15th June, the Road Traffic Control (Greater London) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill [Lords],—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Bill [Lords] was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Mr. Tam Dalyell, Member for Linlithgow, having used a grossly disorderly expression, was ordered by Mr. Speaker to withdraw the same, but he declined to comply with that direction.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 24 (Disorderly conduct) named him for disregarding the authority of the Chair;

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Tam Dalyell be suspended from the service of the House—(Mr. John Biffen);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 196.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. W. W. Hamilton, Mr. Dennis Skinner: 33.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker then directed Mr. Tam Dalyell to withdraw from the House:—And he withdrew accordingly.

Glue Abuse (Prevention)—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require manufacturers of glues for sale to the public to include in them an agent which will render them repellent: And that Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Alistair Burt, Mr. John Carlisle, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock, Mr. Reg Prentice, and Mr. Roger Stott, do prepare and bring it in.

Glue Abuse (Prevention) Bill.—Mr. Harry Greenway accordingly presented a Bill to require manufacturers of glues for sale to the public to include in them an agent which will render them repellent: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 165].

Health and Social Security Bill [Money] (No. 2)—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Health and Social Security Bill [Money] (No. 2);

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Health and Social Security Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase attributable to the provisions of that Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of the Consolidated Fund; and

(b) any payment into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Health and Social Security Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Health and Social Security Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Increase in borrowing powers of General Practice Finance Corporation)—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Holidays for patients, etc.)—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Northern Ireland)—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Fitting etc. of contact lenses)—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Use of titles)—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Disciplinary provisions)—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Supply of spectacles to pensioners)—(Mr. Frank Dobson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Donald Dewar: 82.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 179.

Another Clause (Protection of the public)—(Mrs. Jill Knight)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Harriet Harman, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 65.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 149.

Another Clause (Secretary of State to provide information on assumptions on which allotment is based)—(Mr. Frank Dobson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Amendment to Schedule 1 of the Supplementary Benefit Act 1976)—(Mrs. M. Beckett)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

And it being Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Health and Social Security Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Health and Social Security Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Health and Social Security Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Amendment to Schedule 1 of the Supplementary Benefit Act 1976) be read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Jack Dormand: 48.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. John Major: 165.

Another Clause (Increase in sickness benefit)—(Mrs. M. Beckett)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Jack Dormand: 40.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 155.

Another Clause (Promotion of health education)—(Mr. Frank Dobson)—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 (Amendments to section 36 of the Social Security Act 1975)—(Mr. Alfred Morris)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

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Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Norman Hogg, Mr. Frank Haynes: 32.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 129.

Another Clause (Preservation of documents relating to certain determinations)—(Mrs. M. Beckett)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Social Security upratings)—(Mr. Archy Kirkwood)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 27.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 127.

Another Clause (Family practitioner services)—(Mr. Frank Dobson)—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. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 41, after the word “Council” to insert the words “and such bodies representative of the interests of the general public as seem to the Privy Council to be appropriate.”—(Mr. Michael Meadowcroft.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 8, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 16) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 26, at the end, to insert the words “provided that the effect thereof does not result in a retrospective adjustment of remuneration for a period greater than one year.”—(Mr. Frank Dobson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 8, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 16) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 26, at the end, to insert the words “provided that the effect thereof does not result in a retrospective adjustment of remuneration for a period greater than one year.”—(Mr. Frank Dobson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 18 to 20) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 20, to leave out “20” and insert “25”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Alfred Morris.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 26) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 27) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 19, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mrs. M. Beckett.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, to leave out lines 4 to 11 and insert the words—

"(a) persons who appear to the President to represent employed earners;
(b) persons who appear to him to represent employers and earners other than employed earners; and
(c) persons who appear to him to have knowledge or experience of conditions in the area and of the problems of living on low incomes.

(2A) Before appointing members of a panel the President may take into consideration any recommendations—
(a) from such local committees representing employers or employed earners or both; or
(b) from such organisations concerned with the interests of employers or employed earners; or
(c) from such voluntary organisations included on the list or lists maintained by the relevant Regional Health Authority or Authorities in accordance with regulations made under section 22(3A) of the National Health Service Act 1977; or
(d) from such other organisations or from such persons as he considers appropriate; instead thereof.—(Mrs. M. Beckett.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 31 to 39) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 40) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 15, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mrs. M. Beckett.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 55, 56, 28, and 57 to 71) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 72) proposed to the Bill, in page 24, to leave out lines 19 to 30.—(Mrs. Jill Knight.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 73, 75 to 78, 84, 87 to 89, and 93 to 108) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Disciplinary Provisions)—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Title amended, as follows:—A Bill to amend the Opticians Act 1958 to make amendments of the National Health Service Act 1977 and the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 in relation to general ophthalmic services, finance in the National Health Service and certain functions of the Secretary of State; to make amendments of the National Health Service Act 1977 in relation to Family Practitioner Committees; to make provision for the reimbursement of the cost of certain treatment in the European Economic Community; to amend the law relating to social security, statutory sick pay and contracted-out occupational pension schemes; and for connected purposes.

A Motion being made, That the Health and Social Security Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Kenneth Clarke, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Michael Neubert: 118.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Norman Hogg: 20.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
House of Commons (Services).—Resolved, That this House approves the First Report from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), Session 1983-84, House of Commons Paper No. 142: House and Parliamentary Papers.—(Mr. John Biffen.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes past Three o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

Adjourned at 3.14 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 2nd May 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

New Towns,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 22nd March 1984, on borrowing by the Commission for New Towns,
(2) 29th March 1984, on borrowing by the Aycliffe Development Corporation,
(3) 29th March 1984, on borrowing by the Central Lancashire Development Corporation, and
(4) 29th March 1984, on borrowing by the Cwmbran Development Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of an Order, dated 3rd April 1984, amending the rates of pay, allowances and pensions of the Royal Air Force [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:


Mr. Secretary Tebbit:


APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Reading Committee.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Reading Committee on the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Henry Bellingham, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Peter Bruinvels, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Frank Cook, Mr. Alfred Dubs, Mr. Roy Galley, Sir Philip Goodhart, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. David Mellist, Mr. Dave Nellist, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. Jonathan Sayeed, Mr. John M. Taylor, and Mrs. Ann Winterton.

Standing Committee A.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Mr. Tony Banks as a further Member to serve on Standing Committee A in respect of the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 57, 98, 105 and 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12).

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Housing Defects Bill, viz.: Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Christopher Chope, Mr. Jim Craigien, Mrs. Edwina Currie, Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. John Major, Mr. Steve Morris, Mr. John Powley, Mr. Wyn Roberts, Mr. Tom Sackville, Mr. Derek Spencer, Mr. Stan Thorne, Mr. A. Cecil Walker, and Mr. John Watts.

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Philip Holland Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Housing Defects Bill and Mr. Michael Morris Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords].
Thursday 3rd May 1984.

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.

Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 10th May.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 10th May.

London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill.—The London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 10th May.

Dartmoor Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 10th May.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Agriculture.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 3rd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 306-vi].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Anatomy Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Law Reform (Husband and Wife) (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Tenants' Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to residential care homes and nursing homes and Registered Homes Tribunals, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Registered Homes Bill [Lords].

Tenants' Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Tenants' Rights Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 169].

Registered Homes Bill [Lords].—The Registered Homes Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 168].

Finance (No. 2) Bill (Clauses Nos. 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105, 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance (No. 2) Bill (Clauses Nos. 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105, 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 113 (Abolition of national insurance surcharge).

Amendment (No. 64) proposed, in page 99, to leave out lines 16 to 21 and add the words ' with respect to earnings paid on or after 1st October 1984 '.—(Mr. Terry Davis.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Harry Cohen: 36.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. John Major: 151.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 27 (Interest paid on deposits with banks etc.).

Amendment (No. 60) proposed, in page 16, line 31, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2) In calculating the tax payable in accordance with subsection (1) the first £70 in any special account, or the first £140 in any joint special account, shall be excluded, and no assessment of income tax shall be made on the person receiving payment of such interest, provided that the account is approved by the Inland Revenue and that the person entitled to any interest holds only one such special account.'—(Mr. Eric Cockeram.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Austin Mitchell: 22.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 122.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 123.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Frank Haynes: 18.

Schedule No. 8 (Interest paid on deposits with banks etc.).

Amendment (No. 61) proposed, in page 135, to leave out line 24.—(Mr. Terry Davis.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the Schedule be the Eighth Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Ian Lang: 121.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. John McWilliam: 17.

Clause No. 98 (Reduction of tax).

Amendment (No. 55) proposed, in page 87, to leave out lines 3 to 26, and insert the words—

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—(Mr. William Powell.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. David Hunt: 108.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Frank Haynes: 13.

Clause No. 105 agreed to.

Bill (Clauses Nos. 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105, 113, and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12), as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tim Sainsbury reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105, 113, and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12), and directed him to report the same, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill (Clauses Nos. 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105, 113, and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12), as amended, do lie upon the Table.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Member for Banff and Buchan, and citizens of the city of Gibraltar, one of Her Majesty's possessions, for the right to vote in the European Assembly elections was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.52 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 3rd May 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Electricity (Scotland),—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 30th March 1984,
(2) 30th March 1984,
(3) 30th March 1984,
(4) 30th March 1984, and
(5) 30th March 1984
on borrowing by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 26th April 1984, entitled the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 606) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 32, 1984),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Cairo on 16th November 1982, concerning a loan by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt [by Command] [Cmnd. 9210].


Mr. Secretary Younger:

Charities,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th April 1984, entitled the Public Charitable Collections (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 565) [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute, made by the University of Cambridge on 14th February 1984, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Food,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th April 1984, entitled the Meat (Sterilisation and Staining) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 604) [by Act].

Friday 4th May 1984.

The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Cleveland against proposals to store nuclear waste in the anhydrite mine at Billingham or elsewhere in Cleveland was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table (see Appendix).

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Boscawen);
And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 8th May, Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business) shall apply to the Motion relating to the European Regional Development Fund with the substitution of One o'clock or three hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, for the provisions in paragraph (1)(b) of the Standing Order.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday 8th May, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 5th April.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 4th May 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Water,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 22nd March 1984 on borrowing by the North West Water Authority,
(2) 22nd March 1984 on borrowing by the Welsh Water Authority,
(3) 30th March 1984 on borrowing by the Northumbrian Water Authority, and
(4) 30th March 1984 on borrowing by the Thames Water Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Health and Safety,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th April 1984, entitled the Agriculture (Tractor Cabs) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 605) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census,—Copies of the—
(1) Ward and Civil Parish Monitor for Surrey,
(2) Ward and Community Monitor for Gwent,
(3) Ward and Community Monitor for South Glamorgan, and

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production for 1982 on the woollen and worsted industry [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Legal Aid and Advice,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st May 1984, entitled the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 637) [by Act].


[No. 150.]

Tuesday 8th May 1984.

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 Ralph Bonner Pink, Esquire, CBE, VRD, Member for Portsmouth South, and I desire on behalf of the House to
express our sense of the loss we have sustained and our sympathy with the relatives of the honourable Member.

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill.—Ordered, That the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-sixth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxxiv].

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, together with an Appendix, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report) [The Government's Response to the Committee's Third Report (Session 1982-83) on Combined Heat and Power].

Report, together with Appendix, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 416].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 416].

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, together with an Appendix, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report) [The Government's Response to the Committee's First Report (Session 1983-84) on Electricity and Gas Prices].

Report, together with Appendix, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 417].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 417].

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration on 8th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 279-vi].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Sir Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [The Reports of the Northern Ireland Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, 1982].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 422].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 422].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Sir Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report) [The Fourth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, 1983-84: The Preece Case].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 423].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 423].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Sir Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read [First Special Report] [The Reports of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, 1982].
Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 8th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 319-xii].

Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the First Scottish Standing Committee, That it had gone through the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow ; and to be printed [Bill 175].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 420].

New Members sworn,—
Virginia Hilda Brunette Maxwell, Mrs. Bottomley, Member for South West Surrey, was sworn.
William Nigel Paul Cash, Esquire, Member for Stafford, was sworn.
Ann, Mrs. Clwyd, Member for Cynon Valley, was sworn.

Limitation of Sales of Solvents Bill,—Mr. Harry Greenway, supported by Mr. Alistair Burt, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock, Mr. Reg Prentice, and Mr. Roger Stott, presented a Bill to make it an offence in England and Wales for a person to sell or offer for sale substances to young people under the age of 16 if such person knows or has reasonable grounds for believing that those substances are likely to be inhaled to achieve intoxication: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 172].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

European Community Documents,—Ordered, That European Community Documents Nos. 9706/82, 8024/83, 8296/83, 4987/83, 7804/83, 8925/83, 9865/83, 8110/83, 8051/83, and 7809/83, concerning energy issues in the European Community, be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Protection of the Constitution,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for electoral reform ; to reform the House of Lords: to ensure that no constitutional measure shall be enacted without a two thirds majority of Members of the House of Commons; and for purposes connected therewith—(Mr. Patrick Cormack); 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. 15 (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. Patrick Cormack, Sir Anthony Meyer : 21.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Maxton, Mr. Tom Clarke : 144.

So the Question was negatived.

Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords].—The Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords] [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords] (‘ the Act ’), it is expedient to authorise—
(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of advances to the Cable Authority, subject to a limit of £2 million on the amount for the time being outstanding by way of principal in respect of such advances;
(b) any increase attributable to the provisions of the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided or out of the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. John Major.)
Ways and Means,—Cable and Broadcasting,—Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords] (‘the Act’), it is expedient to authorise—

(a) any increase in the sums payable into the Consolidated Fund under the Broadcasting Act 1981 which is attributable to provisions of the Act which—

(i) have effect for the purpose of facilitating, or making special provision in connection with, the provision by the Independent Broadcasting Authority, by means of the technique known as the direct broadcasting by satellite, of television broadcasting services additional to those already provided by them; or

(ii) extend the period during which television and local sound broadcasting services are to be provided by the Authority;

(b) any increase in the sums so payable under any other Act which is attributable to provisions of the Act;

(c) the payment into that Fund of any sums required to be so paid by or under the Act.—(Mr. John Major.)

European Regional Development Fund,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 10705/83 for a Council regulation amending regulation (EEC) No. 724/75 establishing a European Regional Development Fund, together with 8833/81, New Regional Policy Guidelines and priorities; 12104/82, Special Report 5/82 of the Court of Auditors; 11232/82 and 9938/83, second series of specific Community regional development measures; 9361/83, eighth report from the Commission to the Council on the activity of the European Regional Development Fund in 1982; and 9449/83, proposal for a Council decision enabling grant aid from the European Regional Development Fund for infrastructure investment projects to exceed the 70 per cent. limit for the period 1981-83; and supports the Government’s intention to press strongly for the early adoption of a new and improved regulation for the better administration of the European Regional Development Fund.—(Mr. Norman Lamont);

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 10705/83 for a Council regulation amending regulation (EEC) No. 724/75 establishing a European Regional Development Fund, together with 8833/81, New Regional Policy Guidelines and priorities; 12104/82, Special Report 5/82 of the Court of Auditors; 11232/82 and 9938/83, second series of specific Community regional development measures; 9361/83, eighth report from the Commission to the Council on the activity of the European Regional Development Fund in 1982; and 9449/83, proposal for a Council decision enabling grant aid from the European Regional Development Fund for infrastructure investment projects to exceed the 70 per cent. limit for the period 1981-83; and supports the Government’s intention to press strongly for the early adoption of a new and improved regulation for the better administration of the European Regional Development Fund.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Carol Mather.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes past One o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.11 a.m.

APPENDIX

Paper delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 4th May 1984 pursuant to Standing Order No. 141 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Road Traffic and Vehicles,—Copy of an Order, dated 13th April 1984, entitled the Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 127) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Tuesday 8th May 1984:

Mr. Secretary King:

Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Employment Subsidies Act 1978 (Renewal) (Great Britain) Order 1984 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons.—Statements by the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales on the separation of younger from older patients in hospital for the year ended 30th June 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 407].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Northern Ireland, Statements and Summary of the Education and Library Boards’ Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Command] [Cmnd. 9225].

Wednesday 9th May 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix D).

British Railways (No. 2) Bill,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the British Railways (No. 2) Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Metals Society Bill [Lords],—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Metals Society Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read the third time.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed.

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. John Ryman reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Rent (Scotland) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereunto, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 428].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 428].

Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 9th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 397].

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 9th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 429-i].

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 78-xxv].

Minutes of Proceedings to be printed [No. 78-xxv].
Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 9th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 430-i].

Scottish Affairs.—Sir Hector Monro reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report) [Dampness in Housing: the Government's Reply to the Committee's First Report].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 419].

Scottish Affairs.—Sir Hector Monro reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 9th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 418-i].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services.—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 9th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-iv].

Transport.—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 9th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-xiii].

Treasury and Civil Service.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before its Sub-Committee on 9th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 302-vi].

Welsh Affairs.—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [The impact of regional industrial policy on Wales (A response to Cmd. 9111)].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 427].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 427].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for the control and licensing of straw and stubble burning; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Straw and Stubble Burning (Control and Licensing) Bill [Lords]].

Straw and Stubble Burning (Control and Licensing) Bill [Lords].—The Straw and Stubble Burning (Control and Licensing) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 170].

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 9th May to be printed [No. 64-v].

Bills of Exchange Act 1882 (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Bills of Exchange Act 1882 to introduce similar procedures in relation to stopped cheques and to cheques drawn on an account with insufficient funds in Scotland as apply in England, Wales and Northern Ireland: And that Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Tom Clarke, Sir Hector Monro, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, and Mrs. Anna McCurley, do prepare and bring it in.

Bills of Exchange Act 1882 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Michael Hirst accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Bills of Exchange Act 1882 to introduce similar procedures in relation to stopped cheques and to cheques drawn on an account with insufficient funds in Scotland as apply in England, Wales and Northern Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 171].

Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill.
Clause No. 1 (Commencement and termination of interim provisions).

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words ' and no such Order shall be made where it has been resolved by both Houses of Parliament that it is expedient that a tribunal be established for inquiring into the re-organisation of local government in Greater London or in the metropolitan counties as a matter of urgent public importance, pursuant to the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act 1921'.—(Dr. John Cunningham.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir Michael Shaw 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, at this day's sitting, the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. John Major.)

Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill.

Clause No. 1 (Commencement and termination of interim provisions).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 2) be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words ' and no such order shall be made before the Secretary of State has, pursuant to section 49 of the principal Act, directed the English Commission to review the areas of Greater London and the metropolitan counties and has laid before each House of Parliament an order to give effect, with or without modification, to proposals formulated and submitted to him by the Commission under sections 47 or 48 of the principal Act'.—(Dr. John Cunningham.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 319.

Another Amendment (No. 72) proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words ' but no such order shall be made until a Royal Commission to inquire into the re-organisation of local government in Greater London and in the areas of the metropolitan counties has issued a report on that matter '.—(Dr. John Cunningham.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 171.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 317.

Another Amendment (No. 51) proposed, in page 2, line 1, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Alex Carlile.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth: 142.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 289.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Dr. Roger Thomas : 143.

Clause No. 2 (Suspension of elections and appointment of councillors).

Amendment (No. 69) proposed, in page 2, line 14, at the beginning, to insert the words ' Except as provided for by subsection (1A) below '.—(Mr. Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Paddy Ashdown : 124.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tim Sainsbury : 270.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed, in page 2, line 22, to leave out subsections (2) to (5) and add the words—

' The councillors of the Greater London Council and the councillors for a metropolitan county as on 1st May 1985 shall continue in office as councillor until 1st April 1986 '.—(Mr. Fred Silvester.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Fred Silvester : 118.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 260.

Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed, in page 2, line 29, after the word ' councils ', to insert the words ' and the Common Council '.—(Mr. Simon Hughes.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 53) proposed, in page 2, line 34, to leave out the words ' from among its members '.—(Mr. Simon Hughes.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Robert Boscawen reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will this day again resolve itself into the Committee.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from retirement pensioners and others in Great Britain for amendment of the Health and Social Security Bill was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Robert Boscawen) ;

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock on Wednesday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-four minutes past Five o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 5.24 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 9th May 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table :

Mr. John Moore :

Gas,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Treasury on—
(1) 30th March 1984, and
(2) 30th March 1984
on borrowing by the British Gas Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger :

Museums and Galleries,—Statement of indemnities for objects loaned to the Royal Scottish Museum [by Command].
Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Copy of the Account of the National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 401].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:


Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Copy of the Account of the Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 415].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee B Mr. Stan Thorne (nominated in respect of the Housing Defects Bill); and had appointed in substitution Mr. William O'Brien.

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Gerald Birmingham, Mr. Tim Brinton, Mr. Richard Cabon, Mr. Kenneth Carlisle, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Hugh Dykes, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Roger Gale, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Christopher Hawkins, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Denis Howell, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Douglas Hurd, Mr. Robert Key, Mrs. Anna MacCurley, Mr. Gerrard Neale, and Mr. Roger Stott.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Nicholas Budgen, Mr. Simon Coombs, Viscount Cranborne, Mr. Bob Edwards, Mr. Alex Fletcher, Mr. Ken Hargreaves, Mr. Geoff Lawler, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. David Marshall, Mr. Michael Marshall, Mr. Colin Moynihan, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Peter Tapsell, Mr. Alan Williams, Mr. Nicholas Winterton, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 9706/82, 8024/83, 8296/83, 7804/83, 8925/83, 8110/83, 8051/83 and 7809/83 concerning energy issues in the European Community, viz.: Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Alrick Buchanan-Smith, Dr. Michael Clark, Mr. James Couchman, Mr. Dick Douglas, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. Martin Redmond, Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. Ted Rowlands, Mr. Andrew Stewart, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, Mr. James Wallace, Mr. Gary Waller, Mr. John Watson, Mr. Mike Woodcock, and Mr. Tim Yeo.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 9th May 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee D; the draft Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations 1984 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and European Community Documents Nos. 9706/82, 8024/83, 8296/83, 4987/83, 7804/83, 8925/83, 9865/83, 8110/83, 8051/83 and 7809/83 concerning energy issues in the European Community to the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents.
Thursday 10th May 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 17th May.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 17th May.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 17th May.

Dartmoor Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 17th May.

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 17th May.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Standing Orders,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee a Resolution, as follows:

That, in the case of the Piece Hall, Halifax (No. 2) Bill, Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: That the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The Resolution was agreed to.

Standing Orders,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read, as follows:

The Committee recommends to the House that the relief from Standing Orders granted to the Promoters of the Piece Hall, Halifax (No. 2) Bill, consequent upon Mr. Speaker's ruling that the Piece Hall, Halifax Bill should not have been introduced as a Private Bill, should not be called into precedent as a reason for granting such relief on subsequent occasions on which Mr. Speaker so rules on a Private Bill.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Agriculture,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 10th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 306-vii].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill,—The Order for resuming, to-morrow, the adjourned Debate on Second Reading of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill was read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed upon Friday 6th July.

Concessionary Television Licences for State Retirement Pensioners Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Concessionary Television Licences for State Retirement Pensioners Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee)
Clause No. 2 (Suspension of elections and appointment of councillors).

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed, in page 3, line 3, to leave out subsection (5).—(Dr. John Cunningham.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 271.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 270.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 166.

Clause No. 3 (Replacement of councillors).

Amendment (No. 93) proposed, in page 3, line 11, after the word “time” to insert the words “from a date three months after an appointment”.—(Mr. Jack Straw.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Filling of vacancies).

Amendment (No. 55) proposed, in page 3, line 42, to leave out the words “not later than one month” and insert the words “at its first meeting”.—(Mr. Simon Hughes.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Supplementary provisions).

Amendment (No. 28) proposed, in page 5, line 6, to leave out subsections (3) and (4).—(Dr. David Clark.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Don Dixon: 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. Michael Neubert: 258.

Another Amendment (No. 57) proposed, in page 5, line 13, to leave out from the word “instrument” to the end of line 14 and insert the words “and no order shall be made under subsection (3) above unless a draft of it has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament”.—(Mr. Richard Wainwright.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 134.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. Michael Neubert: 251.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Establishment and functions of staff commission).

Amendment (No. 79) proposed, in page 6, line 5, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. John Fraser.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 134.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 259.

Clause agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. John Major reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will to-morrow again resolve itself into the Committee.
Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Supplementary Benefit (Conditions of Entitlement) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 518), dated 9th April 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th April, be annulled—(Mr. Michael Meacher):—It was negatived.

Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Supplementary Benefit (Single Payments) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 593), dated 25th April 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th April, be annulled—(Mr. Michael Meacher);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Peter Pike: 53.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 147.

So the Question was negatived.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. John Major);

Friday 11th May 1984

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes past Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.7 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 10th May 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Transport,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 29th March 1984, on borrowing by the National Bus Company, and
(2) 30th March 1984, on borrowing by the British Waterways Board
[by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th April 1984, entitled the Value Added Tax (Lifeboats) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 631) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 8, 1984),—Copy of an Additional Protocol, done at Brussels on 14th October 1983, annexed to the Protocol concerning commercial and economic co-operation between the European Coal and Steel Community and the Federative Republic of Brazil, following the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the European Communities [by Command] [Cmnd. 9219].


Treaty Series (No. 35, 1984),—Copy of a Convention, done at Port of Spain on 31st December 1982, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income [by Command] [Cmnd. 9221].

Treaty Series (No. 36, 1984),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Islamabad on 13th September 1982 and 31st October 1983 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, amending the Route Schedule annexed to the Agreement for Air Services between and beyond their respective territories, signed at Rawalpindi on 29th May 1974 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9220].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of the Scottish Local Government Financial Statistics for the year ended 31st March 1981 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary King:
Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Tourism.—Statement of appointment and determination of salary of a part-time Member of the English Tourist Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copy of a Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on the Consultation Paper on landlords’ agents’ commission on leases and letting of land [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
Law Commissions.—Copy of a Report by the Law Commission on obsolete provisions in the Companies Act 1948 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9236].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection
Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Alan Williams nominated in respect of the draft Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations 1984; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bryan Gould.

MEMORANDUM
Thursday 10th May 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Michael Shersby Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords]; Mr. David Knox Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations 1984; and Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of Documents Nos. 9706/82, 8024/83, 8296/83, 4987/83, 7804/83, 8925/83, 9865/83, 8110/83, 8051/83 and 7809/83 concerning energy issues in the European Community.

Friday 11th May 1984.
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Housing and Building Control Bill to which the Commons have disagreed; they agree to the Commons Amendments in lieu thereof with an Amendment to one of those Amendments to which Amendment they desire the concurrence of the Commons; they agree without Amendment to an Amendment proposed by the Commons to the words so restored to the Bill; they insist on their Amendment to page 3, line 13, and disagree to the Amendments proposed by the Commons in lieu thereof and to the Amendment proposed by the Commons to the words so restored to the Bill, for which insistence and disagreement they assign a Reason; they agree without Amendment to certain of the Amendments proposed by the Commons to certain of the Lords Amendments; they disagree to certain other Commons Amendments to the Lords Amendments, for which disagreement they assign a Reason; they do not insist on their Amendment to which the Commons have disagreed; and they agree without Amendment to the Commons consequential Amendments to the Bill.
Housing and Building Control Bill,—Lords Amendment to one of the Amendments made by the Commons in lieu of a Lords Amendment; Lords Reason for insisting on an Amendment and disagreeing to the Commons Amendments proposed in lieu, and Lords Reason for disagreeing to certain other Commons Amendments to Lords Amendments to be considered on Monday 14th May; and to be printed [Bill 174].

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Douglas Hogg);

And it being half-past Two 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 Major);

And the Question having been proposed at half-past Two 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 3 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Friday 11th May 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Overseas Aid,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Caribbean Development Bank (Further Payments) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Census of Production,—Copies of the Reports on the Census of Production 1982 on—

(1) abrasive products,
(2) carpets and other textile floorcoverings,
(3) cement, lime and plaster,
(4) forging, pressing and stamping,
(5) jewellery and coins,
(6) manufacture of semi-finished wood products and further processing and treatment of wood,
(7) measuring, checking and precision instruments and apparatus,
(8) non-ferrous metals industry,
(9) optical precision instruments and photographic equipment,
(10) soap and toilet preparations,
(11) steel tubes, and
(12) toys and sports goods
[by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Food,—Copy of an Order, dated 10th May 1984, entitled the Milk Prices (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (Variation) (No. 2) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 666) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd May 1984, entitled the Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 641) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st May 1984, entitled the Assured Tenancies (Approved Bodies) (No. 2) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 638) [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 Mallaig Harbour Revision Order 1984 [by Act].
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee D. Mr. Sean Hughes (nominated in respect of the Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords]); and had nominated in substitution Mr. Austin Mitchell.

Second Reading Committee.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords] Mr. Peter Pike; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Terry Patchett.

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee D. Mr. Sean Hughes (nominated in respect of the Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords]); and had nominated in substitution Mr. Austin Mitchell.

Second Reading Committee.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Reading Committee in respect of the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords] Mr. Peter Pike; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Terry Patchett.
purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Norwich City Council Bill [Lords]].

Amusement Machines Bill [Lords].—The Amusement Machines Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 178].

Dentists Bill [Lords].—The Dentists Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 177].

Swavesey Bye-ways Bill [Lords].—The Swavesey Bye-ways Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Norwich City Council Bill [Lords].—The Norwich City Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 606) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 619) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 618) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 620) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Meat (Sterilisation and Staining) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 604) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Employment Subsidies Act 1978 (Renewal) (Great Britain) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Police detention to count towards custodial sentence)—(Mr. Douglas Hurd)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Seized articles: access and copying)—(Mr. Douglas Hurd)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Retention of seized articles)—(Mr. Douglas Hurd)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Abolition of certain powers of constables to search persons)—Mr. Douglas Hurd—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power of constable to use reasonable force)—(Mr. Douglas Hurd)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (io) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 5, to leave out from the word 'use' to the end and add the words 'such force as is reasonable in the circumstances in the prevention of crime or in effecting or assisting in the lawful arrest of offenders or suspected offenders or of persons unlawfully at large'.—(Mr. Gerald Bermingham.)

Question, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Clause, put and negatived.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Road checks)—(Mr. Douglas Hurd)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones : 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. James Hamilton : 141.
Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Representation at disciplinary proceedings)—(Mr. Secretary Brittan)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Powers of arrest for offences contrary to section 32 of the Sexual Offences Act 1956)—(Mr. James Wallace)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Wallace, Mr. Alex Carlile: 131.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 191.

Another Clause (Exclusion of evidence other than confessions)—(Mr. Robert Maclellan)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Additional rights for young people during searching)—(Mr. Robin Corbett)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. John Major.)

Police and Criminal Evidence Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Additional rights for young people during searching) be read a second time.

Question put and negatived.

Another Clause (Abolition of common law powers when statutory powers come into force)—(Mr. Stuart Bell)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 113.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 188.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr. John Major.)

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be further considered to-morrow.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. John Major.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.46 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Paper delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 11th May 1984 pursuant to Standing Order No. 141 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Probation,—Copy of Rules, dated 8th May 1984, entitled the Probation Rules 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 647) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 14th May 1984:

Mr. John Moore:

New Towns,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 29th March 1984 on borrowing by—

(1) the Warrington and Runcorn Development Corporation,
(2) the Warrington and Runcorn Development Corporation, and
(3) the Milton Keynes Development Corporation

[by Act].
Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

University Grants Committee.—Copy of the Survey of the University Grants Committee for the academic year 1982-83 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9234].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:


Mr. Secretary Tebbit:


Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [26th March] from objectors to Project S7 in the Local Plan for the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames against the proposed Project [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Tuesday 15th May 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Metals Society Bill [Lords],—The Metals Society Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords],—The House proceeded to consider the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments. That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 15th May and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-seventh Report).

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxxv].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Sir Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 15th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 15th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-xiv].

Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords],—Mr. John Wells reported from the Special Standing Committee on the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords], That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 179].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 435].

Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Peter Hardy, supported by Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Kenneth Carlile, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Dr. David Clark, Mr. John Farr, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Allen McKay, Dr. John Marek, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Chris
Smith, and Mr. Nicholas Lyell, presented a Bill to amend section 28 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, so as to provide protection for sites of special scientific interest during the consultations with interested parties permitted by section 28(2) of that Act: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 173].

European Community Documents.—Ordered, That European Community Documents Nos. 4335/81 and corrigendum and 4219/83 concerning tourist assistance insurance be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Maximum periods of detention before charge)—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Ian Lang: 250.

Another Clause (Codes of practice for stop and search by police officers)—(Mr. Alfred Dubs)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—

Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Powers and duties of authority in investigation of complaints &c.)—(Mr. Alfred Dubs)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Frank Haynes: 177.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. John Major: 245.

And it being after Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Searching of diplomatic bags)—(Mr. Eldon Griffiths)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Miss Clare Short, Mr. Stuart Bell: 40.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Ian Lang: 180.

Another Clause (Removal of excluded material)—(Mr. Alex Carlile)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, that the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Robert Maclennan: 33.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 186.

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Amendments (Nos. 3 to 12, 14, 15, 17 to 26 and 28) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 29, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) On the hearing of every such application a person entitled to grant entry to the premises and a person entitled to grant access to the evidence shall be given notice of the application and shall have the right to be heard and to be represented by solicitors and counsel unless on an application made ex parte by a constable the justice of the peace is satisfied that any of the conditions specified in subsection 2(a), (b) or (e) below applies.’—(Mr. Simon Hughes.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Other Amendments (Nos. 295 and 30 to 33) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 30, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 8 on page 11.—(Mr. Robert Maclellan.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 55 to 37, 271 and 40 to 60) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 61) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 1, to leave out Clause 24.—(Mr. James Wallace.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 35 to 37, 271 and 40 to 60) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 61) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 1, to leave out Clause 24.—(Mr. James Wallace.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 35 to 37, 271 and 40 to 60) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 304) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 40, at the end, to insert the words—

' (c) As soon as a constable has reasonable grounds for believing the relevant person has committed or has attempted to commit an arrestable offence, the relevant person shall be arrested and, if at a police station, the custody officer informed '.

—(Mr. Tony Favell.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 321) proposed to the Bill, in page 23, line 5, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Eldon Griffiths.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 72 to 82 and 84 to 88) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 317) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 39, to leave out from the first word ' officer ' to end of line 41.—(Mr. Eldon Griffiths.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 89 to 94, 100, 101, 103, 106, 107, 112, 113, 115, 116, 122, 124, 126, 127, 129 to 134 and 136 to 138) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 315) proposed to the Bill, in page 44, line 39, to leave out Clause 49.—(Mr. Warren Hawksley.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 272, 139, 140, 273, 274, 141, 269, 145 to 147, 149 to 152, 311, 312, 156, 157, 159 to 164, 297, 165 to 171, 173 to 176, 178 to 180, 185, 186, 191, 192 and 194 to 202) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 319) proposed to the Bill, in page 73, line 22, after the word ' proceedings ' to insert the words ' including any civil proceeding that may be undertaken by the officer complained of '.—(Mr. Eldon Griffiths.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 204 to 212, 275 to 279, 286 to 290, 213, 291 and 292) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 310) proposed to the Bill, in page 89, line 5, at the end, to insert the words ' including the creation or satisfaction of an addiction to drugs '.—(Mr. Eldon Griffiths.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 216, 218, 298 to 300, 219 to 222, 301 and 233) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 224) proposed to the Bill, in page 92, line 5, to leave out the word ' circuit ' and insert the words ' High Court ', instead thereof.—(Mr. Alex Carlile.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 233 to 235, 239, 241, 242, 280 to 282, 243, 270, 244 to 246, 293, 294, 313, 314, 249 to 251, 302, 252 to 256, 285, 303, 257 to 265, 283, 284 and 260) made to the Bill.

Title amended, as follows: A Bill to make further provision in relation to the powers and duties of the police, persons in police detention, criminal evidence, police discipline and complaints against the police; to provide for arrangements for obtaining the views of the community on policing and for a rank of deputy chief constable; to amend the law relating to the Police Federations and Police Forces and Police Cadets in Scotland; and for connected purposes.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.
Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.—(Mr. Adam Butler.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Fines and Penalties (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 15th March, be approved.—(Mr. Nicholas Scott.)

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes to Five o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 4.37 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 15th May 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Iron and Steel,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th March 1984 on borrowing by the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Census,—Copy of the European Assembly Constituency Monitor (1984 boundaries) for the United Kingdom for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Trade,—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 14th November 1983 for a Return relating to overseas trade for each month during 1984, for March.

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Museums and Galleries,—Statements of increases in the value of indemnities in respect of objects loaned to—
(1) the British Museum, and
(2) the Tate Gallery [by Command].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petitions [16th March] from tenants of the Greater London Council's Seaside and Country Homes for the preservation of that Council's Seaside and Country Homes Scheme [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee D Mr. Austin Mitchell (nominated in respect of the Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jack Thompson.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Michael Shaw an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105 and 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12).
PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 15th and 16th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 397 and 232].

Employment,—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report) [The Manpower Services Commission's Corporate Plan 1984-88—Observations by the Government on the Second Report of the Committee, Session 1983-84].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 441].

Employment,—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 16th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 442-i].

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 16th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 429-ii].

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-sixth Report).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xxvi].

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 16th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 126-iv].

Foreign Affairs,—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 16th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 42-i and ii].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventeenth Report) [Sale of Government Shareholdings in Publicly-owned Companies].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 443].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighteenth Report) [Forestry Commission: Quinquennial Revaluation of Assets and Review of Performance].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 265].
Scottish Affairs, Mr. David Lambie reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 16th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 418-ii].

Selection, Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services, Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 16th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 379-v].

Transport, Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 16th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 319-xv].

Treasury and Civil Service, Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before its Sub-Committee on 16th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 302-vii].

Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords], Mr. Michael Morris reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords], That it had come to a Resolution, which it had directed him to report to the House : And the same was read, as follows: That the Committee recommends that the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords] ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 439].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. David Knox reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations 1984, referred to a Committee on 8th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 437].

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents, Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents, European Community Documents Nos. 9706/82, 8024/83, 8296/83, 4987/83, 7804/83, 8925/83, 9865/83, 8110/83, 8051/83 and 7809/83, concerning energy issues in the European Community, together with the following Resolution : That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 9706/82, 8024/83, 8296/83, 4987/83, 7804/83, 8925/83, 9865/83, 8110/83, 8051/83 and 7809/83 ; and fully supports appropriate cost-effective measures that will help to minimise the Community's dependence on imported oil.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 440].

Local Authorities (Prevention of Expenditure on Party Political Advertising), A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent local authorities from incurring expenditure on advertising for party political purposes—(Mrs. Angela Rumbold);

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. 15 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Michael Forsyth: 232.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tony Banks, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn: 141.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mrs. Angela Rumbold, Sir Frederic Bennett, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Sir Anthony Berry, Mr. John Wheeler, Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. Richard Tracey, Mr. Michael Brown, Mr. Michael Forsyth, and Mrs. Marion Roe, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Local Authorities (Prevention of Expenditure on Party Political Advertising) Bill, Mrs. Angela Rumbold accordingly presented a Bill to prevent local authorities from incurring expenditure on advertising for party political purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 176].
Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay: 190.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. David Hunt);

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 the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Twelve o'clock.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones)

Adjournment.—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And it being Twelve o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to the Order this day.

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House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975.—Resolved, That Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 be amended as follows:—

PART II OF SCHEDULE 1

1. The following entry shall be omitted:

'A Value Added Tax Tribunal.'

PART III OF SCHEDULE 1

Additional entries

2. There shall be inserted at the appropriate places:

‘Advocate Depute (not being the Solicitor General for Scotland) appointed by the Lord Advocate.

Chairman or Chief Executive of the Simplification of International Trade Procedures Board.

Controller of Audit appointed under section 97(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Controller of Audit appointed under paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 3 to the Local Government Finance Act 1982.

Director of Britoil p.l.c. nominated by a Minister of the Crown or government department.

President or Vice-President of Value Added Tax Tribunals or full-time chairman of value added tax tribunals.'

Entries omitted

3. The following entries shall be omitted:

‘Chairman of the Electricity Consumer Council.

Chairman of any of the National Boards constituted under the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1979, if appointed by the Secretary of State under section 58(6)(a) of that Act.

Director of the Scottish Agricultural Securities Corporation p.l.c. nominated by a Minister of the Crown or government department.

Distributors of Stamps appointed by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for the Stock Exchange at Glasgow.

Registration Officer appointed under section 6(3) of the Representation of the People Act 1949.’

Other amendments

4.—(1) In the entry ‘Chairman of the Distinction and Meritorious Service Committee for Northern Ireland’ after the word ‘Service’ there shall be inserted the word ‘Awards’.

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(2) In the entry 'Paid Chairman of a Health Board constituted under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972' for '1972' there shall be substituted '1978'.

(3) At the end of the entry 'Chairman of the Management Committee of the Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service' there shall be added the words 'constituted under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978'.

(4) For the entry 'Chairman of the Post Office Users' National Council' there shall be substituted the following entry—

'Chairman of any of the Post Office Users' Councils established under section 14 of the Post Office Act 1969.'

(5) In the entry 'Director of ICL Public Limited Company nominated or appointed by a Minister of the Crown or government department' the words 'or appointed' shall be omitted.

(6) At the end of the entry 'Member of an Agricultural Marketing Board appointed under section 3 of the Agricultural Marketing Act (Northern Ireland) 1964' there shall be added the words 'or Schedule 2 to the Agricultural Marketing (Northern Ireland) Order 1982.'

(7) In the entry 'Registration Officer appointed under section 8(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983' after '8(2)' there shall be inserted 'or (3)'.

PART IV OF SCHEDULE 1

5. In the second column of the entry relating to Her Majesty's Commissioner of Lieutenancy in the City of London for the words 'The Cities of London and Westminster' there shall be substituted the words 'The constituency comprising the whole of the City of London.'

—(Mr. Barney Hayhoe.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Dover for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Cats Protection League for the amendment of the Firearms Act 1968 was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes to One o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.41 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 16th May 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 9, 1984).—Copy of a Quadrilateral Protocol, signed at Brussels on 17th January 1983, on the purport of the Agreement for data network cooperation concluded between the European Economic Community, the Swiss Confederation, the Kingdom of Sweden and the Republic of Finland [by Command] [Cmnd. 9228].

Treaty Series (No. 37, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement, done at London on 9th February 1984, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Togo on certain commercial debts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9229].

United States (No. 2, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement, done at London on 13th February 1984, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America on social security, with an Administrative Agreement [by Command] [Cmnd. 9223].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Medicines.—Copy of an Order, dated 14th May 1984, entitled the Medicines (Exemption From Licences) (Importation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 673) [by Act].
Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copy of the Report on Wages in Agriculture for 1983 [by Act].

Food,—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th May 1984, entitled the Cheese (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 649) [by Act].

Land Drainage,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the Anglian Water Authority (Appeals of the Felixstowe Internal Drainage Board) Order 1984 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Home Secretary on the Petition [26th March] from residents of the constituency of Newport West for tougher sentences for child beaters [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Standing Committee D.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from Standing Committee Mr. Jack Thompson (nominated in respect of the Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords]); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Austin Mitchell.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Tony Blair, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Frank Field, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Francis Maude, Dr. Brian Mawhinney, Mr. Jeff Rooker, Mr. John Rynan, Mr. Lewis Stevens, Mr. David Sumberg, Mr. John Townend, Dr. Ian Twinn, Mr. Kenneth Warren, Mr. David Winnick, Mr. Mark Wolfson, Mr. Timothy Wood, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) Scheme 1984, the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1984, and the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr. Kenneth Hind, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Alan Howarth, Mr. Geraint Howells, Dr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Michael Lord, Mr. John MacGregor, Miss Joan Maynard, Mr. Phillip Oppenheim, Mr. Ray Powell, Mr. Richard Ryder, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Tom Torney, and Mr. Dennis Walters.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Meat (Sterilisation and Staining) (Amendment) Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. Norman Atkinson, Mr. Roland Boyes, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. A. E. P. Duffy, Mr. Ray Ellis, Mrs. Peggy Fenner, Mr. Richard Hickmet, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Greg Knight, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Nicholas Soanes, Mr. Keith Speed, Mr. Tony Speller, Mr. Martin Stevens, Mr. Peter Thurnham, Mr. Richard Tracey, and Sir Gerard Vaughan.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Employment Subsidies Act 1978 (Great Britain) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Vivian Bendall, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Peter Brainwels, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Roy Galley, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Robert Harvey, Mr. Jerry Hayes, Mr. Michael Howard, Mr. Ralph Howell, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mr. David Lighthoun, Mr. Tony Marlow, Mr. Dave Nellist, Mr. George Park, Mr. David Penhaligon, and Mr. Barry Sheerman.

Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents, in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 4335/81 and corrigendum and 4219/83 concerning tourist assistance insurance, viz.: Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. David Gilroy Bevan, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Terry Fields, Mr. Alex Fletcher, Mr. Eric Forth, Mr. George Gardiner, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. Robert McCrimble, Mr. Barry Porter, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Neville Trotter, Mr. George Walden, Mr. Bowen Wells, and Mr. John Wilkinson.
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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1984 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. ; the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) Scheme 1984, the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1984 and the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1984 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. ; the Meat (Sterilisation and Staining) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. ; the draft Employment Subsidies Act 1978 (Renewal) (Great Britain) Order 1984 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c. ; and European Community Documents Nos. 4355/81 and corrigendum and 4219/83 concerning tourist assistance insurance to the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents.

[No. 157.]

Thursday 17th May 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 24th May.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 24th May.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 24th May.

Dartmoor Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 24th May.

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday 23rd May at Seven o'clock.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 17th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 397].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Special constables)—(Mr. Geoffrey Pattie)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Prevention of take-overs by non-residents)—(Mr. Denzil Davies)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes : 111.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. John Major : 215.
Another Clause (Protection of employees' rights)—(Mr. Kevin McNamara)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Don Dixon: 105.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 193.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 9, after the word 'companies' to insert the words 'whose boards of directors shall in every case include 2 employees of the Royal Ordnance Factories elected yearly by all paid employees'.—(Mr. Paddy Ashdown.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 12.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 171.

Amendments (Nos. 2 to 4) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 28, at the end, to insert the words 'and unless all employees who have worked in Royal Ordnance Factories throughout the two previous years have been given an opportunity to purchase shares at a preferential rate'.—(Mr. Archy Kirkwood.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 8.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert: 162.

Other Amendments (Nos. 10 and 11) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Special constables)—(Mr. John Lee)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Title amended, as follows: A Bill to make provision for the transfer to a company or companies of certain property, rights and liabilities to which Her Majesty or a Minister of the Crown is entitled or subject and which are attributable to the operations of the Royal Ordnance Factories; to make provision for the transfer of property, rights and liabilities to or from those and certain other companies; to make provision about their finances and about investment in them and their subsidiaries; to make provision for the extinguishment of certain liabilities concerning the Royal Ordnance Factories; to make provision about the powers of special constables in consequence of transfers; to make provision for the payment out of money provided by Parliament of certain sums required by the Secretary of State in relation to International Military Services Limited; and for connected purposes.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow; and be printed [Bill 181].

Adjournment (Spring).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House at its rising on Friday 25th May do adjourn until Monday 4th June—(Mr. John Biffen);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Motion relating to Adjournment (Spring) and the County Courts Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. John Major.)

Adjournment (Spring).—The Question being again proposed, That this House at its rising on Friday 25th May do adjourn until Monday 4th June:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House at its rising on Friday 25th May do adjourn until Monday 4th June.

County Courts Bill [Lords].—The County Courts Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. John Major.)

Committee to-morrow.
Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Patrick M. Allfrey further to his Petition of 28th March 1983 was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. John Major.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.35 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 17th May 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Electricity (Scotland),—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 30th March 1984, and
(2) 15th May 1984
on borrowing by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 38, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, done at Khartoum on 25th January 1984, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan on certain commercial debts [by Command] [Cmnd. 9231].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th April 1984, entitled the Police (Promotion) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., No. 648) [by Act].

Seeds,—Copy of Regulations, dated 30th April 1984, entitled the Seed Potatoes (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 661) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Tom Clarke (nominated in respect of the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Gordon Brown.

[No. 158.]

Friday 18th May 1984.

The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Portsmouth South Writ,—Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Portsmouth South, in the room of Ralph Bonner Pink, Esquire, C.B.E., V.R.D., deceased.—(Mr. John Wakeham.)

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords],—The Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and was committed to a Standing Committee pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (Committal of Bills).

Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords] [Money];
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   (a) any administrative expenses incurred by a Minister of the Crown in consequence of the Act; and
   (b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of moneys so provided under any other Act.

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable into the Consolidated Fund under any other Act.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Secretary Ridley, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Mr. Secretary Ridley, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Somerset House Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Somerset House Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Fosdyke Bridge Bill [Lords]. The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes past Twelve o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 12.27 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 18th May 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:

Government Trading Funds,—Treasury Minute regarding the financial objectives of Property Services Agency (Supplies) Trading Fund (Trading as the Crown Suppliers) [by Act].

Mr. John Moore:

Duchy of Cornwall,—Copy of the Revenue and Capital Accounts of the Duchy of Cornwall for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 426].

Local Government Finance,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 11th April 1984 on borrowing by the Audit Commission [by Act].

Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 22nd March 1984 on borrowing by the Scottish Transport Group [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland,—Copy of the Northern Ireland Trading and other Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon and upon other Accounts printed separately [by Act]; to be printed [No. 517].
MEMORANDUM
Friday 18th May 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Michael Morris Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1984; Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) Scheme 1984, the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1984 and the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1984; Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Meat (Sterilisation and Staining) (Amendment) Regulations 1984; and Mr. David Knox Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Employment Subsidies Act 1978 (Renewal) (Great Britain) Order 1984.


The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bill [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

Norwich City Council Bill [Lords].
Swavesey Bye-ways Bill [Lords].

Bills to be read a second time.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix).

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighth Report) [The British Gas Corporation's Proposed Purchase of Gas from the Sleipner Field].

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 438].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 438].

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 446-i].

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Race Relations and Immigration on 21st May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 279-viii].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 449-i].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 450-i].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)
Future of the European Community.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, recognising the vital role that a closely knit European Community could and should play in world affairs, congratulates both the Prime Minister and Her Majesty's Government on their continuing efforts to ensure a strong voice in Europe for Britain and that all necessary changes are made within the Community to sustain respect for that institution and to enhance its authority both internally and externally—(Mr. Jim Spicer);

Mr. Jim Spicer rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put:
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Jim Spicer, Mr. John Stokes: 219.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. James Wallace: 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House, recognising the vital role that a closely knit European Community could and should play in world affairs, congratulates both the Prime Minister and Her Majesty's Government on their continuing efforts to ensure a strong voice in Europe for Britain and that all necessary changes are made within the Community to sustain respect for that institution and to enhance its authority both internally and externally.

Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill;

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. John Wakeham, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being proposed;

Mr. John Major rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put:
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. David Hunt: 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam: 172.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That at this day's sitting, consideration of Lords Amendments to the Tenants' Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Social Security (Adjudication) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 451), dated 26th March 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd April, be annulled—(Mr. Michael Meacher);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Frank Haynes: 104.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Michael Neubert: 177.

So the Question was negatived.

Tenants' Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Tenants' Rights, Etc. (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 4 were agreed to.

Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 69 (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. 42 (Commitment of Bills).

Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords] [Money]:

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—
(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State for the purposes of that Act; and
(b) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums received by the Secretary of State under that Act.—(Mr. John Major.)

Energy Issues in the European Community.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 80 (Standing Committees on European Community Documents), That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 9706/82, 8024/83, 8296/83, 4987/83, 7804/83, 8925/83, 9865/83, 8110/83, 8051/83 and 7809/83; and fully supports appropriate cost-effective measures that will help to minimise the Community's dependence on imported oil—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.

Securities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 1st May, be approved—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.

Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg)

Tuesday 22nd May 1984

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Twelve o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.28 a.m.

APPENDIX

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 18th May 1984 pursuant to Standing Order No. 141 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

National Health Service.—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 15th May 1984, entitled the Rampton Hospital Review Board (Establishment and Constitution) Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 692), and
(2) Regulations, dated 15th May 1984, entitled the Rampton Hospital Review Board (Functions and Membership) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 693) [by Act].

Local Government.—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th May 1984, entitled the Local Government (Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 698) [by Act].

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 21st May 1984:

Mr. John Moore:

Appropriations in Aid.—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 21st May 1984, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the vote for the National Audit Office [by Act].

National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 14th March 1984 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

New Towns (Scotland).—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 22nd March 1984 on borrowing by the Livingston Development Corporation, and
(2) 29th March 1984 on borrowing by the East Kilbride Development Corporation [by Act].
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Mr. Secretary Brittan:

European Assembly (Pay and Pensions).—Copy of a Report on the European Assembly (United Kingdom Representatives) Pension Scheme [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Education (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd May 1984, entitled the Dangerous Materials and Apparatus (Educational Establishments) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 668) [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th May 1984, entitled the Local Authorities (Allowances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 691) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Inland Revenue Department: control of investigation work [by Act]; to be printed [No. 448].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:

Overseas Aid.—Draft Caribbean Development Bank (Further Payments) Order 1984 [laid 11th May].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 21st May 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Hugh McCartney Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 4335/81 and corrigendum and 4219/83 concerning tourist assistance insurance.

[No. 160.]

Tuesday 22nd May 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords].—The Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

County of Lancashire Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the County of Lancashire Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be considered upon Thursday.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the British Railways (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Piece Hall, Halifax (No. 2) Bill.—Ordered, That the Piece Hall, Halifax (No. 2) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, that it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-eighth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxxvii].

Agriculture.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, that it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 23rd May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 306-viii].

Defence.—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, that it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 22nd May.
Defence.—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 23rd May.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 436].

Education, Science and Arts.—Mr. Harry Greenway reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 22nd May.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 453].

Employment.—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 23rd May.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 460-i].

Environment.—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 23rd May.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 446-ii].

European Legislation.—Mr. David Knox reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-seventh Report).
Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 78-xxvii].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xxvii].

Scottish Affairs.—Mr. David Lambie reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 21st May.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 418-iii].

Social Services.—Mrs. Renee Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 23rd May.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-vi].

Trade and Industry.—Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [The Reasons for the Growth in the Imbalance of Trade in Manufactured Goods between the UK and Existing and Prospective Members of the EEC].
Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 461].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 461].

Trade and Industry.—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 23rd May.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 462].

Transport.—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 22nd May.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-xvi].

Transport.—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 23rd May.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-xvii].

Treasury and Civil Service.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before its Sub-Committee on 23rd May.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 302-viii].

Welsh Affairs.—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 23rd May, together with an Appendix.
Minutes of Evidence and Appendix to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 458].

Housing Defects Bill.—Sir Philip Holland reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Housing Defects Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 184].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 454].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Michael Morris reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 606), referred to a Committee on 14th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 451].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. David Crouch reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 619), the Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 618), and the Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 620), referred to a Committee on 14th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 452].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Forrester reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Meat (Sterilisation and Staining) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 604), referred to a Committee on 14th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 459].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. David Knox reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Employment Subsidies Act 1978 (Renewal) (Great Britain) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 14th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 457].

Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents, European Community Documents Nos. 4335/81 and corrigendum and 4219/83, concerning tourist assistance insurance, together with the following Resolution: That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 4335/81 and corrigendum and 4219/83; and supports the Government's intention to ensure that the scope of the directive is clearly defined, that it provides for appropriate exemptions and that it takes into account the special considerations applying to the supervision of benefits-in-kind insurance.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 456].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate the provisions of the Food and Drugs Acts 1955 to 1982, the Sugar Act 1956, the Food and Drugs (Milk) Act 1970, section 7(3) and (4) of the European Communities Act 1972, section 198 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Part IX of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, and connected provisions; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Food Bill [Lords].

Food Bill [Lords].—The Food Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 185].

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow at Seven o'clock, the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday.

Adjournment (Closure of Bathgate and C. R. Roe works of British Leyland).—Mr. Peter Shore, Member for Bethnal Green and Stepney, 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 announcement by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry of the proposed closure of the Bathgate and C. H. Roe works of British Leyland; and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over under Standing Order No. 10 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) until the commencement of public business at the next sitting.

Diplomatic Immunity (Revision and Interpretation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the initiation by the United Kingdom of a revision of the Vienna Convention; to interpret the Convention in connection with the scrutiny of diplomatic bags; and for related purposes: And that Mr. Greville Janner, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. Tony Blair, Miss Betty Boothroyd, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Mark Fisher, Mr. Reg Freeson, Mr. John Golding, Mr. Doug Hoyle, Mrs. Renée Short, and Mr. Alec Woodall, do prepare and bring it in.

Diplomatic Immunity (Revision and Interpretation) Bill,—Mr. Greville Janner accordingly presented a Bill to require the initiation by the United Kingdom of a revision of the Vienna Convention; to interpret the Convention in connection with the scrutiny of diplomatic bags; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 182].

Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee)
Clause No. 7 (Information in connection with proposals for abolition of authorities).
Amendment (No. 120) proposed, in page 6, line 40, to leave out the words ' or to any other body '.—(Dr. John Cunningham.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay : 173.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Ian Lang : 295.
Another Amendment (No. 86) proposed, in page 7, line 1, at the beginning, to insert the words ' Subject to subsection (2A) below '.—(Mr. Allan Roberts.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.
And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Wells reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at this day's sitting, the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. John Major);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 306.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Simon Hughes : 20.
So the Question was agreed to.
Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.

Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee)
Clause No. 7 (Information in connection with proposals for abolition of authorities).
Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 86) be made.
Question put.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Frank Haynes : 175.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 306.
Another Amendment (No. 64) proposed, in page 7, line 1, to leave out the words ' and its officers '.—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 165.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 299.

Another Amendment (No. 102) proposed, in page 7, line 1, to leave out subsections (2) and (3) and insert the words—

' (2) Any officer of the council of a London borough or the Common Council, duly authorised in that behalf, and any other person authorised by the Secretary of State shall, for the purposes mentioned in subsection (1)(a) of this section, be entitled during ordinary office hours to inspect and take extracts from any books or documents of the Greater London Council.

(3) Any officer of the council of a metropolitan district, duly authorised in that behalf, and any other person authorised by the Secretary of State shall, for the purposes mentioned in subsection (1)(b) of this section, be entitled during ordinary office hours to inspect and take extracts from any books or documents of the council of the metropolitan county comprising such district'.—(Mr. John Fraser.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

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Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Lawrence Cuncliffe: 154.

Clause No. 8 (Postponement of exercise of functions).

Amendment (No. 39) proposed, in page 7, line 13, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr. John Fraser.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 135.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 268.

Another Amendment (No. 40) proposed, in page 7, line 18, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Jack Straw.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Simon Hughes: 17.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 251.

Another Amendment (No. 96) proposed, in page 7, line 29, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr. Michael Meadowcroft.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. David Alton: 22.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. David Hunt: 235.

Another Amendment (No. 108) proposed, in page 7, line 34, to leave out subsection (4).—(Mr. John Cartwright.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 21.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 211.

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, forthwith put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50 (Debate on Clause or Schedule standing part), That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 207.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 21.
Clause No. 9 (Accounts and financial consultation).
Amendment (No. 90) proposed, in page 7, line 41, at the beginning, to insert the words "Subject to subsection (1A) below".—(Mr. David Alton.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. John Cartwright: 22.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Michael Neubert: 185.

Another Amendment (No. 44) proposed, in page 8, line 4, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Jack Straw.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. John Cartwright: 21.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 173.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Clement Freud: 21.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 165.

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, forthwith put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 50 (Debate on Clause or Schedule standing part), That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 162.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 24.

Clause No. 10 (Expenses).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 164.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Malcolm Bruce: 23.

Clause No. 11 (Short title and interpretation).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. John Major: 165.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 23.

A Clause (Report on public expenditure)—(Mr. Dave Nellist)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. John Cartwright: 35.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 192.

Another Clause (Rate precepts for 1985-86)—(Mr. Michael Meadowcroft)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Charles Kennedy: 39.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 194.

Another Clause ("Streamlining the cities")—(Mr. Clement Freud)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 46.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 210.

Schedule No. 1 (Number of Councillors to be Appointed by Constituent Councils).

Amendment (No. 129) proposed, in page 9, to leave out lines 7 to 42 and insert the words—

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—(Mr. Simon Hughes.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Mr. A. J. Beith 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. John Cartwright, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 103.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Michael Neubert: 207.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Jack Straw.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 137.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 214.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 12.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Michael Neubert: 381.
Another Amendment (No. 126) proposed, in page 10, line 1, to leave out from the beginning to the end of page 11 and add the words—

**PART II**

**GREATER MANCHESTER**

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PART VII

WEST YORKSHIRE

Metropolitan District  Number of Metropolitan County Councillors

| Bradford  | 19 |
| Calderdale | 9 |
| Kirklees | 15 |
| Leeds | 32 |
| Wakefield | 13 |

—(Mr. Jack Straw.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Allen McKay: 154.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 243.

Question put, That this Schedule be the First Schedule to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 239.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 159.

Schedules Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 304.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Don Dixon: 176.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Ian Lang);

And the Question having been proposed after Ten o' clock on Tuesday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then seventeen minutes to Eleven o' clock on Wednesday evening, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 22nd May 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Electricity (Scotland).—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th March 1984 on borrowing by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act].
Iron and Steel.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th April 1984 on borrowing by the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines.—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on 15th March 1984 on borrowing by—
(1) the British National Oil Corporation,
(2) the British National Oil Corporation, and
(3) the British National Oil Corporation [by Act].

Water.—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 29th February 1984 on borrowing by the Yorkshire Water Authority,
(2) 30th April 1984 on borrowing by the Yorkshire Water Authority,
(3) 1st May 1984 on borrowing by the Southern Water Authority, and
(4) 15th May 1984 on borrowing by the Northumbrian Water Authority [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Dangerous Drugs.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1984 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

El Salvador.—Copy of the Report on the Second Round of the Presidential Election in El Salvador on 6th May 1984 by Sir James Swaffield and Dr. David Browning [by Command] [Cmnd. 9244].


Mr. Secretary Younger:

Countryside (Scotland).—Copy of the Report of the Countryside Commission for Scotland for 1983 [by Act].

Transport.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Scottish Transport Group for 1983 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Education.—Copy of a Paper, entitled Parental Influence at School [by Command] [Cmnd. 9242].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census.—Copy of the Report on household and family composition for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Child Care.—Copy of a Report by the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales on children in care in England and Wales for the year ended 31st March 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Broadcasting.—Copy of a Paper, entitled Bands I and III : A Consultative Document [by Command] [Cmnd. 9241].

Companies.—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th May 1984, entitled the Companies (Unregistered Companies) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 682) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copy of the Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on Social Security Fraud [by Act].

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petitions from the Knights of St. Columba and people of the constituency of Poole [26th March] and from members of the Church of the Holy Redeemer (R.C.), Harold Hill [10th April] for the statutory right of parents or legal guardians to give consent to all medication of their children whilst under the age of sixteen [by Standing Order] ; to be printed.

Plant Health.—Copies of Orders, dated 8th May 1984, entitled—
(1) the Dutch Elm Disease (Local Authorities) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 687),
(2) the Dutch Elm Disease (Restriction on Movement of Elms) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 686), and
(3) the Increase of Fines (Plant Health) (Forestry) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 688)

by Act.

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland).—Copy of Rules, dated 14th May 1984, entitled the European Assembly Election Petition Rules (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 162) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM
Tuesday 22nd May 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Michael Morris an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105 and 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12).

PRAYERS.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 7th June.

County of Lancashire Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the County of Lancashire Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday 5th June.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 7th June.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 7th June.

Dartmoor Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 7th June.

Piece Hall, Halifax (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Piece Hall, Halifax (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 7th June.

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 7th June.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 24th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 380-v].

Environment.—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Green Belt and Land for Housing].

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 275].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 275].

Home Affairs.—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Remands in Custody].

...to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 252].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 252].

Transport.—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 24th May.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-xviii and -xix].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Agriculture (Amendment) 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:


Parliamentary Pensions etc. Bill.—Mr. John Biffen, supported by Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr. Secretary Brittan, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Sir Keith Joseph, Mr. Secretary Walker, Mr. Secretary Heseltine, and Mr. Barney Hayhoe, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the contributory pension schemes for Members of the House of Commons and for the holders of certain Ministerial and other offices; to increase the amount that may be appropriated under section 4(4) of the House of Commons Members' Fund Act 1948 for the alleviation of special hardship; and to provide for payments to be made, in certain circumstances, to persons who cease to hold Ministerial and other offices or to be Representatives to the Assembly of the European Communities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 186].

Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That the matter of Housing and urban development in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration. (Mr. Douglas Hogg)

Adjournment (Closure of Bathgate and C. H. Roe works of British Leyland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. Peter Shore):

Mr. James Hamilton rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 177.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. John Major: 281.

So the Question was negatived.

Opposition day [14th allotted day].—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Government Decision to bring American Cruise Missiles to the United Kingdom.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government's decision to agree to the deployment of American cruise missiles in the United Kingdom; believes that these missiles are of no military value, that their de-
Employment has directly contributed to the breakdown of negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union for the control and reduction of nuclear weapons, has made the prospect of disarmament much more difficult and has weakened public support for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation; and calls upon the Government to halt all further deployment and to remove all existing cruise missiles from the United Kingdom—(Mr. Denzil Davies);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word “House” to the end of the Question and add the words “welcomes the determination of Her Majesty’s Government to implement the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation’s twin-track decision of December 1979 on intermediate range nuclear forces; deplores the unjustified Soviet departure from the Intermediate Nuclear Force negotiations at Geneva; and reaffirms that adherence to the agreed deployment programme offers the firmest foundation both for the security of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Alliance and for the resumption of arms control negotiations” ; instead thereof.—(Mr. Secretary Heseltine.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam: 162.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. John Major: 269.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Michael Neubert: 254.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Frank Haynes: 171.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the determination of Her Majesty’s Government to implement the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation’s twin-track decision of December 1979 on intermediate range nuclear forces; deplores the unjustified Soviet departure from the Intermediate Nuclear Force negotiations at Geneva; and reaffirms that adherence to the agreed deployment programme offers the firmest foundation both for the security of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Alliance and for the resumption of arms control negotiations.

Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Agriculture and Horticulture Grant (Variation) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 619), a copy of which was laid before this House on 1st May, be approved—(Mr. Ian Lang):—It was agreed to.

Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Employment Subsidies Act 1978 (Renewal) (Great Britain) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 8th May, be approved—(Mr. Ian Lang):—It was agreed to.

Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That during the proceedings on the matter of Housing and urban development in Wales, the Welsh Grand Committee have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet; and that, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 67 (Meetings of standing committees), the second such sitting shall not commence before Four o’clock nor continue after the Committee has considered the matter for two hours at that sitting.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the people of London and elsewhere against the proposed abolition of the Greater London Council and cancellation of the 1985 Greater London Council elections was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Lilian Rose Olley, Ruby Iris Woolmer, Janet Marie Dickinson and other citizens of the United Kingdom for legislation to prohibit the use of snares was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ian Lang).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Adjourned at 10.57 p.m.
APPENDIX

Thursday 24th May 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

New Towns,—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 15th May 1984, on borrowing by the Basildon Development Corporation,
(2) 22nd May 1984, on borrowing by the Warrington and Runcorn Development Corporation, and
(3) 22nd May 1984, on borrowing by the Warrington and Runcorn Development Corporation
[by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 24th May 1984, entitled the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 736) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th May 1984, amending the Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 22nd May 1984, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Hotel and Catering) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 725) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Telecommunications,—Copy of the International Telecommunication Convention and Related Documents, signed at Nairobi on 6th November 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9245].

Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production for 1982 on—
(1) agricultural machinery and tractors,
(2) bolts, nuts, etc.; springs; non-precision chains; metals treatment,
(3) coal extraction and manufacture of solid fuels,
(4) coke ovens,
(5) cycles and motor cycles,
(6) hosiery and other knitted goods,
(7) iron and steel industry,
(8) mechanical power transmission equipment,
(9) metal doors, windows, etc.,
(10) miscellaneous machinery and mechanical equipment,
(11) motor vehicle bodies, trailers and caravans,
(12) processing of bacon, meat and poultry,
(13) processing of fruit and vegetables,
(14) specialised chemical products mainly for household and office use,
(15) spirit distilling and compounding, and
(16) wooden containers
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Industrial Training (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Merchant Shipping,—Copies of Reports of Inspection of—
(1) local lighthouses, etc., by the Corporation of Trinity House,
(2) local navigational aids by Commissioners of Irish Lights, and
(3) local navigational aids by Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses
[by Act].

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 15th May 1984, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 679) [by Act].
Transport,—Statement of determination of salaries of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and members of the British Airports Authority [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

College Charters,—Copy of Petition, draft Charter and Statutes relating to the incorporation of Linacre College in the University of Oxford [by Act].

General Medical Council,—Copy of the Accounts of the General Medical Council for 1983 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

National Savings Bank,—Copy of the Accounts of the National Savings Bank Investment Account Fund for 1983 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 465].

Trustee Savings Banks,—Copy of the Accounts and Statement in respect of the Fund for the Banks for Savings for the year ended 20th November 1983 ; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 464].

Supreme Court,—Copy of Rules, dated 15th May 1984, entitled the Crown Court (Amendment) Rules 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 699) [by Act].

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In pursuance of paragraphs (1) and (2) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ian Campbell and Mr. Hugh McCartney Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and discharged Mr. Michael Morris as an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105 and 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12).

Friday, 25th May 1984.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from members of the Women’s Institute, being residents of the constituency of North Dorset, for preservation of doorstep delivery of milk and limitation of importation of products detrimental to the dairy industry of the United Kingdom was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Perivale for an inquiry into the traffic situation at the entrance to the Medway Estate in Perivale was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Accounts and Papers,—A Paper was laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords].—The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill [Lords] was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones);

And it being Eleven o’clock, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings pursuant to Standing Order No. 5 (Friday sittings).

Adjournment,—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 4th June, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 17th May.

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.]
APPENDIX
Friday 25th May 1984

Paper laid upon the Table by the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission:

National Audit.—Second Report from the Public Accounts Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 455].

[No. 163.]

Monday 5th June 1984.
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).

Social Services.—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 4th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-vii].

European Community Documents.—Ordered, That European Community Documents Nos. 11753/82 and Addendum 1, 8914/83, 7456/83, 7591/83 and 7937/83, concerning nuclear energy issues in the European Community, be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

European Community Documents.—Ordered, That European Community Documents Nos. 5978/83 and corrigendum, 8931/83 and 10370/83 and corrigendum, concerning Integrated Mediterranean Programmes, be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Increase of Rent Restriction (Housing Association) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 501) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1984, (S.I., 1984, No. 736) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 1, after the word “may”, to insert the words “after consultation with the persons as defined by section 1(3) of the 1978 Act.”—(Mr. Alan Williams.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment made to the Bill, in page 3, line 21, after the word “made”, by inserting the words “without first consulting the persons required by section 1(3) of the 1978 Act to be consulted for the purposes of that section and”,—(Mr. David Trippier.)

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 26, at the beginning to insert “(1).”—(Mr. Bruce Millan.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 7, at the end, to insert the words—

(2) In section 1 of the Industrial Development Act 1982 for subsection (7) there shall be substituted the following subsection:

“(7) An order under this section shall be made by statutory instrument and shall not be made unless a draft of it has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.”—(Mr. Bruce Millan.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 100.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 169.
Another Amendment (No. 7) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 53) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 10, after the word "instrument", to insert the words "such day not being earlier than one year after the date of the statutory instrument".—(Mr. Alan Williams.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 99.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 161.

Another Amendment (No. 55) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 21, after the word "provision", to insert the words "and preservation".—(Mr. Alan Williams).

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 96.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Michael Neubert: 160.

Other Amendments (Nos. 8 to 10 and 12 to 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 1, to leave out from the beginning to the word "the" in line 3.—(Mr. Bruce Milian.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 18) be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 1, to leave out the words 'Subject to any reduction in' and insert the words 'After consideration of any adjustment of', instead thereof.—(Mr. Martin O'Neill.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Don Dixon: 89.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 176.

Other Amendments (Nos. 20, 26, 27, 29, 32 and 37) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 39) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 16, at the end, to insert the words 'and may in particular include the provision of advance factories'.—(Mr. Bruce Milian.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 42) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 28, at the end, to insert the words 'provided that in the case of development areas the percentages shall be no less than 15 per cent. and in the case of special development areas the percentages shall be no less than 22 per cent.'.—(Mr. Bruce Milian.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 43 and 45) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 48) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 40, at the end, to insert the words—

'(9) Any person aggrieved by a decision or determination of the Secretary of State under section 3 and 4 above or under this section may, in the case of a project located in England appeal to the Industrial Development Advisory Board or in the case of a project located in Scotland or Wales to the Scottish Industrial Development Advisory Board or Welsh Industrial Development Advisory Board respectively and in any such case the relevant Board may request the Secretary of State to vary or modify his decision or determination'.—(Mr. Bruce Milian.)
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 50 and 51) made to the Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

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And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Tourist Assistance Insurance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 80 (Standing Committees on European Community Documents), That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 4335/81 and corrigendum, and 4219/83; and supports the Government's intention to ensure that the scope of the directive is clearly defined, that it provides for appropriate exemptions and that it takes into account the special considerations applying to the supervision of benefits-in-kind insurance—(Mr. Alastair Goodlad):—It was agreed to.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alastair Goodlad.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes to One o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.37 a.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 140 (Presentation of Command Papers) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Immigration,—Copy of the Control of Immigration Statistics for 1983 [Cmnd. 9246].


Papers presented pursuant to several Acts of Parliament and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates pursuant to Standing Order No. 141 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

29th May 1984


31st May 1984

Customs and Excise,—Copies of Orders, dated 22nd May 1984, entitled—
(1) the Customs Duty (Community Reliefs) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 719), and
(2) the Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No. 1) Order 1968 (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 718).

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 4th June 1984:

Mr. Ian Stewart:


Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census,—Copies of Ward and Civil Parish Monitors for—
(1) Berkshire,
(2) Cheshire, and
(3) Norfolk
for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Population Censuses and Surveys,—Copy of abortion statistics for England and Wales for 1982 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Census of Production.—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production for 1982 on—

(1) extraction and preparation of metalliferous ores,
(2) footwear,
(3) leather goods,
(4) metal-working machine tools and engineers' tools,
(5) mining machinery, construction and mechanical handling equipment,
(6) miscellaneous manufacturing industries,
(7) printing and publishing, and
(8) processing of plastics

Post Office.—Copy of an Order, dated 4th June 1984, entitled the Postal Privilege (Suspension) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 761) [by Act].

Securities.—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th May 1984, entitled the Licensed Dealers (Fees) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 738) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic.—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 23rd May 1984, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 727), and
(2) 24th May 1984, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 737)

[by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Dentists.—Copy of the Account of the General Dental Council for 1983 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration for Northern Ireland for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 425].

MEMORANDUM

Monday 4th June 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairman of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Housing and urban development in Wales.

[No. 164.]

Tuesday 5th June 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

British Railways (No. 2) Bill.—The British Railways (No. 2) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Norwich City Council Bill [Lords].—The Norwich City Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Swavesey Bye-Ways Bill [Lords].—The Swavesey Bye-Ways Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

County of Lancashire Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the County of Lancashire Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 14th June.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).
Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, that it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 5th June and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-ninth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxxviii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xxxix].

Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, that it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 5th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 397].

Education, Science and Arts,—Sir William von Stratenbenze reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, that it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [Prison Education: Observations on the Government Reply to the First Report from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, Session 1982-83, HC 45-I].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 453].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 453].

Social Services,—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, that it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 5th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-viii].

Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, that it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 5th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-xx].

Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, that it had considered the Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords] in relation to the principle of the Bill and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read a second time to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 473].

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 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967 and certain related enactments, 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 [Road Traffic Regulation Bill [Lords]].

The Road Traffic Regulation Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 187].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Cheque Book Journalism (Declaration of Payments for Newspaper Stories),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the declaration in any newspaper story, published as a result of payments other than to a journalist or regular contributor, for the rights to such stories, of the amount paid for those rights and the names of those to whom payment was made: And that Mr. Alfred Dubs, Miss Clare Short, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Kevin Barron, Mr. Ken Weetch, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. Robin Corbett, and Mr. Tom Cox, do prepare and bring it in.

Cheque Book Journalism (Declaration of Payments for Newspaper Stories) Bill,—Mr. Alfred Dubs accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the declaration in any newspaper story, published as a result of payments other than to a journalist or regular contributor, for the rights to such stories, of the amount paid for those rights and the names of those to whom payment was made: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 183].
Data Protection Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Data Protection Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Examination marks)—(Mr. David Waddington)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Exemption from the non-disclosure provisions)—(Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Dr. Roger Thomas : 123.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Ian Lang : 208.

Another Clause (Section 10 enforcement notice)—(Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (National security)—(Mr. Denis Howell)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe : 99.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Donald Thompson : 187.

Another Clause (Code of practice)—(Mr. Denis Howell)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 15 and 17 to 20) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, to leave out lines 21 and 22, and insert the words—

' (a) The disclosure is for the detection of a serious arrestable offence or the apprehension or prosecution of offenders; and', instead thereof.—(Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 40) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—

' (3A) Subsection (3) above shall not apply to a disclosure made by or on behalf of a data user who—

(a) allows the person to whom the disclosure is made direct access to all or some of the personal data held by him; or

(b) regularly or habitually makes such disclosures; or

(c) at the time of applying for registration under Part II of this Act intended to make such disclosures but failed to include a sufficient indication to that effect in the information furnished to the Registrar in connection with his application for registration; or

(d) at any time after becoming a registered data user formed such an intention but failed within a reasonable time to apply to the Registrar for an appropriate alteration of the particulars included in the entry relating to him, or to make an appropriate fresh application for registration.'—(Mr. Paddy Ashdown.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. James Wallace : 53.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Douglas Hogg : 174.

Other Amendments (Nos. 28 to 33 and 35 to 39) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. John Major : 174.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft : 10.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.
A Clause (Advisory committee on safety)—(Dr. Norman A. Godman)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded to consider the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Advisory Committee on Safety) be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Publication of scientific material)—(Mr. James Wallace)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Charles Kennedy: 13.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Ian Lang: 131.

Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, at the end, to insert the words 'and appoint representative committees of management to report to him on the operation of the orders'.—(Mr. Martin O'Neill.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 3 to 8) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 29, at the end, to insert the words 'after obtaining a warrant from the Sheriff or a Justice of the Peace':—(Mr. James Wallace.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 9 to 16) made to the Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:

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And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Bill [Lords], the Registered Homes Bill [Lords], and the Dentists Bill [Lords], notices of Amendments, new Clauses, and new Schedules to be moved in Committee may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to One o'clock, on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.59 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 5th June 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd May 1984, entitled the Value Added Tax (Imported Goods) Relief Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 746) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:


Mr. Secretary Younger:

Highlands and Islands Development Board,—Copy of the Report of the Highlands and Islands Development Board for 1983 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, on 20th March 1984, amending a Statute of the College [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [4th May] from residents of Cleveland against proposals to store nuclear waste in the anhydrite mine at Billingham or elsewhere in Cleveland [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Control of Diplomatic Service Manpower [by Act]; to be printed [No. 472].

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Donald Coleman an additional Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Housing and urban development in Wales.

[No. 165.]

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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

London Transport Bill,—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the London Transport Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 6th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 397].

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-eighth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 78-xxviii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xxviii].

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 6th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 474-i].

Scottish Affairs,—Mr. David Lamie reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 6th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 477].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).
Trade and Industry.—Mr. *Kenneth Warren* reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 6th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 478].

Treasury and Civil Service.—Mr. *Terence L. Higgins* reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before its Sub-Committee on 6th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 302-ix].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Barclays Bank Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Rural Development.—*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a Rural Development Agency with appropriate powers to sustain rural population by encouraging small scale agriculture in less favoured areas; by co-ordinating an integrated public rural transport system by land, sea and air; by sponsorship and development of small craft and other enterprise including retail outlets and post offices; by providing housing in rural areas for lease or sale by direct build or joint venture providing appropriate housing stock for all age groups; by sponsoring tourism; by promoting village venture schemes; and by providing support measures for rural schools; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. *Archi Kirkwood*, Mr. *Paddy Ashdown*, Mr. *A. J. Beith*, Mr. *Malcolm Bruce*, Mr. *Geraint Howells*, Mr. *Simon Hughes*, Mr. *David Penhaligon*, and Mr. *James Wallace*, do prepare and bring it in.

Rural Development Bill,—Mr. *Archi Kirkwood* accordingly presented a Bill to establish a Rural Development Agency with appropriate powers to sustain rural population by encouraging small scale agriculture in less favoured areas; by co-ordinating an integrated public rural transport system by land, sea and air; by sponsorship and development of small craft and other enterprise including retail outlets and post offices; by providing housing in rural areas for lease or sale by direct build or joint venture providing appropriate housing stock for all age groups; by sponsoring tourism; by promoting village venture schemes; and by providing support measures for rural schools; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 188].

Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Sale of smallholdings (Minister's power of veto))—(Mr. *Geraint Howells*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. *Robert Maclennan*, Mr. *Dafydd Wigley* : 127.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. *Michael Neubert*, Mr. *Ian Lang* : 204.

Another Clause (New lettings)—(Mr. *Robert Hughes*)—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 (Annual report to Parliament on tenancies and land ownership)—(Mr. *Robert Hughes*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. *Allen McKay*, Mr. *Gerald Bermingham* : 120.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. *Tim Sainsbury*, Mr. *Ian Lang* : 208.

Another Clause (Waiver of contract)—(Mr. *Robin Maxwell-Hyslop*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. *Robin Maxwell-Hyslop*, Mr. *Tom Torney* : 111.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. *Michael Neubert*, Mr. *Ian Lang* : 207.

Another Clause (Retirement of tenant farmers from age 65)—(Mr. *Andrew Hunter*)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:
Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 10, at the end, to insert the words ' and the earning capacity '.—(Dr. Mark Hughes.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 12 to 16, and 18) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 38, at the end, to insert the words—

' (bb) the smallholdings authority or the Minister intends to re-let the holding as a smallholding in pursuance of Part III of the Agriculture Act 1970 and has entered into a contract of tenancy with a prospective tenant contingent only upon the notice to quit taking effect; and '.—(Mr. Ken Weetch.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr Ken Weetch: 97.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. David Hunt: 180.

Other Amendments (Nos. 21 and 22) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 14, to leave out Clause No. 8.—(Sir Paul Hawkins.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords],—The House again proceeded to consider the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 23) be made.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Gerald Bermingham: 101.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Michael Neubert: 174.

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 23, to leave out the words ' Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors ' and insert the words ' Chartered Institute of Arbitrators ', instead thereof.—(Mr. Ken Weetch.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 95.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. John Major: 177.

Other Amendments (Nos. 25 to 29) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 5, to leave out the words ' a single eligible person ' and insert the words ' one or more eligible persons ', instead thereof.—(Mr. Geraint Howells.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 31) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 32) proposed to the Bill, in page 21, line 11, at the end, to insert the words ' ; or

(c) a notice is given to the landlord by one or more eligible persons named in the notice indicating (in whatever terms) that one of the conditions contained in (i) or (ii) below applies and that he or they wish to succeed the tenant or tenants of the holding to the tenancy of that holding as from a date specified in the notice, being a date on which the tenancy of the holding could have been determined by notice to quit given at the date of the notice and which falls not less than sixteen months after the date of the notice.

(i) the tenant (or in the case of a joint tenancy) all of the tenants have become unfit to farm the holding by reason of ill-health or infirmity; or
(ii) the tenant or all of the tenants consent to the application by the eligible applicant.——(Mr. Geraint Howells.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 89.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Ian Lang: 168.

Another Amendment (No. 51) proposed to the Bill, in page 23, to leave out lines 49 to 51.——(Mr. Robert Jackson.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 52 to 57 and 60) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 61) proposed to the Bill, in page 25, line 30, at the end, to insert the words——

'If the Tribunal dispose of the nominated successor's application otherwise than by giving of a direction under sub-paragraph (5) above, the nominated successor may not, on the death of the tenant, make an application for a direction entitling him to the tenancy unless a period of five years has elapsed from the date on which an application under paragraph 4(1) and (2) above was made.——(Mr. Robert Jackson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Robert Maclennan: 19.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 170.

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Michael Jopling, 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. Michael Jopling, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Don Dixon: 85.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Alastair Goodlad);

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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 sixteen minutes past Twelve o'clock in Thursday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.16 a.m.

APPENDIX I

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Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Prior:


Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the University of Ulster (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [by Act].
APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Standing Committee B,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee B in respect of the Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. John Carlisle, Mr. Tom Cox, Mrs. Peggy Fenner, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Peter Griffiths, Dr. Mark Hughes, Mr. Andrew Hunter, Mr. Greg Knight, Mr. Michael Lord, Mr. Richard Otway, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. Jack Thompson, Mr. Peter Thurham, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Mike Woodcock, Mr. Tim Yeo, and Mr. David Young.

Standing Committee E,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on Standing Committee E in respect of the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords], viz.: Mr. Henry Bellingham, Mr. Gerald Berrymingham, Mr. Peter Brainwells, Mr. Alex Carille, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Frank Cook, Mr. Alfred Dubs, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Sir Philip Goodhart, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. David Mellor, Mr. Dave Nellist, Mr. Patrick Nicholls, Mr. Terry Patchett, Mr. Jonathan Sayeed, Mr. John M. Taylor, and Mrs. Ann Winterton.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1984, viz. : Mr. Spencer Batiste, Mrs. Virginia Bottomley, Mr. Martin Brandson-Bravo, Dr. Jeremy Bray, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, Mr. John Butterfield, Mr. Sydney Chappuis, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Derek Cr., viz.: Mr. Tom Dalleyell, Mr. Geoffrey Dickens, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, Mr. David Hunt, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Dr. Brian Mawhinney, Mr. John Ryman, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. David Amess, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Bob Edwards, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Robert Harvey, Mr. Jerry Hayes, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr. Max Madden, Mr. Tony Marlow, Mr. William O’Brien, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. Keith Rafton, Mr. Barry Sheerman, Mr. Lewis Stevens, and Mr. Patrick Thompson.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Keith Best, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Eric Deakins, Mr. Alfred Dubs, Mr. Frank Field, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, Mr. James Hill, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Tom Hooson, Mr. Peter Hubbard-Miles, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Guyllem Jones, Mrs. Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Mr. David Marshall, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. David Mellor, and Mr. Michael Welsh.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Increase of Rent Restriction (Housing Association) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Michael Ancram, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Hugh D. Brown, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Malcolm Bruce, Mr. John Corrie, Mr. Jim Craigen, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. David Lambie, Mr. lan Lang, Mrs. Anna McCurley, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. Michael Martin, Sir Hector Munro, Mr. Alexander Pollock, and Mr. Bill Walker.

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of the European Community Documents Nos. 11753 /82 and Addendum 1, 8914 /83, 7456 /83, 7591 /83 and 7937 /83, concerning nuclear energy issues in the European Community, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Terry Dicks, Mr. David Evennett, Mr. Michael Fallon, Mr. Tony Fawell, Mr. David Harris, Mr. Richard Hickmet, Mr. Kenneth Hind, Mr. Michael Knowles, Mr. Robert Litherland, Mr. Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mr. Ted Rowlands, Mr. Giles Shaw, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. James Wallace, and Mr. John Watson.

Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 5978 /83 and corrigendum, 8931 /83 and 10370 /83 and corrigendum, concerning Integrated Mediterranean Programmes, viz.: Mr. Allen Adye, Mr. Roland Boyes, Sir Antony Buck, Mr. William Cash, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Patrick Ground, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, Mr. Peter
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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee B; the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords] to Standing Committee E; the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1984 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1984 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the Increase of Rent Restriction (Housing Association) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1984 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1984 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; European Community Documents Nos. 11753/82 and Addendum I, 8914/83, 7456/83, 7591/83 and 7937/83, concerning nuclear energy issues in the European Community, to the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents; and European Community Documents Nos. 5978/83 and corrigendum, 8931/83 and 10370/83 and corrigendum, concerning Integrated Mediterranean Programmes, to the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents.

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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 14th June.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 14th June.

Dartmoor Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 14th June.

Piece Hall, Halifax (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Piece Hall, Halifax (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 14th June.

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 12th June at Seven o'clock.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix I).

Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Statement on the Defence Estimates 1984].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 436].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 436].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 189].

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords,—Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 23rd February, That the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords] be now read a second time, be resumed upon Tuesday 12th June.

Opposition day [15th allotted day].—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Mining Dispute and Government Policy regarding “Plan for Coal”,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House strongly condemns the Government for its mishandling of the coalmining dispute and the way in which severe hardship has been inflicted on miners, mining families and communities and for its abandonment of the principles and objectives of the “Plan for Coal”; calls for the withdrawal of the plan to lose 20,000 jobs and close over 20 pits in the coming year, which was a unilateral decision of the National Coal Board; and believes that the Government should then call a tripartite meeting to project the “Plan for Coal” forward based on investment and an expansion of the coal mining industry which will be essential for Britain’s needs—(Mr. Stanley Orme);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word “House” to the end of the Question and add the words “confirms that the future of the coal industry will depend on the industry’s success in deploying its assets so as to keep coal competitive with other fuels; welcomes the action of the Government in providing more capital investment for the industry than any previous Government in order to achieve a successful future for the industry, noting that their investment of over £3.9 billion has not only far exceeded investment in the industry by the last Labour Government, but has substantially exceeded the scale of investment envisaged in the “Plan for Coal”; welcomes the steps taken by the National Coal Board and the Government to ensure that, in areas where a reduction in uneconomic capacity is being considered, miners affected will be treated more generously and with greater understanding than in the past, to the benefit of mining communities; notes that the early retirement and voluntary redundancy provisions are more generous than those of any other industry, and have helped create a situation in which the National Coal Board can assure any miner now employed that he will be able to continue working as a miner if he desires to do so; welcomes also the action of the National Coal Board to assist mining communities by creating a new enterprise company; and calls upon all those in the industry to co-operate to achieve the higher productivity essential to keep coal competitive and secure the future prosperity of the industry and its employees”, instead thereof.—(Mr. Secretary Walker.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Home Robertson: 179.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Michael Neubert: 272.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 273.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 178.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House confirms that the future of the coal industry will depend on the industry’s success in deploying its assets so as to keep coal competitive with other fuels; welcomes the action of the Government in providing more capital investment for the industry than any previous Government in order to achieve a successful future for the industry, noting that their investment of over £3.9 billion has not only far exceeded investment in the industry by the last Labour Government, but has substantially exceeded the scale of investment envisaged in the “Plan for Coal”; welcomes the steps taken by the National Coal Board and the Government to ensure that, in areas where a reduction in uneconomic capacity is being considered, miners affected will be treated more generously and with greater understanding than in the past to the benefit of mining communities; notes that the early retirement and voluntary redundancy provisions are more generous than those of any other industry, and have helped create a situation in which the National Coal Board can assure any miner now employed that he will be able to continue working as a miner if he desires to do so; welcomes also the action of the National Coal Board to assist mining communities by creating a new enterprise company; and calls upon all those in the industry to cooperate to achieve the higher productivity essential to keep coal competitive and secure the future prosperity of the industry and its employees.
he will be able to continue working as a miner if he desires to do so; welcomes also the action of the National Coal Board to assist mining communities by creating a new enterprise company; and calls upon all those in the industry to co-operate to achieve the higher productivity essential to keep coal competitive and secure the future prosperity of the industry and its employees.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury);

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 three minutes to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Thursday 7th June 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Armed Forces Pay,—Copy of the Thirteenth Report of the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay [by Command] [Cmd. 9255].

Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration,—Copy of the Fourteenth Report of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration [by Command] [Cmd. 9256].

Nursing Staff, Midwives, Health Visitors and Professions allied to Medicine,—Copies of the First Reports of the Review Body for Nursing Staff, Midwives, Health Visitors and Professions allied to Medicine on—

(1) nursing staff, midwives and health visitors, and

(2) professions allied to medicine

[by Command] [Cmd. 9258 and 9257].

Top Salaries,—Copy of the Twenty-first Report of the Review Body on Top Salaries, entitled the Seventh Report on Top Salaries [by Command] [Cmd. 9254].

Mr. John Moore:

Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th May 1984 on borrowing by the Civil Aviation Authority [by Act].

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 15th May 1984 on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 15th March 1984 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th June 1984, entitled the Value Added Tax (Marine etc. Insurance) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 767) [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Value Added Tax,—Copy of an Order, dated 5th June 1984, entitled the Value Added Tax (Charities, Etc.) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 766) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Miscellaneous (No. 10, 1984),—Copy of the Thirty-Fourth Annual Report of the Foreign Compensation Commission for the financial year ended 31st March 1984 [by Command] [Cmd. 9251].

Miscellaneous (No. 12, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, done at Brussels on 21st November 1983, on the setting up of an experimental European Network of Ocean Stations (COST 43) [by Command] [Cmd. 9243].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Transport,—Statement of determination of salary and pension of the Chairman of the British Waterways Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [by Act].
Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of the Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on the Public Library Service in Northern Ireland [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley :

Civil Aviation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Airways Board for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd May 1984, entitled the Aberdeen Harbour Revision Order 1984; with a certificate by the Secretary of State for Transport under section 2(2) of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Alfred Dubs (nominated in respect of the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk.

Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents Mr. Peter Hardy (nominated in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 5978/83 and corrigendum, 8931/83 and 10370/83 and corrigendum, concerning Integrated Mediterranean Programmes); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Alec Woodall.

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Stan Crowther Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords]; Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords]; Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1984; Mr. Ian Campbell Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Increase on Rent Restriction (Housing Association) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1984; and Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 11753/82 and Addendum I, 8914/83, 7456/83, 7591/83 and 7937/83, concerning nuclear energy issues in the European Community.

Friday 8th June 1984.

The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition of loyal subjects of Her Majesty for a Pelican crossing on Wareham Road, Corfe Mullen, between the chemist's shop and the grocer's shop was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

County Courts Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the County Courts Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 54 agreed to.
Clause No. 55 (Penalty for neglecting or refusing to give evidence).
Amendment (No. 1) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 56 to 117 agreed to.
Clause No. 118 (Power to commit for contempt). Amendment (No. 2) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 119 to 151 agreed to.
Schedule No. 1 agreed to.
Schedule No. 2 (Amendments of other enactments). Amendments (Nos. 3 to 6) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 3 and 4 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. John Major 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. 58 (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.

Mental Health (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Mental Health (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. John Major.)

Committee upon Monday 11th June.

Food Bill [Lords].—The Food Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. John Major.)

Committee upon Monday 11th June.

Public Health (Control of Disease) Bill [Lords].—The Public Health (Control of Disease) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. John Major.)

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 79 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. John Major 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. 58 (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.

Registered Homes Bill [Lords].—The Registered Homes Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. John Major.)
Resolved, That the House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee:—
The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee.
(In the Committee)
Clauses Nos. 1 to 59 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. John Major 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. 58 (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.

Dentists Bill [Lords].—The Dentists Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. John Major.)
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 56 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. John Major 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. 58 (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.

Air Pollution.—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 6386/83 on the combating of air pollution from industrial plants; and affirms the need for a consistent framework for air pollution control within the Community.—(Mr. William Waldegrave.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Donald Thompson);
And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.
[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.

APPENDIX
Friday 8th June 1984
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Ian Stewart:
National Debt,—Copy of Regulations, dated 7th June 1984, entitled the Savings Certificates (Yearly Plan) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 779) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of an Order, dated 6th June 1984, entitled the Local Authorities (Licensing and Regulation of Particular Activities) (Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 775) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Fowler:
National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 4th June 1984, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 760) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th May 1984, entitled the Road Transport (International Passenger Services) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 748) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
Alexandra Park and Palace Bill [Lords],—Report by the Attorney General on the Alexandra Park and Palace Bill [Lords] [pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Bills affecting charities or educational foundations)].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [10th April] from residents, shopkeepers and stallholders of the London Borough of Southwark for a public inquiry before any plans are adopted or changes made in respect of Choumert Road Market [by Standing Order] ; to be printed.

Companies,—Copy of Rules, dated 15th May 1984, entitled the Companies (Winding-up) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R.(N.I.), 1984, No. 163) [by Act].

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Copy of Rules, dated 5th June 1984, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 2) 1984 (S.R.(N.I.), 1984, No. 189) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM
Friday 8th June 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Philip Holland Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1984.

[No. 168.]

Monday 11th June 1984.
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).

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 446-iii].

Foreign Affairs,—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 268-vi].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House : And the Report was brought up and read (Nineteenth Report) [The UK Trident programme].

Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 348].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 348].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House ; and had directed him to
report an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twentieth Report) [Export Credits Guarantee Department: 1982-83 Commercial accounts and National Interest account].

Report, together with an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 236].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 236].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-first Report) [Regional Industrial Incentives].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 378].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 378].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-second Report) [Ministry of Defence: Control of Dockyard operations and manpower].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 342].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 342].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-third Report) [The Department of the Environment’s oversight of Home Improvement grants].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 482].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 482].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Somerset House Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School and the Westminster Medical School; to provide for the incorporation of the Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School; to transfer to that school all the rights, property and liabilities of the dissolved schools; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School Bill [Lords]].

Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School Bill [Lords].—The Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 9th May, be approved—(Mr. Adam Butler);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 146.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Harold McCusker, Mr. William Ross: 12.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 9th May, be approved.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Michael Neubert);
And the Question having been proposed after Ten o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then fifteen minutes to Twelve o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Monday 11th June 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Education (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th May 1984, entitled the Education (Grants for In-service Training of Teachers) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 751) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Medicines.—Copy of an Order, dated 31st May 1984, entitled the Medicines (Products Other Than Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 756) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries.—Draft of an Order, entitled the British Shipbuilders Borrowing Powers (Increase of Limit) Order 1984 [by Act].

Census of Production.—Copy of the Report of the Census of Production for 1982 on—

(1) foundries,
(2) leather (tanning and dressing) and fellmongery,
(3) production and distribution of electricity,
(4) shipbuilding and repairing,
(5) specialised chemical products mainly for industrial and agricultural purposes, and
(6) textile finishing

[by Act].

Industry.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of BL Public Limited Company for 1983 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [9th May] from retirement pensioners and others in Great Britain for amendment of the Health and Social Security Bill [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

National Audit.—Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Ministry of Defence: Maintenance of major RAF equipments [by Act]; to be printed [No. 481].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Barry Sheerman (nominated in respect of the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. John Evans.

[No. 169.]

Tuesday 12th June 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Barclays Bank Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Barclays Bank Bill; and the same were agreed to.
Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 23rd February, That the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirtieth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xl].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Mr. Bill Walker reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 12th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 12th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-xxi].

Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords].—Mr. Stan Crowther reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows:

An Act to amend the provisions of the Animal Health Act 1981 relating to the seizure of things for the purpose of preventing the spread of disease, to powers of entry and declarations as to places infected with a disease and to enable certain orders under that Act to operate in or over territorial waters; to amend the Slaughter of Poultry Act 1967; to enable provision to be made for controlling the practice of artificial breeding of livestock; to repeal the Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931 and the Horse Breeding Act 1958; to amend the Medicines Act 1968 in relation to feeding stuffs and veterinary drugs; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 191].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 484].

Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords].—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 192].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 483].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to facilitate the creation of parishes in urban areas; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Urban Parishes Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower harbour masters to give directions to prohibit vessels from entering the areas of jurisdiction of their respective harbour authorities or to require the removal of vessels from those areas where those vessels present a grave and imminent danger to the safety of any person or property, or risk of obstruction to navigation; to enable the Secretary of State to give further directions countermanding those first-mentioned directions; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Dangerous Vessels Bill [Lords].

Dangerous Vessels Bill [Lords].—The Dangerous Vessels Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 194].
European Community Documents,—Ordered, That the unnumbered European Community Document concerning beverage containers, contained in the Department of Trade and Industry's Explanatory Memorandum dated 30th March 1984, be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

European Community Documents,—Ordered, That European Community Document No. 8721/83 concerning discharges of hexachlorocyclohexane (lindane) be referred to a Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

European Community Documents,—Ordered, That the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Parliamentary Pensions etc. Bill, The Parliamentary Pensions etc. Bill was, according to Order, read a second time. Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

Committee to-morrow.

Parliamentary Pensions etc. Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Parliamentary Pensions etc. Bill [Money]; Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Parliamentary Pensions etc. Bill ('the Act'), it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of such money under any other Act;

(b) the payment into or out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable into or out of that Fund under section 30 of the Parliamentary and Other Pensions Act 1972 or section 7(1)(b) of the European Assembly (Pay and Pensions) Act 1979; and

(c) the payment out of money provided by Parliament or out of the Consolidated Fund of grants under the Act to persons who have ceased to hold certain Ministerial or other offices.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill and any Motion for an Instruction relating to the Bill and proceedings arising from the Lords Message [11th May] relating to the Housing and Building Control Bill may continue until any hour, though opposed.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) 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 committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to which the Bill is committed that it should—

(a) provide for a reduction of £123,000,000 in the aggregate amounts in column 1 of Parts I, II and III of the Schedule;
(b) provide, if the Promoters so request, for an increase not exceeding £123,000,000 in the amount specified in column 2 of Part IV;

c) have regard to any proposals which may be made by the Promoters for the apportionment of the reduction among the several items in Parts I-III and for the apportionment of the increase, if any, between the items in Part IV, or, if such proposals are not put forward by the Promoters—

(i) reduce the amounts in column 2 of item 5 in Part II and of item 10 in Part III to £25,000 each;

(ii) reduce the remaining amounts in column 2 of Parts I and II by 7.49 per cent., rounded to the nearest £1,000 above; and

(iii) apply 2.63 per cent. of any increase to be made in column 2 of Part IV, rounded to the nearest £1,000 above, to item 11(a) and the remainder to item 11(b); and

(d) make such consequential amendments as are necessary—(Sir Anthony Berry);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 17, after ' (b) ' to insert the words—

' (d) take evidence and determine the criteria that should be applied by Her Majesty’s Treasury when consenting to or dissenting from any applications made by the Promoters under section 6 of the Bill in respect of any additional sums transferred to Part IV of the Schedule under paragraph (b) above'.—(Mr. Nigel Spearing.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Ron Leighton: 75.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Martin Stevens, Dr. Ian Twinn: 153.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Martin Stevens, Dr. Ian Twinn: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ron Leighton, Mr. Harry Cohen: 74.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to which the Bill is committed that it should—

(a) provide for a reduction of £123,000,000 in the aggregate amounts in column 2 of Parts I, II and III of the Schedule;

(b) provide, if the Promoters so request, for an increase not exceeding £123,000,000 in the amount specified in column 2 of Part IV;

(c) have regard to any proposals which may be made by the Promoters for the apportionment of the reduction among the several items in Parts I-III and for the apportionment of the increase, if any, between the items in Part IV, or, if such proposals are not put forward by the Promoters—

(i) reduce the amounts in column 2 of item 5 in Part II and of item 10 in Part III to £25,000 each;

(ii) reduce the remaining amounts in column 2 of Parts I and II by 7.49 per cent., rounded to the nearest 1,000 above; and

(iii) apply 2.63 per cent. of any increase to be made in column 2 of Part IV, rounded to the nearest £1,000 above, to item 11(a) and the remainder to item 11(b); and

(d) make such consequential amendments as are necessary.

Housing and Building Control Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to one of the Amendments made by the Commons in lieu of a Lords Amendment, a Lords Reason for insisting on a Lords Amendment and disagreeing to the Commons Amendments proposed in lieu, and a Lords Reason for disagreeing to certain other Commons Amendments to Lords Amendments to the Housing and Building Control Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was disagreed to.

Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 1 disagreed to.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 7) were made to the Amendment made by this House at page 83, line 20, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 1 disagreed to.

Lords Reason No. 2:
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth not insist on its disagreement to the Lords Amendment in page 3, line 13, or on the Amendments proposed by it in lieu thereof—(Mr. Ian Gow);

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And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House doth not insist on its disagreement to the Lords Amendment in page 3, line 13, or on the Amendments proposed by it in lieu thereof.

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, to leave out from the first word 'of' to the end of the Amendment and insert the words 'that Part of that Schedule there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

"5.—(1) The Secretary of State has determined, on the application of the landlord, that the right to buy is not to be capable of being exercised with respect to the dwelling-house; and he shall so determine if, and only if, he is satisfied that the dwelling-house—

(a) is particularly suitable, having regard to its location, size, design, heating system and other features, for occupation by persons of pensionable age; and

(b) was let to the tenant or to a predecessor in title of his for occupation by a person of pensionable age or a physically disabled person (whether the tenant or predecessor of any other person).

(2) An application for a determination under this paragraph shall be made within four weeks or, in a case falling within section 5(2) of this Act, eight weeks of the service of the notice claiming to exercise the right to buy"; instead thereof—(Mr. Ian Gow.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. John Major: 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft: 6.

So the Question was agreed to.

Consequential Amendments (Nos. 1 to 8) were made to the Bill.

Lords Reason No. 3:—

Resolved, That this House doth insist on the Amendment proposed by it in line 11 of Lords Amendment in page 84, line 1.—(Sir George Young.)

Resolved, That this House doth not insist on the Amendment proposed by it in line 12 of the said Lords Amendment.—(Sir George Young.)

An Amendment (a) was made to the said Lords Amendment in lieu thereof.

Resolved, That this House doth not insist on the Amendment proposed by it in line 14 of the said Lords Amendment.—(Sir George Young.)

Amendments (a) and (b) were made to the said Lords Amendment in lieu thereof.

Resolved, That this House doth not insist on the two Amendments proposed by it to the Lords Amendment in page 90, line 58.—(Sir George Young.)

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for insisting on an Amendment proposed by the Commons to a Lords Amendment, to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Mr. Ian Gow.)

Ordered, That Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Ian Gow, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. John Major and Sir George Young be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Ian Gow.)

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Ian Gow.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Ian Gow.)

Road Traffic Regulation Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That in respect of the Road Traffic Regulation Bill [Lords], 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. Alastair Goodlad.)

Housing and Building Control Bill.—Mr. Ian Gow reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for insisting on an Amendment proposed by the Commons to a Lords Amendment, to which the Lords have disagreed, That it had drawn up a Reason accordingly which it had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows:

The Commons insist on the Amendment proposed by them in line 11 of the Lords Amendment in page 84, line 1, to which the Lords have disagreed, for the following Reason:
Because the Amendment is needed in view of the Amendment proposed by the Commons in line 12 of the said Lords Amendment.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Grays and elsewhere in Essex for parents and legal guardians to know and give consent to all medication of their children whilst under sixteen years of age 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. Alastair Goodlad);

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 one minute past One o’clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.1 a.m.]

APPENDIX
Tuesday 12th June 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Electricity (Scotland).—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 31st May 1984 on borrowing by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act].
National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 31st May 1984 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Charities.—Copy of the Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 447].
Criminal Justice.—Copy of the Report of the Parole Board for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 463].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
China (No. 1, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement, done at Beijing on 17th April 1984, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on the establishment of a British Consulate-General at Shanghai and a Chinese Consulate-General at Manchester [by Command] [Cmnd. 9247].
European Communities (No. 10, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters at Brussels on 22nd December 1983 between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic regarding prepared or preserved tomatoes falling within Subheading 20.02 C of the Common Customs Tariff [by Command] [Cmnd. 9250].

Treaty Series (No. 42, 1984).—Copy of an Amendment to Annex I to the European Convention on Social and Medical Assistance, signed at Paris on 11th December 1953 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9249].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Trade.—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 14th November 1983 for a Return relating to overseas trade for each month during 1984, for April.
Restrictive Trade Practices.—Copy of an Exemption Order, dated 11th June 1984, on a variation to an agreement, made on 12th July 1983, to be made by Agricultural Genetics Company Limited [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Northern Ireland.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd May 1984, entitled the Great Yarmouth Port and Haven (Constitution) Revision Order 1984; with a certificate by the Secretary of State for Transport under section 2(2) of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].
Transport.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Bus Company for 1983 [by Act].
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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 I).

Portsea Harbour Company Bill,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Portsea Harbour Company Bill and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill to vest a landing-place at Portsea in the city of Portsmouth in the Portsea Harbour Company Limited; to relieve Sealink U.K. Limited of all of their powers and obligations relating to the landing-place; to confer certain powers upon the harbour company to enable them to operate the landing-place as a public harbour undertaking; to make other provision for the regulation of the landing-place; and for other and connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

Swavesey Bye-ways Bill [Lords],—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Swavesey Bye-ways Bill [Lords] and had verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Mr. John Ryman reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills to which the Capital Transfer Tax Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 492].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 492].

Employment,—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 13th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 493-ii].

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 13th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 446-iv].

Foreign Affairs,—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, together with an Appendix, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report) [The Forthcoming Fontainebleau Summit].

Report, together with Appendix, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 480].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 480].

Foreign Affairs,—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 13th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 446-iv].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-fourth Report) [Matters relating to Northern Ireland].
Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 384].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 384].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Trade and Industry.—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report) [BL plc].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 490].

Trade and Industry.—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 13th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 491].

Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 13th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 319-xxii].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 13th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 487-i].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. John Forrester reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 21st May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 486].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 5th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 485].

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Mr. David Crouch reported from the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents, European Community Documents Nos. 11753/82 and Addendum 1, 8914/83, 7456/83 and 7937/83, concerning nuclear energy issues in the European Community, together with the following Resolution:

That this Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 11753/82 and Addendum 1, 8914/83, 7456/83, 7591/83 and 7937/83 and fully supports appropriate cost effective measures that will help to minimise the Community's dependence on imported oil and encourage the safe, economic and secure development of nuclear power.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 488].

Greater Access to the Countryside,—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for increased access to the countryside: And that Mr. Tony Baldry and Mr. Phillip Oppenheim do prepare and bring it in.

Greater Access to the Countryside Bill,[Lords],—Mr. Tony Baldry accordingly presented a Bill to provide for increased access to the countryside: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 193].

Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Remarriage (Religious Barriers))—(Mr. Leo Abse)—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 (Involvement of Solicitors)—(Mr. Ken Weetch)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ken Weetch, Mr. Richard Alexander: 53.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Donald Thompson: 189.

Another Clause (Abolition of time restriction in divorce proceedings)—(Mr. Keith Best)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords],—The House again proceeded to consider the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Abolition of time restriction in divorce proceedings) be read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Keith Best, Mr. Alex Carlile: 45.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Michael Neubert: 162.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 8, to leave out Clause No. 1—(Mr. Leo Abse.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. James Pawsey: 69.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 147.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 15, to leave out the words ' one year ' and insert the words ' two years ', instead thereof.—(Mr. Roger Sims.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Alistair Burt: 51.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 154.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, to leave out lines 20 to 26 and insert the words—

'It shall be the duty of the Court in deciding whether to exercise its powers under section 23, 24 or 24A above, and if so in what manner, to make an order or orders, which, first consideration being given to the welfare of the children, fairly distributes the assets of the marriage including any pension and insurance rights on the basis that marriage is a common endeavour', instead thereof.—(Miss Jo Richardson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Gerald Bermingham: 32.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 154.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 26, at the end, to insert the words ' and to a person over that age but under 21 years who is reasonably and appropriately undergoing instruction at an educational establishment or training for employment or for a trade, profession or vocation and to a person over that age who suffers from a mental or physical handicap or illness'.—(Miss Jo Richardson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Gerald Bermingham, Mr. John McWilliam: 29.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 145.
Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 30, after the word 'shall', to insert the words 'not take account of the conduct of each party except where it would be inequitable to leave that conduct out of account, but shall'.—(Mr. John Morris.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Gerald Bermingham : 28.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones : 139.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 30, after the word 'shall', to insert the words 'not have regard to the conduct of the parties unless the conduct complained of is of such an exceptional nature that it would be inequitable to disregard it, but shall'.—(Mr. Leo Abse.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Amendments (Nos. 12 and 13) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 43, after the word 'party', to insert the words 'had expressly'.—(Mr. Ken Weetch.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 40, at the end, to insert the words—

'(4) Save by agreement between the parties the provisions of this section shall not apply in any case where there remain minor children of the family in the care of either party to the marriage'.—(Mr. Alex Carlile.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 25, 26, 28 to 30, 32, 41, 43 to 45, 52, and 54) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 119.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tony Blair, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn : 16.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, Standing Order No. 70 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland) shall apply to proceedings on the Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords] with the substitution of the words 'Committee of the whole House' for the words 'Scottish Standing Committee' in paragraphs (4) and (5) of the Standing Order.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 70 (Public bills relating exclusively to Scotland), as amended by the Order this day, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Mr. Ian Lang):—It was agreed to.

Committee this day.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Two o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.28 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 13th June 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Industry,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of Rolls-Royce Limited for 1983 [by Act].
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Home Secretary on the Petition [3rd May] from Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Member for Banff and Buchan, and citizens of the City of Gibraltar, one of Her Majesty's possessions, for the right to vote in the European Assembly elections [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Scottish Development Agency.—Copy of the Accounts of the Scottish Development Agency for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 489].

Judgments (Enforcement).—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 23rd May 1984, entitled the Judgments Enforcement (Attachment of Debts) (Expenses) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 181), and

(2) Rules, dated 23rd May 1984, entitled the Judgments Enforcement (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 182)

[by Statutory Instrument].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Guy Barnett, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Mr. Terry Fields, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Robert Kilroy-Silk, Mr. David Mellor, Mr. Christopher Murphy, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. Patrick Nicholls, Mr. Matthew Parris, Mrs. Marion Roe, Mr. Tom Sackville, Mr. David Sumberg, Mr. Stefan Terlezki, and Mr. Neil Thorne.

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Document No. 8721/83 concerning discharges of hexachlorocyclohexane (lindane), viz.: Dr. David Clark, Mr. Martin Flanery, Mr. Reg Freeson, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Peter Lilley, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. John Major, Mr. James Pawsey, Mr. K. Harvey Proctor, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mrs. Angela Rumbold, Mr. Roger Sims, Sir Dudley Smith, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, Mr. William Waldegrave, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of the unnumbered European Community Document concerning beverage containers, contained in the Department of Trade and Industry's Explanatory Memorandum dated 30th March 1984, viz.: Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Viscount Cranborne, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Terry Lewis, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Bob McTaggart, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. Cranley Onslow, Sir John Osborn, Mr. John Page, Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Allan Roberts, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Fred Silverstone, Dr. David Trippier, Mr. Gary Waller, and Mr. John Wheeler.

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1984 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the unnumbered European Community Document concerning beverage containers contained in the Department of Trade and Industry's Explanatory Memorandum dated 30th March 1984 to the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents; and European Community Document No. 8721/83 concerning discharge of hexachlorocyclohexane (lindane) to the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents.
PRAYERS.

Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

County of Lancashire Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the County of Lancashire Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 21st June.

Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 21st June.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 21st June.

Dartmoor Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dartmoor Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 25th June at Seven o'clock.

Piece Hall, Halifax (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Piece Hall, Halifax (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 21st June at Seven o'clock.

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 re-enact with amendments certain local enactments in force within the city of Kingston upon Hull; to authorise the Kingston upon Hull City Council to construct works and to confer further powers on the Council; to make further provision with regard to the environment, local government, improvement, health and finances of the city; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Kingston upon Hull Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to re-enact with amendments certain local enactments in force within the district of Warwick; to confer further powers on the Warwick District Council; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Warwick District Council Bill [Lords].

Kingston upon Hull Bill [Lords].—The Kingston upon Hull Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Warwick District Council Bill [Lords].—The Warwick District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Scottish Estimates.—Ordered, That the Estimates set out hereunder be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee:

Class XV, Vote 3, Regional and general industrial support, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 4, Manpower Services Commission, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 5, Selective assistance and compensation, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 8, Housing, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 9, New Towns, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 16, Student awards, Scotland.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)
Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That, in the course of their consideration of Scottish Estimates, the Scottish Grand Committee may meet in Edinburgh on Monday 25th June at half-past Ten o'clock.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Donald Thompson)

Mr. Clement Freud 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. Clement Freud, Mr. Dafydd Elis Thomas: 2.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 1.

And it appearing from the report of the Division that fewer than Forty Members had taken part in the Division, Mr. Speaker declared that the Question was not decided in the Affirmative.

And it being after Ten o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Scottish Estimates.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 67 (Meetings of standing committees) the Scottish Grand Committee shall have leave, at their sitting in Edinburgh on Monday 25th June, to sit until half-past Three o'clock; and that that sitting shall constitute consideration on two days for the purposes of Standing Order No. 73 (Scottish estimates).—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Adjournment, Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.36 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 14th June 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:


Mr. John Moore:

Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—Revised Estimates for Classes I-XVIII for the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 470].

Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—Supplementary Estimates for Classes I-XVIII for the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 471].

Supply Estimates, 1984-85,—Copy of a Note by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury on the Revised Estimates and Summer Supplementary Estimates for the year ending 31st March 1985 [by Command].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 44, 1984).—Copy of the Second Protocol, done at London on 28th January 1983, amending the Convention between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and on capital, signed at London on 24th May 1967, as modified by the Protocol, signed at London on 18th July 1978 [by Command] [Cmd. 9253].

Mr. Secretary Prior:


Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Solicitors,—Copy of the Report of the Lay Observer for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 468].
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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1984; Mr. David Knox Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1984; and Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents, in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 5978/83 and Corrigendum, 8931/83 and 10370/83 and Corrigendum, concerning Integrated Mediterranean Programmes.

Friday 15th June 1984.

The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Rita Barton and others for the maintenance of all existing facilities at Sheppey General Hospital Unit for Maternity until the proposed new Swale Hospital is completed was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Parliamentary Pensions etc. Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parliamentary Pensions etc. Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Earlier entitlement to pension).

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 9, line 3, to leave out subsection (2) and insert the words—

'(2) The following shall be substituted for section 7(4A) of the 1972 Act:

"4A. Where a person who has attained the age of sixty years and had been a Member of that House for a period of not less than twenty years, or for two or more periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than twenty years and has ceased to be a Member of that House applies to the Trustees for a pension under this section then if the Trustees are satisfied that he does not intend to stand for re-election to that House, he shall be entitled to receive a pension under this section calculated (subject to sections 11 and 31 of this Act) in accordance with subsection (3) of this section". (Mr. Alan Williams.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Amendment (No. 3) made.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 9, line 6, to leave out the words 'in paragraph (b)' and insert the words 'for paragraph (b) there shall be substituted the following:

"(b) at the dissolution had attained the age of sixty years and whose aggregate period of reckonable service as a Member was not less than twenty years". (Mr. John McWilliam.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 6 to 11) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 5 to 17 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Ian Lang 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. 58 (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.

It being Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 5 (Friday sittings).

Food Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Food Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clause Nos. 1 to 117 agreed to.
Clause No. 118 (Certain regulations and orders).
Amendment (No. 1) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 119 to 136 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 11 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Michael Neubert 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. 58 (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.

Mental Health (Scotland) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Mental Health (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 78 agreed to.
Clause No. 79 (Position of nearest relative on removal to Scotland).
Amendment (No. 1) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 80 to 130 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Schedule No. 3 (Consequential amendments).
Amendment (No. 2) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 4 and 5 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Michael Neubert 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. 58 (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.
Road Traffic Regulation Bill [Lords].—The Road Traffic Regulation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

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 147 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 14 agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Michael Neubert 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. 58 (Third Reading), That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twelve minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 11.48 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 15th June 1984

Mr. Peter Rees:

Government Trading Funds,—Copy of a Treasury Minute, dated 15th June 1984, relative to the financial objective of the Royal Ordnance Factories [by Act].

Mr. Nicholas Ridley:

Transport,—Statements of determination of salary of—

(1) four Members (including one new Member) of the British Railways Board,
(2) Members of the British Railways Board, and
(3) the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Members of the National Bus Company [by Act].

[No. 173.]

Monday 18th June 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Portsea Harbour Company Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Portsea Harbour Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [Department of the Environment Main Estimates, 1984-85].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 414].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 414].
Environment.—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it; And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report) [Property Services Agency Main Estimates, 1984-85].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 444].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 444].

Environment.—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 18th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 446-v].

Treasury and Civil Service.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before it.

Memorandum to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 501].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the London Regional Transport Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the London Transport Executive to construct works and to acquire lands; to confer further powers on the Executive; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [London Transport (Tower Hill) Bill [Lords].

London Regional Transport Bill,—Lords Amendments to the London Regional Transport Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 196].

London Transport (Tower Hill) Bill [Lords],—The London Transport (Tower Hill) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Defence,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1984, contained in Cmnd. 9227—(Mr. Secretary Heseltine);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'believes that the plans outlined in the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1984, Cmnd. 9227, avoid the real and fundamental issues relating to the defence and security of the United Kingdom; is convinced that the enormous and increasing cost of buying the Trident nuclear system from the United States will mean further cuts in, and a weakening of, our conventional non-nuclear forces; deplors the fact that the White Paper contains no initiatives to stop and reverse the escalating and dangerous nuclear arms race; and calls upon the Government to work within NATO for a change from its existing strategy to a strategy based on the no-first use of nuclear weapons, to cancel Trident and to remove all nuclear bases, including Cruise missiles, from the United Kingdom', instead thereof.—(Mr. Denzil Davies.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Monday 18th June 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

International Immunities and Privileges, — Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the International Tropical Timber Organization (Legal Capacities) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Local Government (Scotland), — Copy of an Order, dated 6th June 1984, entitled the Local Statutory Provisions (Exemptions from Repeal) (Scotland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 780) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Derelict Land, — Copy of an Order, dated 6th June 1984, entitled the Derelict Land Clearance Area Order 1984 (S.I., No. 778) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland Assembly, — Copy of the Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on the Report by the Department of Education Inspectorate on the effects of expenditure policies on the education system in Northern Ireland [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, — Copies of Statutes, made by the University of Oxford on—

(1) 14th March 1984, and

(2) 20th March 1984.

amending the Statutes of the University [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

House of Commons Commission, — Copy of the Report of the House of Commons Commission for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 500].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures), — Copy of a Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled the Appointment of Bishops Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 498].

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures), — Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee upon the Appointment of Bishops Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 497].

Commissioner for Complaints, — Copy of the Report of the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 445].

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed the Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means Chairman of the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of European Community Document No. 8721/83 concerning discharges of hexachlorocyclohexane (lindane); and Mr. Ian Campbell and Mr. Hugh McCartney Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the following Scottish Estimates—

Class XV, Vote 3, Regional and general industrial support, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 4, Manpower Services Commission, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 5, Selective assistance and compensation, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 8, Housing, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 9, New Towns, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 16, Student awards, Scotland.
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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Reports 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.:

- Kingston upon Hull Bill [Lords].
- Warwick District Council Bill [Lords].

Bills to be read a second time.

London Transport Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the London Transport Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School Bill [Lords].—The Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-first Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xli].

Education, Science and Arts.—Sir William van Straubenzee reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 19th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 504-i].

Liaison.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Liaison Committee), That the Committee had directed him to report the following recommendation for the allocation of time for consideration of Estimates on an allotted day (being the second allotted day in the present Session):

That a day not later than 5th August be allotted for the consideration of the following main Estimates for the financial year 1984-85—

1. Class IX, Vote 8 (Prisons, England and Wales (Home Office)):
   Subhead A6 (Welfare of prisoners), so far as it relates to Prison Education.

2. Class VII, Vote 1 (Housing, England (Department of the Environment)):
   Subhead A1 (Subsidies to local authorities, new town development corporations and the Commission for New Towns in support of provision and maintenance of housing for rent).
   Subhead E1 (Capital grants to housing associations under the Housing Act 1974).

Class VIII, Vote 1 (Local Environmental Services).

Class VIII, Vote 2 (Central Environmental Services, etc.):
   Subhead C6 (The British Board of Agrément: grant in aid).
   Subhead C9 (Grants to voluntary bodies).
   Subhead C13 (Grant to the Zoological Society of London).

Class VIII, Vote 4 (Royal Palaces, Royal Parks, Historic Buildings, Ancient Monuments and the National Heritage (Department of the Environment)):
   Subhead B3 (Board of Trustees of the Tower Armouries: grant in aid).

Class VIII, Vote 5 (Central Administration and Environmental Research (Department of the Environment)):
Subhead D1 (Dog and Game Licences), and that consideration of the first of these Estimates be completed not later than half-past Seven o'clock.
Report to lie upon the Table.

Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents,—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents, European Community Documents Nos. 5978/83 and corrigendum, 8931/83 and 10370/83 and corrigendum, concerning Integrated Mediterranean Programmes, together with the following Resolution:
That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 5978/83 and corrigendum, 8931/83 and 10370/83 and corrigendum, and considers that any proposals for Integrated Mediterranean Programmes should be implemented within the framework of the existing structural funds of the Community.
Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 503].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Housing and Building Control Bill to which the Commons have disagreed; they agree without Amendment to the Commons Amendments in lieu thereof; they agree without Amendment to the Commons Amendments to a Lords Amendment and to the Commons consequential Amendments to the Bill; and they do not insist on their disagreement to a Commons Amendment to a Lords Amendment and they agree to the Commons Amendments to that Lords Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Rates Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the County Courts Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Rates Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Rates Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 195].

New Member sworn,—Michael Thomas Hancock, Esquire, Member for Portsmouth South, was sworn.

Rent Acts (Amendment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Rent Acts to make new provision in relation to the supply of private rented accommodation—(Mr. Michael Forsyth);

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. 15 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Christopher Chope, Mr. Henry Bellingham: 197.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Dennis Canavan: 126.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. John Heddle, Mr. Andrew MacKay, Mr. Henry Bellingham, Mr. Christopher Chope, Mr. Robert Jackson, Mr. Robert B. Jones, Mr. Gerald Howarth, and Mr. Alan Howarth, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Rent Acts (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Michael Forsyth accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Rent Acts to make new provision in relation to the supply of private rented accommodation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 198].

Privilege,—Complaint having been made by Mr. Toby Jessel, Member for Twickenham, of words spoken by the honourable Member for Newham North West during the debate on the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill on 12th June (Official Report columns 830 and 840-1):

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges—(Mr. Toby Jessel);

Mr. Tony Banks was heard in his place:—And then he withdrew.

And the Question being put:
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 303.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Brian Sedgemore, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn: 135.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the matter of the complaint be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Defence.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment to the Question proposed yesterday, that this House approves the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1984, contained in Cmd. 9227;

Which Amendment was, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘believes that the plans outlined in the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1984, Cmd. 9227, avoid the real and fundamental issues relating to the defence and security of the United Kingdom; is convinced that the enormous and increasing cost of buying the Trident nuclear system from the United States will mean further cuts in, and a weakening of, our conventional non-nuclear forces; deplores the fact that the White Paper contains no initiatives to stop and reverse the escalating and dangerous nuclear arms race; and calls upon the Government to work within NATO for a change from its existing strategy to a strategy based on the no-first-use of nuclear weapons, to cancel Trident and to remove all nuclear bases, including Cruise missiles, from the United Kingdom’; instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, that the Amendment be made:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 164.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather: 351.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 332.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 176.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House approves the statement on the Defence Estimates 1984, contained in Cmd. 9227.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Motion relating to Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries may be proceeded with until half-past Eleven o’clock, or for one and a half hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Control of Harbour Development (Revocation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 522), dated 8th April 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 17th April, be revoked—(Mr. John Prescott);

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Allen McKay: 137.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 235.

So the Question was negatived.

Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), that the draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 10th May, be approved—(Mr. Carol Mather):—It was agreed to.

Dangerous Drugs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), that the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved—(Mr. Carol Mather):—It was agreed to.
Nuclear Energy Issues in the European Community.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 80 (Standing Committees on European Community Documents), That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 11753/82 and Addendum 1, 8914/83, 7456/83, 7591/83, and 7937/83; and fully supports appropriate cost effective measures that will help to minimise the Community's dependence on imported oil and encourage the safe, economic and secure development of nuclear power.—[Mr. Carol Mather]:—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Mid Worcestershire for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Calder Valley for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of South Worcestershire for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—[Mr. Carol Mather]:—

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 Standing Order, it being then twenty-three minutes to One o'clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

Adjourned at 12.37 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 19th June 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Police,—Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis for 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9268].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 11, 1984).—Copy of a Protocol, done at Brussels on 20th July 1983, to the Co-operation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia, consequent on the Accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Community [by Command] [Cmnd. 9259].

Miscellaneous (No. 13, 1984).—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Second Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1983-84, on Grenada [by Command] [Cmnd. 9267].


Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence.—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Health Service Commissioner.—Copy of the Fourth Report from the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1983-84 [by Act]: to be printed [No. 476].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Customs and Excise.—Copy of an Order, dated 15th June 1984, entitled the Customs and Import Duty Reliefs (Revocation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 810) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Transport,—Statement of determination of salary of the Chairman-designate of the British Waterways Board [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

House of Commons Members’ Fund,—Copy of the Accounts of the House of Commons Members’ Fund for the year ended 30th September 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 505].

[No. 175.]

Wednesday 20th June 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill,—The Chairman of Ways and Means, in pursuance of Standing Order 85, informed the House, That, in his opinion, the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill should be treated as an opposed private Bill.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords].—Mr. Den Dover reported from the Committee on the Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords], That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Employment,—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 442-ii and iii].

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 446-vi].

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-ninth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 78-xxix].

Minutes of Proceedings to the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xxix].

Foreign Affairs,—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 268-viii and 499-ii].

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table, and to be printed [No. 474-ii].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 511-il].

Scottish Affairs,—Mr. David Lambie reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 19th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 418-iv].

Social Services,—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed her 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. 512].

Social Services.—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 395-iii].

Trade and Industry.—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 20th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 478-ii].

Treasury and Civil Service.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before its Sub-Committee on 20th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 302-x].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Forrester reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 730), referred to a Committee on 4th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 510].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Ian Campbell reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Increase of Rent Restriction (Housing Association) (Scotland) Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 501), referred to a Committee on 4th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 509].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. David Knox reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 12th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 507].

First Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the First Standing Committee on European Community Documents, European Community Document No. 8721/83, concerning discharges of hexachlorocyclohexane (lindane) together with the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Community Documents No. 8721/83, a proposal for a Council Directive of limit values and quality objectives for discharges of hexachlorocyclohexane and in particular lindane; and affirms the need for a directive which takes proper account of scientific knowledge and fully reflects the provisions of Council Directive 76/464/EEC, thus permitting the continuation of UK water pollution control practices by the system of water quality objectives.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 508].

Registration and Accountability of Charities.—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require all charities to be registered; to make regular annual returns (including independently audited financial accounts) available for public inspection, and to grant access to annual general meetings to all financial supporters: And that Mr. Tim Yeo, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, Mr. Andrew Rowe, Mr. Ken Weetch, and Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, do prepare and bring it in.

Registration and Accountability of Charities Bill.—Mr. Tim Yeo accordingly presented a Bill to require all charities to be registered; to make regular annual returns (including independently audited financial accounts) available for public inspection, and to grant access to annual general meetings to all financial supporters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday, 6th July and to be printed [Bill 197].

Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords] [Money]:

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any administrative expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under that Act;
(b) any sums required for the payment of grants or advances under, and any other expenses of the Secretary of State under, that Act; and
(c) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums so payable under any other Act.

—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)
Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Powers and duties of local roads authorities).

Amendments (Nos. 2 to 8) made.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 2, line 29, to leave out the words ' by summary application to the Sheriff ' and insert the words ' to the Secretary of State '.—(Mr. Jim Craigen.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 10 to 18) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Power of Secretary of State to make advances to local roads authorities etc.).

Amendment (No. 22) proposed, in page 4, line 38, after the word ' shall ', to insert the words ' subject to subsection (4A) below '.—(Mr. Jim Craigen.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Trunk roads).

Amendments (Nos. 24 to 33) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (General provision as to special roads).

Amendments (Nos. 34 to 36) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 8 agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Supplementary orders relating to special roads).

Amendments (Nos. 37 to 40) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 10 agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Classification of roads).

Amendments (Nos. 41 to 44) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Powers as respects roads that cross or join public roads other than special roads).

Amendments (Nos. 45 to 54) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Making up and maintenance of private roads).

Amendments (Nos. 55 to 59) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 14 agreed to.

Clause No. 15 (Application for private road to become public road).

Amendment (No. 60) proposed, in page 15, line 5, at the end, to insert the words '(c) and provided that it is connected to the public road network '.—(Mr. Jim Craigen.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Amendments (Nos. 61 to 67) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 16 (Security for private road works relating to housing).

Amendments (Nos. 68 to 70) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 17 to 19 agreed to.
Clause No. 20 (Requirement of consent for new roads built other than by roads authority).

Amendments (Nos. 71 and 72) made.

Another Amendment (No. 73) proposed, in page 18, line 38, to leave out the word 'less' and insert the word 'more'—(Mr. Jim Craigen.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 74) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 21 to 27 agreed to.

Clause No. 28 (Further provision as to fences).

Amendments (Nos. 76 and 77) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 29 (Works for protection roads against hazards of nature).

Amendment (No. 78) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 30 (Drainage of roads).

Amendments (Nos. 79 to 84) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 31 (Contributions to drainage works and flood prevention operations).

Amendment (No. 85) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 32 and 33 agreed to.

Clause No. 34 (Provision of lighting by roads authority).

Amendments (Nos. 86, and 89 to 92) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 35 and 36 agreed to.

Clause No. 37 (Regulations concerning construction and maintenance of road humps).

Amendment (No. 93) proposed, in page 25, line 14, at the end, to insert the words 'including a requirement that no hump may exceed 4 inches in height'—(Sir Hector Monro.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 38 agreed to.

Clause No. 39 (Interpretation of sections 35 to 38).

Amendment (No. 94) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 40 (Provision of cattle-grids and by-passes).

Amendments (Nos. 95 to 98) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 41 to 47 agreed to.

Clause No. 48 (Planting of trees, shrubs and grass or other plants by roads authority).

Amendments (Nos. 99 to 103) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 49 agreed to.

Clause No. 50 (Power to execute works to mitigate adverse effect of constructing or improving etc. road).

Amendments (Nos. 104 to 110) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 51 (Agreements as to use of land near roads).

Amendments (Nos. 111 to 113) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 52 (Power to instal refuse or storage bins in roads).
Amendment (No. 114) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 53 (Provision of picnic sites for trunk roads, etc.).
Amendments (Nos. 115 and 116) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 54 (Control of works and excavations).
Amendment (No. 117) proposed, in page 33, line 39, at the end, to insert the words 'including conditions requiring public undertakers to co-ordinate their works in relation to services under, over or adjacent to public roads for the purpose of minimising the disruption of such roads'.—(Mr. John Home Robertson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Alastair Goodlad 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, at this day’s sitting, the Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords] and the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Alastair Goodlad.)

Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)
Clause No. 54 (Control of works and excavations).
Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 117) be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Amendment (No. 119) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 55 agreed to.
Clause No. 56 (Occupation of parts of road for deposit of building materials etc.)
Amendment (No. 120) made.

Another Amendment (No. 121) proposed, in page 36, line 25, to leave out subsections (4), (5) and (6).—(Mr. John Maxton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 57 (Control of obstructions in roads).
Amendments (Nos. 122 to 127) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 58 (Fencing and lighting of obstructions and excavations).
Amendments (Nos. 128 and 129) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 59 (Granting of permission to place and maintain etc. apparatus under a road).
Amendments (Nos. 130 to 132) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 60 (Temporary prohibition or restriction of traffic etc. on roads for reasons of public safety or convenience).
Amendments (Nos. 133 to 135) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 61 and 62 agreed to.
Clause No. 63 (Regulation of drivers of horsedrawn carts etc.).  
Amendment (No. 136) proposed, in page 41, line 6, to leave out subsection (2).—(Sir Hector Monro.)  
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.  
Clause agreed to.  

Clause No. 64 (Maintenance of vaults and cellars etc.).  
Amendment (No. 137) made.  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  

Clause No. 65 agreed to.  

Clause No. 66 (Power of roads authorities to stop up roads by order).  
Amendment (No. 138) made.  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  

Clause No. 67 (Stopping up of dangerous access from public road to land or premises).  
Amendments (Nos. 139 to 141) made.  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  

Clause No. 68 (Stopping up of access to land or premises from certain roads being constructed).  
Amendments (Nos. 142 to 145) made.  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  
Clause No. 69 (Provisions supplementary to sections 66 to 68).  
Amendments (Nos. 146 to 151) made.  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  

Clause No. 70 (Stopping up of private access to land or premises by agreement).  
Amendments (Nos. 152 to 155) made.  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  
Clauses Nos. 71 and 72 agreed to.  

Clause No. 73 (Bridges over and tunnels under navigable waters).  
Amendments (Nos. 156 and 157) made.  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  
Clauses Nos. 74 and 75 agreed to.  

Clause No. 76 (Power to divert waters when constructing or improving public roads etc.).  
Amendments (Nos. 158 and 159) made.  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  
Clauses Nos. 77 to 80 agreed to.  

Clause No. 81 (Prevention of obstruction of view at corners, bends and junctions).  
Amendments (Nos. 160 to 162) made.  
Clause, as amended, agreed to.  

Clause No. 82 agreed to.  

Clause No. 83 (Control of builders' skips on road).  
Amendment (No. 163) proposed, in page 54, line 44, at the end, to insert the words ' and  
(c) a covering which will ensure that materials are not deposited on the road either in passage or when deposited on the road '.—(Mr. John Maxton.)  
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.  
Clause agreed to.  

Clause No. 84 agreed to.  

Clause No. 85 (Power to remove structures from roads).  
Amendment (No. 164) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 86 agreed to.
Clause No. 87 (Removal of accidental obstructions from roads).
Amendment (No. 165) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 88 to 91 agreed to.
Clause No. 92 (Power to fill in roadside ditches etc.).
Amendments (Nos. 166 and 167) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 93 (Deposit of mud from vehicles on roads).
Amendments (Nos. 168 and 169) made.
Another Amendment (No. 170) proposed, in page 61, line 21, to leave out the words 'as soon as reasonably practicable' and insert the word 'immediately'.—(Mr. John Maxton.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 172) proposed, in page 61, line 28, to leave out from the word 'person' to the end of line 31 and insert the words 'who is the owner of the vehicle'.—(Mr. John Maxton.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 94 agreed to.
Clause No. 95 (Trading).
Amendments (Nos. 173 to 177) made.

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 96 (Control of stray and other animals on public roads).
Amendments (Nos. 178, and 180 to 183) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 97 (Prevention of flow of water etc. on to roads).
Amendments (Nos. 184 to 188) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 98 to 101 agreed to.
Clause No. 102 (Acquisition of land for construction, improvement or protection of public roads etc.).
Amendment (No. 189) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 103 (Further provision as regards acquisition of land for construction, improvement etc. of public roads).
Amendments (Nos. 190 and 190A) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 104 agreed to.
Clause No. 105 (Acquisition of land in connection with cattle-grids).
Amendment (No. 191) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 106 agreed to.
Clause No. 107 (Distance limits for purposes of compulsory acquisition).
Amendment (No. 192) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 108 agreed to.
Clause No. 109 (Concurrent proceedings for special and trunk roads schemes and orders).
Amendment (No. 193) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 110 and 111 agreed to.
Clause No. 112 (Vesting of solum of stopped up road).
Amendment (No. 194) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 113 to 115 agreed to.
Clause No. 116 (Duty to have regard to needs of disabled and blind in executing works etc.)
Amendment (No. 195) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 117 (Power to obtain road-making materials).
Amendments (Nos. 196 and 197) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 118 and 119 agreed to.
Clause No. 120 (Power to conduct experiments as regards roads construction etc.).
Amendment (No. 198) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 121 to 124 agreed to.
Clause No. 125 (Saving for British Telecommunications).
Amendments (Nos. 200 to 206) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 126 and 127 agreed to.
Clause No. 128 (Restriction of powers of local authority in whom sewer is vested).
Amendment (No. 207) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 129 to 137 agreed to.
Clause No. 138 (Revocation and variation of certain schemes and orders).
Amendments (Nos. 208 and 209) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 139 to 143 agreed to.
Clause No. 144 (Interpretation).
Amendments (Nos. 210 to 229) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 145 to 149 agreed to.
Clause No. 150 (Short title, commencement and extent).
Amendments (Nos. 230 to 232) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

A Clause (Provision of bus shelters, etc. by local roads authorities)—(Mr. Allan Stewart) brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Transfer of offices and property in connection with lighting and bus shelters, etc.)—(Mr. Allan Stewart)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Compensation where interest in land subject to heritable security)—(Mr. Allan Stewart)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Saving for, and extension of section 80 of, Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974)—(Mr. Allan Stewart)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Power to contribute to, or carry out, work on private roads)—(Mr. Michael Forsyth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Draining of surface water)—(Sir Hector Monro)—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 (Control over carriage of hazardous materials on roads)—(Mr. John Home Robertson)—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 (Tolls on roads or bridges)—(Mr. John Maxton)—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 No. 1 (Procedures for making or confirming certain orders and schemes).
Amendments (Nos. 233 and 234) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 2 to 6 agreed to.
Schedule No. 7 (Penalties for offences).
Amendment (No. 235) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 8 (Minor and consequential amendments).
Amendments (Nos. 237 to 256) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 9 (Transitional provisions and savings).
Amendment (No. 257) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 10 (Repeals).
Amendments (Nos. 258 to 261) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ian Lang reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same with Amendments. Bill, as amended in the Committee, to be considered this day; and to be printed [Bill 200].

Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 3 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 4 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 5:
The Lords Amendment was amended, in line 4, by leaving out the word 'gross' and inserting the word 'net' and, so amended, was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 6 to 13 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 14 was agreed to.

Finance (No. 2) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Finance (No. 2) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Finance (No. 2) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of remuneration and allowances to persons appointed as deputy Commissioners for the special purposes of the Income Tax Acts.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Privileges.—Ordered, That Mr. Julian Amery, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Tony Benn, Mr. John Biffen, Sir Bernard Braine, Sir Paul Bryan, Mr. Edward du Cann, Sir Philip
Goodhart, Mr. Gregor MacKenzie, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. John Morris, Mrs. Sally Oppenheim, Mr. Merlyn Rees, Mr. Geoffrey Rippon, Mr. Peter Shore, Mr. David Steel, and Mr. Peter Thomas, be members of the Committee of Privileges.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in Norwich for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of Greater Manchester for the revocation of the decision to ban trade unions at the Government Communication Headquarters and to remove rights under employment protection legislation was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Oxford East for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Two o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.58 a.m.

APPENDIX

Wednesday 20th June 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 12th June 1984 on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Electricity (Scotland),—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the South of Scotland Electricity Board for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Development of Tourism,—Statement of determination of the salary of the Chairman of the Scottish Tourist Board [by Act].

Law Commissions,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Law Commission on matrimonial property [by Act]; to be printed [No. 467].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:


MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 20th June 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Miss Betty Boothroyd Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents in respect of the unnumbered European Community Document concerning beverage containers contained in the Department of Trade and Industry’s explanatory memorandum dated 30th March 1984.
PRAYERS.

Portsea Harbour Company Bill.—A Motion being made, That the Portsea Harbour Company Bill be now read the third time:

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 28th June.

County of Lancashire Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the County of Lancashire Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 28th June.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 28th June.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-sixth Report) [Fraud in the Property Services Agency; the Wardale Report; Systems Controls in District Works Offices].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 295].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 295].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-seventh Report) [Management and control of the development of administrative computing in Government Departments].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 361].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 361].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Food Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Opposition day [16th allotted day].—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

New Technology and the Future of Inmos.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, concerned at the continuing fall in the United Kingdom share of the rapidly growing world market in information technology and particularly disturbed by reports of the impending disposal to foreign interests of Inmos, the only independent British firm with a major capability for developing the semiconductor technologies crucial to the economic and strategic future of the United Kingdom, calls upon Her Majesty's Government to ensure the continued rapid development of Inmos and its products and to maintain it as an independent company under majority United Kingdom ownership and control—(Mr. Peter Shore);
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘recognises the importance of the United Kingdom establishing a strong position in world information technology markets; welcomes the substantial contribution made by the information technology programme of Her Majesty’s Government to the international success of the industry; and supports the objective of Her Majesty’s Government of transferring Inmos to private ownership’, instead thereof. — (Mr. Secretary Tebbit.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Frank Haynes : 162.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Sainsbury : 248.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments): — It was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House recognises the importance of the United Kingdom establishing a strong position in world information technology markets; welcomes the substantial contribution made by the information technology programme of Her Majesty’s Government to the international success of the industry; and supports the objective of Her Majesty’s Government of transferring Inmos to private ownership.

Piece Hall, Halifax (No. 2) Bill. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Piece Hall, Halifax (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Gary Waller : 57.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jonathan Sayeed, Mr. Greg Knight : 37.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

Housing Defects Bill. — The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Housing Defects Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Service of notices) — (Mr. Ian Gow) — brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Housing Defects Commission) — (Mr. John Fraser) — brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Frank Haynes : 32.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. John Major : 122.

Another Clause (Appeals) — (Mr. John Fraser) — brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:— Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, to leave out the word ‘may’ and insert the word ‘shall’, instead thereof. — (Mr. John Fraser.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House. — Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Housing Defects Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour. — (Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Housing Defects Bill. — The House again proceeded to consider the Housing Defects Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 1) be made:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 6 to 16) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 18, after the word ‘individual’, to insert the words ‘and his successors in title’. — (Mr. Jim Craigen.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
Other Amendments (Nos. 21, 23 to 35, 37 to 60, and 63 to 65) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 69) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, line 39, at the end, to insert the words 'which shall be laid before and approved by both Houses of Parliament'.—(Mr. John Fraser.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 71 to 75) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 77) proposed to the Bill, in page 24, line 21, to leave out the words 'and Wales' and insert the words 'Wales and Northern Ireland', instead thereof.—(Mr. A. Cecil Walker.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 80 to 84) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 85) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 31, to leave out the words '95 per cent.' and insert the words '100 per cent.', instead thereof.—(Mr. John Fraser.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 86 to 92) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 11.37 p.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 21st June 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 45, 1984).—Copy of the First Supplementary List of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc. for 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9261].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Animals.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Industrial Organisation and Development.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Scottish Seed Potato Development Council for 1983 [by Act].

MR. SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 70 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Bills of Exchange Act 1882 (Amendment) Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 177]

Friday 22nd June 1984.

The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Members' Motor Mileage Allowance.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House the Report to the Leader of the House of Commons of the independent inquiry into motor mileage allowance for Members of Parliament.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)
Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Douglas Hogg);
And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 2.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX
Friday 22nd June 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
Education,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Education Support Grants Regulations 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of the Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on the Sea Fishing Industry of Northern Ireland [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Consumer Protection,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Pedal Bicycles (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:
Members' Motor Mileage Allowance,—Report of the independent inquiry into motor mileage allowance for Members of Parliament [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 469].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Development of Tourism,—Copy of the Accounts of the Scottish Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 514].

[No. 178.]

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).

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 25th June.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 446-vii].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 25th June.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 430-II].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: and had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report) [International Monetary Arrangements].
Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 502].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 502].

Treasury and Civil Service.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report) [Estimates 1984-85: HM Treasury and HM Customs and Excise].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 516].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to one of the Lords Amendments to the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill.—The Order made upon 24th May, for reading the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority Bill a second time, was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

London Regional Transport Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the London Regional Transport Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1:

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 6, at the end to add the words ‘and where necessary, including the provisions of special transport facilities for people with particular disabilities’.—Mr. John Prescott.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Don Dixon: 118.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 208.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 19 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 20:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker);

And it being Seven o’clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 7 (Time for taking private business), further proceedings stood postponed.

Dartmoor Commons Bill.—The Dartmoor Commons Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

London Regional Transport Bill.—The House resumed the postponed proceeding on the Question, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 21 to 25 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 26:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mrs. Lynda Chalker);

And it being Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered. That, at this day’s sitting, the consideration of Lords Amendments to the London Regional Transport Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

London Regional Transport Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the London Regional Transport Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 26:

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment:—It was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 27 to 37 were agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 38 to 40 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.
Lords Amendments Nos. 41 to 48 were agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Northavon for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of New Forest for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of North Bedfordshire for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Monmouth for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Chipping Barnet for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in Canterbury for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.57 p.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 25th June 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Electricity,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th June 1984 on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Population Censuses and Surveys,—Copy of the Review of the Registrar General on childhood deaths in England and Wales, 1982 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Companies,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Companies Acts (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) (No. 2) Order 1984 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Protection of Wrecks,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th June 1984, entitled the Protection of Wrecks (Revocation No. 2) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:
Law Commissions,—Copy of a Report by the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission on further amendments of the Companies Acts 1948 to 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9272].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Public Petitions,—Observations by the Home Secretary on the Petition [16th May] from the Cats Protection League for the amendment of the Firearms Act 1968 [by Standing Order] ; to be printed.

[No. 179.]
Tuesday 26th June 1984.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable),—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz. :
London Transport (Tower Hill) Bill [Lords].
Bill to be read a second time.

London Transport Bill,—A Motion being made, That the London Transport Bill be now read the third time ;
The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.
And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Kingston upon Hull Bill [Lords],—The Kingston upon Hull Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Warwick District Council Bill [Lords],—The Warwick District Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-second Report).
Report to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 41-xlIII].

Education, Science and Arts,—Sir William van Straubenzee reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 26th June.
Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 518-i].

Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords].—Mr. Michael Shersby reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title, as follows: An Act to provide for the establishment and functions of a Cable Authority and to make other provision with respect to cable programme services ; to amend the Broadcasting Act 1981, to provide for the establishment and functions of a Satellite Broadcasting Board and to make other provision with respect to broadcasting services ; and for connected purposes.
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 199].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 521].

Finance (No. 2) Bill (Except Clauses 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105 and 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12).—Miss Janet Fookes reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses 10, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 57, 98, 105 and 113 and Schedules 6 to 8 and 12), and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in Committee and in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 202].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 522].

Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents.—Miss Betty Boothroyd reported from the Second Standing Committee on European Community Documents, the unnumbered European Community Document concerning Beverage Containers, contained in the Department of Trade and Industry's explanatory memorandum dated 30th March 1984, together with the following Resolution:

That this Committee takes note of the proposal for a Council Directive on containers of liquids for human consumption contained in the Department of Trade and Industry's explanatory memorandum dated 30th March 1984; and supports the Government's intention to improve the environment and conserve resources without imposing unnecessary legislative burdens on industry.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 517].

Welsh Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of Rural affairs in Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Local Government (Access to Information).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the public's right to attend meetings of committees and sub-committees of local authorities; to establish a public right of access to information held by local authorities including memoranda, reports and research data, and minutes of decisions taken and recommendations made by committees and sub-committees and delegated individuals; to require local authorities to inform the public of their rights; and for related purposes: And that Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Allan Roberts, Mr. Robin Squire, Mr. Ken Weetch, Sir Bernard Braine, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, do prepare and bring it in.

Local Government (Access to Information) Bill.—Mr. Simon Hughes accordingly presented a Bill to extend the public's right to attend meetings of committees and sub-committees of local authorities; to establish a public right of access to information held by local authorities including memoranda, reports and research data, and minutes of decisions taken and recommendations made by committees and sub-committees and delegated individuals; to require local authorities to inform the public of their rights; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 204].

Rates Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Rates Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 3 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 4:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Donald Thompson: 243.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam: 188.

So the Question was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 5 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 6:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 244.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam: 190.

So the Question was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 7:

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 5, at the end to add the words 'and a copy of such notice shall be laid in the form of a report before the House of Commons within 28 days of such service on the authority as aforesaid'.—(Mr. Jack Straw)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John McWilliam: 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Ian Lang: 237.

So the Question was negatived.

Lords Amendments Nos. 8 to 10 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 11:

An Amendment ((b)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 5, to leave out the word 'three' and insert the word 'two', instead thereof.—(Mr. Jack Straw)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. John Home Robertson: 183.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 204.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 12 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 13:

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 8, after the word 'to', to insert the words 'or levy imposed upon'.—(Mr. Jack Straw)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:

It was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 14 to 25 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 26 and 27 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 28 to 32 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 33 was agreed to.

Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords], The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Power of Secretary of State to extend provisions of Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 etc. to proposed roads in Scotland)—(Mr. Allan Stewart)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Restricted roads: amendment of Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984)—(Mr. Allan Stewart)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Parking of caravans on lay-bys)—(Mr. Bill Walker)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Amendments (Nos. 8 and 9) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 43, to leave out the word 'or' and insert the word 'and', instead thereof.—(Mr. John Maxton)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 34, line 43, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1A) The roads authority may authorise advertising and information signs within the highway boundary subject to such conditions as the authority may specify in the authorisation.'—(Sir Hector Monro.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords] and the Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour. (Mr. Ian Lang.)

Royal Assent,—Mr. Deputy Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty has signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:


Races (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded to consider the Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 2) be made:—Amendment, by leave withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 10 to 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 41) proposed to the Bill, in page 66, line 3, to leave out the word ' may ' and insert the word ' shall ', instead thereof. (Mr. John Maxton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 15) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 67, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1A) No roads authority shall unreasonably withhold permission for the stationing of such stall or vehicle at convenient places adjacent to public roads, provided that adequate room is available for customers and their vehicles, the area is kept free of litter and the stall or vehicle is of tidy appearance.'—(Mr. Malcolm Bruce.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 16 to 25) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Restricted Roads) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 26 to 40) made to the Bill.

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Secretary Younger, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.
Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 7th June, be approved.—(Mr. Nicholas Scott.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft University of Ulster (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 6th June, be approved.—(Mr. Nicholas Scott.)

Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Industrial Training (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 24th May, be approved.—(Mr. Adam Butler.)

Welsh Grand Committee.—Ordered, That during the proceedings on the matter of Rural affairs in Wales, the Welsh Grand Committee have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet; and that, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 67 (Meetings of Standing Committees), the second such sitting shall not commence before Four o’clock nor continue after the Committee has considered the matter for two hours at that sitting.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 24th May, be approved.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.

Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 736), dated 24th May 1984, which was laid before this House on 24th May, be approved.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.

Integrated Mediterranean Programmes.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 80 (Standing Committee on European Community Documents), That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 5978/83 and corrigendum, 8931/83, and 10370/83 and corrigendum and considers that any proposals for integrated Mediterranean programmes should be implemented within the framework of the existing structural funds of the Community.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.

Hexachlorocyclohexane (lindane).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 80 (Standing Committee on European Community Documents), That this House takes notice of European Community Document No. 8721/83, a proposal for a Council Directive of limit values and quality objectives for discharges of hexachlorocyclohexane and in particular lindane; and affirms the need for a directive which takes proper account of scientific knowledge and fully reflects the provisions of Council Directive 76/464/EEC, thus permitting the continuation of United Kingdom water pollution control practices by the system of water quality objectives.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Newark for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in Harrow for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Derby North for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Stroud for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Winchester for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Westbury for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Pendle for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes past Three o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 3.3 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 26th June 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Government Statistical Service.—Copy of a Paper, entitled the Government Statistical Service Code of Practice on the handling of data obtained from statistical inquiries [by Command] [Cmnd. 9270].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Redundant Churches Fund.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Redundant Churches Fund for 1983 [by Measure].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:


Treaty Series (No. 47, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement, done at Seoul on 5th March 1984, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Korea for air services between and beyond their respective territories [by Command] [Cmnd. 9263].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Tourism.—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Telecommunications.—Copies of—

(1) a Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to British Telecommunications,
(2) a Licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Kingston upon Hull City Council,
(3) an Order, dated 26th June 1984, entitled the Public Telecommunication System Designation (British Telecommunications) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 855), and
(4) an Order, dated 26th June 1984, entitled the Public Telecommunication System Designation (Kingston upon Hull) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 856)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Transport.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Waterways Board for 1983 [by Act].
PRAYERS.

Swavesey Bye-ways Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Swavesey Bye-ways Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School Bill [Lords].—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to 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.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report 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.

Merseyside Development Corporation Bill.—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Merseyside Development Corporation Bill and had amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords] and had amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had amended the Title, as follows: A Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision for the regulation and protection of part of the Square in the borough of Shrewsbury and Atcham; and for other purposes; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr. Ivan Lawrence reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to whom the Building Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereunto, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 525].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 525].

Employment.—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 27th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 526].
Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 27th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 446-viii].

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirtieth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 78-xxx].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xxx].

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had had agreed to a Special Report, which it 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. 527].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 27th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 430-iii].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services,—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed her to make to the House; and had directed her to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it, together with Memoranda: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report) [Perinatal and Neonatal Mortality Report: Follow-up].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 308].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 308].

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Social Services,—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 27th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-ix].

Welsh Affairs,—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 27th June.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 524].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Selby Bridge Bill, with Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Paedophilia (Protection of Children),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it an offence to be a member of any organisation, association, society, religious sect, club or the like that holds meetings at which support is given to encourage, condone, corrupt or entice adults to have sexual relationships with children; to make it an offence for the members of any such body, previously described, to possess, receive, distribute, exchange, produce, sell, solicit or advertise any material describing or suggesting sexual relationships between adults and children, where such material is an indecent or obscene print, a drawing, a painting, a photograph, a lithograph, an engraving, a cinematograph film, a video film, a book, a card or written communication or an indecent or obscene article—(Mr. Geoffrey Dickens);

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. 15 (Motions for leave to bring in Bills and nomination of Select Committees at commencement of public business):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Geoffrey Dickens, Sir Bernard Braine, Mrs. Jill Knight, Mr. Peter Brainwells, Mr. Joe Ashton, Sir John Biggs-Davison, Miss Janet Fookes, Dr. Brian Mawhinney, Mrs. Ann Winterton, the Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr. Jonathan Aitken, and Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Paedophilia (Protection of Children) Bill.—Mr. Geoffrey Dickens accordingly presented a Bill to make it an offence to be a member of any organisation, association, society, religious sect, club or the like that holds meetings at which support is given to encourage, condone, corrupt or entice adults to have sexual relationships with children; to make it an offence for the members of any such body, previously described, to possess, receive, distribute, exchange, produce, sell, solicit or advertise any material describing or suggesting sexual relationships between adults and children, where such material is an indecent or obscene print, a drawing, a painting, a photograph, a lithograph, an engraving, a cinematograph film, a video film, a book, a card or written communication or an indecent or obscene article: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 6th July and to be printed [Bill 203].

Representation of the People Acts.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Government’s reply (Cmnd. 9140) to the First Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1982-83, House of Commons Paper No. 32, on the Representation of the People Acts—(Mr. Secretary Brittan);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘regrets that the Government’s reply to the First Report of the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1982-83, proposes to extend the right to vote to people who have chosen to live abroad and have no more than a tenuous connection with a United Kingdom constituency, while limiting the opportunity to vote of people permanently resident in the United Kingdom’, instead thereof—(Mr. Gerald Kaufman.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 273.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;


Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft British Shipbuilders Borrowing Powers (Increase of Limit) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved—(Mr. Norman Lamont);

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 British Shipbuilders Borrowing Powers (Increase of Limit) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved.

Industrial Technologies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 8018/83 on a Research action programme on industrial technologies and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry dated 14th May 1984; and supports the Government’s intention to ensure that Community research in this area should be beneficial in terms of policy objectives of the Community and the United Kingdom—(Mr. John Butcher);

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 8018/83 on a Research action programme on industrial technologies and the supplementary explanatory memorandum submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry dated 14th May 1984; and supports the Government’s intention to ensure that Community research in this area should be beneficial in terms of policy objectives of the Community and the United Kingdom.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Christchurch for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of West Derbyshire for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in Preston and Ribble Valley for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of West Gloucestershire for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.-(Mr. Carol Mather)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past One o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.28 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 27th June 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Scottish Courts Administration.—Copy of Civil Judicial Statistics for Scotland for 1982 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9235].

Ancient Monuments.—Copy of the Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 479].

Electricity (Scotland).—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Water.—Copy of an Order, dated 12th June 1984, entitled the Welsh Water Authority (Bryn-Aled Pumping Station) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 818) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland.—Copy of the Accounts of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the year ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Local Government Auditor and of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Command] [Cmnd. 9248].

Police (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Report of the Police Complaints Board for Northern Ireland for 1983 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 475].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Consumer Protection.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Motor Vehicles Tyres (Safety) Regulations 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Food.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Dairy Produce Quotas Regulations 1984 [by Act].

Chairman of Ways and Means:

Statutory Orders (Special Procedure).—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, That no Petition has been presented against the Aberdeen Harbour Revision Order 1984 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Law Commissions.—Copy of the Report of the Law Commission on minors’ contracts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 494].
APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones as an additional Member to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Rural affairs in Wales.

MEMORANDUM

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Donald Coleman Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of the matter of Rural affairs in Wales.

[No. 181.]

Thursday 28th June 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

 Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 5th July.

County of Lancashire Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the County of Lancashire Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

 Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 5th July.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

 Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 5th July.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Scottish Affairs.—Mr. David Lambie reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 27th June.

 Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 418-vl.

Trade and Industry.—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 27th June.

 Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 478-iii.

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

 The Lords have agreed to the Juries (Disqualification) Bill, without Amendment.

 The Lords have agreed to the Cycle Tracks Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

 The Lords have agreed to the Video Recordings Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Video Recordings Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Video Recordings Bill to be considered upon Friday 6th July; and to be printed [Bill 206].

Cycle Tracks Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Cycle Tracks Bill to be considered upon Friday 6th July; and to be printed [Bill 207].

Opposition day [17th allotted day].—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

Widening Gap between the Rich and the Poor.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the widening gap between the incomes of the rich and poor which has resulted from the Government's taxation and social policies; notes that the promised tax reductions have only been made on annual incomes of over £18,000 and that at least two million British people are now subsisting at a standard of living lower than they had five years ago; and calls upon the Government to change the pattern of income distribution in Britain in order to distribute the national wealth more equally in the interests of justice and efficiency—(Mr. Roy Hattersley);
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'welcomes the continuing economic recovery and falling inflation, supports the Government's economic and social policies as the best means of encouraging enterprise and promoting prosperity throughout the community, and applauds the Government's commitment to the transfer of power and wealth from the State to the individual'; instead thereof.—(Mr. Peter Rees.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. John McWilliam: 171.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 257.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert: 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Don Dixon: 169.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the continuing economic recovery and falling inflation, supports the Government's economic and social policies as the best means of encouraging enterprise and promoting prosperity throughout the community, and applauds the Government's commitment to the transfer of power and wealth from the State to the individual.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Cheltenham for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Congleton for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Hertford and Stortford for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Sheffield, Hallam for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from registered electors in the Borough of Southend for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Ilford North for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Lewes for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Ealing North for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from John Charles Seaborne for his transfer to a prison nearer his home was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Thursday 28th June 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Prisons,—Copy of a Paper, entitled Intermittent Custody [by Command] [Cmnd. 9281].

Church Commissioners,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Church Commissioners for 1983 [by Measure].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Miscellaneous (No. 15, 1984).—Copy of a Protocol, done at Montreal on 10th May 1984, relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation [by Command] [Cmnd. 9275].

Treaty Series (No. 48, 1984).—Copy of a Convention, done at London on 4th August 1983, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of New Zealand for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains, with copies of Notes exchanged at London on 22nd December 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9264].

Treaty Series (No. 50, 1984).—Copy of an International Convention, signed at London between 1st December 1978 and 30th November 1979, on standards of training, certification and watchkeeping for seafarers, 1978 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9266].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Education (Scotland).—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Examination Board for 1983 [by Statutory Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Census of Production,—Copy of the Report on the Census of Production for 1982 on—

(1) aerospace equipment manufacturing and repairing,
(2) animal feeding stuffs,
(3) basic electrical equipment,
(4) building products of concrete, cement or plaster,
(5) clothing, hats and gloves,
(6) conversion of paper and board,
(7) fur goods,
(8) hand tools and finished metal goods,
(9) household textiles and other made up textiles,
(10) machinery for printing, paper, wood, leather, rubber, glass and related industries: laundry and dry cleaning machinery,
(11) miscellaneous electronic equipment,
(12) public gas supply,
(13) rubber products,
(14) telecommunication equipment, electrical measuring equipment, electronic capital goods and passive electronic components, and
(15) working of stone and other non-metallic minerals

[by Act].
Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Housing.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th June 1984, entitled the Homes Insulation Grants Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 838) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture.—Copy of the Report of the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce for 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9280].

[No. 182.]

Friday 29th June 1984.

The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Windsor and Maidenhead for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors from various parts of the United Kingdom for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituencies of Romford, Hornchurch and Upminster for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors from various parts of the United Kingdom for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Battersea for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Feltham and Heston for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Derby South for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Child Abduction Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury):

And it being Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings pursuant to Standing Order No. 5 (Friday sittings).
Adjournment.—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;
And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House
lapsed, without Question put.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o'clock, adjourned till
Monday next.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 29th June 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security,—Copy of the Report of the Social Security Advisory Committee,
and the Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services, on the Child Benefit
(Residence and Persons Abroad) Amendment Regulations 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd.
9279].

Social Security,—Copy of Regulations, dated 26th June 1984, entitled the Child
875) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Financial Provisions
(Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Plant Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th June 1984, entitled the Import and
Export (Plant Health) (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984,
No. 839) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Energy on the Petition
[26th April] from residents of Doncaster and others for the abolition of standing charges
for water, gas and electricity [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Tourism,—Copy of the Accounts of the English Tourist Board for the year ended
31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon
[by Act]; to be printed [No. 530].

[No. 183.]

Monday 2nd July 1984.

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).

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had
directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 2nd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 446-ix].

Foreign Affairs,—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That
it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 2nd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 499-ii].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts,
That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 2nd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 533-i].
Social Services.—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 2nd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-x].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Data Protection Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords], with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate provisions of Part III of the Finance Act 1975 and other enactments relating to capital transfer tax; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Capital Transfer Tax Bill [Lords].

Capital Transfer Tax Bill [Lords].—The Capital Transfer Tax Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 201].

Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendments to the Commons Amendments to the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 209].

Freedom of Information Bill.—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Freedom of Information Bill was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Freedom of Information (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. David Steel, supported by Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Sir Bernard Braine, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Bruce George, Dr. David Owen, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Kenneth Warren, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, and Mr. David Young, presented a Bill to establish a general right of access to official information for members of the public subject to certain exemptions; to establish the machinery for enabling the right of access to be exercised by members of the public; to make new provision for the protection of official information and articles; 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 205].

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Education Support Grants Regulations 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Companies Acts (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) (No. 2) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Motor Vehicle Tyres (Safety) Regulations 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Scottish Estimates.—Ordered, That the Estimates set out hereunder be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee:

Class XV, Vote 1, Agricultural support, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 2, Agricultural services and fisheries, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 6, Roads, transport and environmental services, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 7, Local transport services, Scotland.
Class XV, Vote 24, Scottish Office administration.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Donald Thompson);

The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved.—(Mr. Secretary Prior);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Michael Neubert: 144.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Ross, Mr. Ken Maginnis: 9.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved.

Estimates.—Resolved, That this House agrees with the Report [19th June] of the Liaison Committee.—(Mr. John Major.)

Beverage Containers.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 80 (Standing Committees on European Community Documents), That this House takes note of the proposal for a Council Directive on containers of liquids for human consumption contained in the Department of Trade and Industry's Explanatory Memorandum dated 30th March 1984; and supports the Government's intention to improve the environment and conserve resources without imposing unnecessary legislative burdens on industry.—(Mr. John Major):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituencies in Southampton for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in Cardiff for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. John Major.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes to Twelve o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.32 p.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 2nd July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Agriculture,—Copy of the Accounts of the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce for 1982; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 531].

Mr. Ian Stewart:

Banks and Banking,—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd July 1984, entitled the Deposit Protection Fund (Excluded Institutions) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 897) [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 1st July 1984, entitled the Customs and Excise Duties (Relief for Imported Legacies) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 895) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:


Mr. Secretary Younger:

Education (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 15th June 1984, entitled—
(1) the Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 840), and
(2) the St. Mary's Music School (Aided Places) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 841)
[by Act].

Food,—Copy of Regulations, dated 14th June 1984, entitled the Slaughterhouse Hygiene (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 842) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census,—Copy of Key statistics for urban areas in Great Britain for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 29th June 1984, entitled the Customs Duties (Quota Relief) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 898) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Housing,—Copy of the Report of the Housing Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1984 [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 Great Yarmouth and Haven (Constitution) Revision Order 1984 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instruments had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instruments came into operation [pursuant to Standing Order No. 142 (Notification in respect of certain Statutory Instruments):


Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Deeds of Arrangement,—Copy of an Order, dated 30th June 1984, entitled the Deeds of Arrangement Fees Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 887) [by Act].

[No. 184.]

Tuesday 3rd July 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Selby Bridge Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Selby Bridge Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School Bill [Lords],—The Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

Swavesey Bye-ways Bill [Lords],—The Swavesey Bye-ways Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Merseyside Development Corporation Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Merseyside Development Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

London Transport (Tower Hill) Bill [Lords],—The London Transport (Tower Hill) Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).
Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Christopher Murphy reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, that it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-third Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xlii].

Education, Science and Arts,—Sir William van Straubenzee reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, that it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 3rd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 518-ii].

Scottish Affairs,—Mr. David Lambie reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee, that it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 2nd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 418-vi].

Social Services,—Mrs Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, that it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 3rd July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-xl].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Anglian Water Authority (King’s Lynn Tidal Defences) Bill, with Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Cardiff City Council Bill, with Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Swavesey Bye-ways Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Child Abduction Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Child Abduction Bill to be considered upon Friday; and to be printed [Bill 208].

Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Bill was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 26th October.

Recreational Gardening Bill [Lords],—The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday, the Recreational Gardening Bill [Lords] was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 26th October.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, that the draft International Tropical Timber Organization (Legal Capacities) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, that the Export of Goods (Control) (Amendment No. 6) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 553), be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Co-ownership of Flats,—Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to give powers to residents of purpose-built blocks of flats in private ownership to form a company constituted for the purpose of acquiring the premises of which their flats are part; to specify the procedures to be adopted; to make consequential provisions as to the management and upkeep of premises so purchased; and for connected purposes: And that Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mr. Michael Shersby, Mr. Martin Stevens, Sir David Price, and Mr. John Wheeler, do prepare and bring it in.

Co-ownership of Flats Bill,—Sir Brandon Rhys Williams accordingly presented a Bill to give powers to residents of purpose-built blocks of flats in private ownership to form a company constituted for the purpose of acquiring 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 and to be printed [Bill 210].
Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Donald Thompson);

Mr. James Hamilton rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 212.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 333.

So the Question was negatived.

Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 11209/83, 11209/83 Amdt. 1, 5390/84, 7248/84 and 7386/84 on total allowable catches and quotas for 1984, European Community Document No. 4969/84 on interim arrangements for Norwegian fishing for herring in the North Sea, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's unnumbered explanatory memorandum of 24th January 1984 on interim arrangements for Member States' fishing for herring in the North Sea and European Community Document No. 7250/84 on technical conservation measures; welcomes the timely adoption of the total allowable catches and quotas for 1984 with the improvements secured for the benefits of the United Kingdom fishing industry, and the subsequent amendments to total allowable catches and quotas for 1984 and on technical conservation measures also meet the needs of the United Kingdom industry—(Mr. John MacGregor);—And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 11209/83, 11209/83 Amdt. 1, 5390/84, 7248/84 and 7286/84 on total allowable catches and quotas for 1984, European Community Document No. 4969/84 on interim arrangements for Norwegian fishing for herring in the North Sea, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's unnumbered explanatory memorandum of 24th January 1984 on interim arrangements for Member States' fishing for herring in the North Sea and European Community Document No. 7250/84 on technical conservation measures; welcomes the timely adoption of the total allowable catches and quotas for 1984 with the improvements secured for the benefits of the United Kingdom fishing industry, and the subsequent amendments to total allowable catches and quotas for 1984 and on technical conservation measures also meet the needs of the United Kingdom industry.

Defence.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Mr. John Stanley);

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And the Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 82.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Tony Banks: 5.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituencies of Altrincham and Sale and Davyhulme for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in Colchester and Maldon for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituencies of Southampton for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Gloucester for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Carol Mather.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes to Two o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 1.46 a.m.

APPENDIX

Tuesday 3rd July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Electricity (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 22nd June 1984 on borrowing by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act].

Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 22nd June 1984 on borrowing by the Yorkshire Water Authority [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 18, 1984),—Copy of a Treaty, done at Brussels on 13th March 1984, amending, with regard to Greenland, the Treaties establishing the European Communities, with Protocol [by Command] [Cmnd. 9283].


Mr. Secretary Younger:

Museums and Galleries,—Statement of increase in the value of indemnities in respect of objects loaned to the National Galleries of Scotland [by Command].

Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th June 1984, entitled the Teachers’ (Compensation for Redundancy and Premature Retirement) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 845) [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th June 1984, entitled the Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy and Premature Retirement) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 846) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Fair Trading,—Copy of the Report of the Director General of Fair Trading for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 495].

Mr. John Biffen:

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 25th June 1984, entitled the Prevention of Pollution (Reception Facilities) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 862) [by Act].

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Education Support Grants Regulations 1984 and the draft Motor Vehicles Tyres (Safety) Regulations 1984 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1984 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Companies Acts (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) (No. 2) Order 1984 to the Third Standing
Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft International Tropical Timber Organization (Legal Capacities) Order 1984 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Export of Goods (Control) (Amendment No. 6) Order 1984 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix D).

Agriculture,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [The effect of feedstuff prices on the UK pig and poultry industries].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 539].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 539].

Agriculture,—Mr. John Spence reported from the Agriculture Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 4th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 543].

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-first Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 78-xxi].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xxi].

Foreign Affairs,—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 16th May: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report) [FCO and ODA Supply Estimates 1984-85].

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 421].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 421].

Foreign Affairs,—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (First Special Report) [The Economic and Political Security of Small States].

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 541].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 541].

Home Affairs,—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 4th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 474-iii].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 4th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 542-iii].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix D).
Social Services,—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, that it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 4th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-xii].

Trade and Industry,—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, that it had agreed to a Special Report, which it 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. 540].

Trade and Industry,—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, that it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 4th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 478-iv].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, that it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 4th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 538-i].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make further provision in regard to the cattle market of the Aylesbury Vale District Council held in the former borough of Aylesbury; and for purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Aylesbury Vale District Council Bill] [Lords].

Aylesbury Vale District Council Bill [Lords],—The Aylesbury Vale District Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Prevention of Intimidatory Picketing,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to place upon police authorities the duty to reclaim as a civil liability from the union involved any additional costs incurred in consequence of police having to attend any site when the number of pickets is in excess of six; and further to amend the law so that the loss of employment resulting from refusing to take part in a strike shall be considered to be unfair dismissal: And that Mr. Tony Baldry, Mr. Henry Bellingham, Mr. Christopher Chope, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. Michael Howard, Mr. Peter Lilley, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. Richard Ottaway, Mr. Andrew Stewart, and Mr. Richard Tracey, do prepare and bring it in.

Prevention of Intimidatory Picketing Bill,—Mr. Tony Baldry accordingly presented a Bill to place upon police authorities the duty to reclaim as a civil liability from the union involved any additional costs incurred in consequence of police having to attend any site when the number of pickets is in excess of six; and further to amend the law so that the loss of employment resulting from refusing to take part in a strike shall be considered to be unfair dismissal: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 211].

Estimates [2nd allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to the Resolution [2nd July], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 101 (Liaison Committee).

Estimates, 1984-85 (Class IX, Vote 8),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further sum not exceeding £342,548,000 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 1985 for expenditure by the Home Office on prisons (including central administrative staff) and associated stores in England and Wales, and the Parole Board—[Mr. Douglas Hurd];

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Class IX, Vote 8, be reduced by £1,000 in respect of Subhead A6(1) (Academic, physical and religious education of prisoners including the cost of seconded teachers; library services; vocational and construction industry training; recreational expenses)—[Mr. Harry Greenway];

The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The original Question was deferred, pursuant to paragraph 2(c) of Standing Order No. 19 (Consideration of Estimates).

Estimates, 1984-85 (Class VIII, Vote 5), A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further sum not exceeding £95,152,000 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 1985 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on housing administration; central administration including
royal commissions, committees, etc.; privatisation of hydraulics research station; the audit commission; payments in connection with licence fees; building construction and civil engineering research and environmental research and surveys—(Mr. William Waldegrave);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Question was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (2)(c) of Standing Order No. 19 (Consideration of Estimates).

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the deferred Questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings on Estimates, 1984-85, Class IX, Vote 8 and Class VIII, Vote 5.

Class IX, Vote 8

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £342,548,000 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 1985 for expenditure by the Home Office on prisons (including central administrative staff) and associated stores in England and Wales, and the Parole Board.

Class VIII, Vote 5

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £95,152,000 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 1985 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on housing administration; central administration including royal commissions, committees etc.; privatisation of hydraulics research station; the audit commission; payments in connection with licence fees; building construction and civil engineering research and environmental research and surveys.

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the remaining Estimates appointed for consideration this day.

Class VII, Vote 1

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £1,087,420,000 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 1985 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on subsidies, the option mortgage scheme, improvements and investment grants to housing associations and the Housing Corporation and sundry other housing services.

Class VIII, Vote 1

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £16,325,000 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 1985 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on assistance to the construction industry, other water supply, conservation and sewerage, local authority and other environmental services including recreation.

Class VIII, Vote 2

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £73,696,000 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 1985 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on other environmental services including grants in aid and international subscriptions, on grants in aid to the British Waterways Board and Development Commission, on bridgeworks and on developing Civil Defence water supply services.

Class VIII, Vote 4

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £59,956,000 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 1985 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment on royal palaces, etc., royal parks, etc., historic buildings, ancient monuments and certain public buildings, the national heritage, on grants in aid, other grants and on payments to Inland Revenue covering assets accepted in lieu of tax, and on the administration of those activities.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Transfer of persons connected with terrorism)—(Mr. Ivan Lawrence)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, the Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr. William Ross: 10.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 121.

Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 21, after the word 'secure' to insert the words 'following that transfer'.—(Mr. Alfred Dubs.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

"British Islands" means the totality of the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland.—(Mr. J. Enoch Powell.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:

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And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 110.
Tellers for the Noes, the Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr. William Ross: 8.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Public Petitions.—A Petition from registered electors in Newcastle upon Tyne for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Aldershot for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of South Norfolk for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes past One o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.3 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 4th July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Crofters (Scotland),—Copy of the Report of the Crofters Commission for 1983 [by Act].

Food,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th June 1984, entitled the Cheese (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 847) [by Act].

Public Health (Scotland),—Copies of Regulations, dated 20th June 1984, entitled—
(1) the Control of Pollution (Prescription of Underground Water) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 866), and
(2) the Control of Pollution (Territorial Sea) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 867)
[by Act].
Mr. Secretary King:

Industrial Training.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Board) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:


Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Customs and Excise.—Copy of the Report by the Department of Trade and Industry on the exercise of the powers conferred by certain sections of the European Communities Act 1972 and the Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Act 1979 for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 506].

Weights and Measures.—Drafts of Orders, entitled—
(1) the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cheese, Fish, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Meat and Poultry) Order 1984,
(2) the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Intoxicating Liquor) Order 1984, and
(3) the Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Miscellaneous Foods) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Public Health.—Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 21st June 1984, entitled the Control of Pollution (Territorial Sea) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 854),
(2) 22nd June 1984, entitled the Control of Pollution (Consents for Discharges) (Notices) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 864),
(3) 22nd June 1984, entitled the Control of Pollution (Consents for Discharges) (Secretary of State Functions) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 865), and
(4) 22nd June 1984, entitled the Control of Pollution (Radioactive Waste) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 863) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Education, Science and Arts.—Copy of the Government Response to the Second Report from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, Session 1982-83, on further and higher education in Northern Ireland [by Command] [Cmnd. 9278].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Education Support Grants Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Nicholas Baker, Mr. Tony Banks, Mr. Andrew F. Bennett, Mr. Roland Boyes, Mr. Martin Brandon-Bravo, Mr. Tim Brinton, Mr. Michael Carttiss, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Geoffrey Dickens, Mr. Bob Dunn, Mr. David Evennett, Mr. Martin Flannery, Mr. Clement Freud, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Harry Greenway, Mr. Peter Lloyd, Mr. Allan Rogers, and Mr. John Stradling Thomas.

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Motor Vehicles Tyres (Safety) Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Robert Adley, Mr. Gordon A. T. Bagier, Mr. Sydney Bidwell, Mr. John Butterfill, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Den Dover, Mr. Peter Fry, Mr. Ken Har Georges, Mr. Warren Hawsley, Mr. Tom Hooson, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Toby Jessel, Mr. Robert Parry, Mr. David Penhaligon, Mr. John Prescott, Mr. Robin Squire, Mr. Jack Thompson, and Mr. Alec Woodall.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. John Corrie, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Richard Hickmet, Mr. Michael Hirst, Mr. John Home Robertson, Mr. Charles Kennedy, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. John MacKay, Mr. David Maclean, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Gerald Malone, Mr. Martin O'Neill, Mr. Gavin Strang, and Mr. James White.

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Companies Acts...
Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Tropical Timber Organization (Legal Capacities) Order 1984, viz.: Sir Anthony Berry, Mr. Richard Body, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Sir John Farr, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Sir Paul Hawkins, Mr. David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr. Peter Hubbard-Miles, Mr. Andrew Hunter, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, Dr. M. S. Miller, Mr. William O’Brien, Mr. George Park, Mr. Terry Patchett, Mr. Tom Pendry, Mr. Malcolm Rifkind, and Mr. George Robertson.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Peter Bottomley, Mrs. Lynda Chalker, Mr. Tom Cox, Mrs. Edwina Currie, Mr. Terry Dicks, Mr. Cecil Franks, Mr. Conal Gregory, Mr. Robert Hayward, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Richard Holt, Mr. Gwilym Jones, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Michael McGuire, Mr. David Marshall, Mr. Stephen Ross, Mr. Peter Snape, and Mr. Robin Squire.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Export of Goods (Control) (Amendment No. 6) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Jonathan Aitken, Mr. David Ashby, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Paul Channon, Mr. Eric Cockeram, Mr. Michael Colvin, Mr. Andrew Faulds, Mr. Eric Forth, Mr. Ted Garrett, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. Ian Grist, Mr. Gerald Howarth, Mr. Robert B. Jones, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Mr. William McKelvey, Mr. Bob McTaggart, and Mr. Tim Sainsbury.

**[No. 186.]**

**Thursday 5th July 1984.**

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

**PRAYERS.**

Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 12th July.

County of Lancashire Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the County of Lancashire Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 12th July.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 12th July.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Liaison,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported, pursuant to Standing Order No. 101 (Liaison Committee), That the Committee had directed him to report the following recommendation for the allocation of time for consideration of Estimates on an allotted day (being the third allotted day in the present Session):

That a day not later than 5th August be allotted for the consideration of:

1. Estimates for the financial year 1984–85 relating to United Kingdom diplomatic representation in the Commonwealth Caribbean and aid to Grenada, namely:
   - Class II, Vote 1 (Overseas Representation: Diplomatic, Consular and other Foreign and Commonwealth Services)
      - Subhead A1 (Salaries)
   - Class II, Vote 8 (Overseas Aid)
      - Subhead C1 (Loans: allocated)
      - Subhead C2 (Grants: allocated)
Subhead D1(5) (Service overseas and regional technical cooperation programmes: Caribbean and Pacific).

2. Estimates for the financial year 1984-85 relating to the provision required for the work of the Property Services Agency, namely:
   - Class XIV, Vote 1 (Civil Accommodation Services) (PSA of the Department of the Environment)
     Subhead A3: Maintenance and Running Costs
     Subhead C1: Acquisitions and New Works costing over £100,000
   - Class XIV, Vote 2 (Administration and Miscellaneous Services) (PSA of the Department of the Environment)
     Subhead A2: General administrative expenses

and that debate on the Estimates in Class II be concluded not later than half-past Seven o'clock.

Scottish Anglers' Trust Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Scottish Anglers' Trust Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 26th October.

Trade Union Membership Rights Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the Trade Union Membership Rights Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 26th October.

People's Right to Fuel Bill,—The Order for reading a second time, to-morrow, the People's Right to Fuel Bill, was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time upon Friday 26th October.

Opposition day [18th allotted day],—The House proceeded to consider the business selected in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business).

National Health Service,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the damaging failure of the Government to provide sufficient resources for the National Health Service or stable conditions in which those working in the National Health Service can concentrate on patient care; deplores the suffering for individuals and families which has resulted from the Government's policies; calls for an end to the promotion of private medicine and contracting out of services to the detriment of the National Health Service; and recognises the desire of the British people for Labour's approach to the National Health Service which is to reverse the Tory emphasis on cuts and closures and the drift to centralised control and to provide adequate funding for the proper development of community and preventive care throughout the country and a new framework for genuine democratic accountability—(Mr. Michael Meacher);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'congratulates the Government on its record of increasing the resources and efficiency of the National Health Service; applauds the higher level of service provided by the National Health Service and its staff which this has made possible; and supports the Government in its determination to maintain and develop a modern health service, giving maximum value to the public as patients and taxpayers', instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Fowler)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

Mr. Michael Cocks rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Home Robertson: 174.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 297.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Austin Mitchell: 195.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.
Resolved, That this House congratulates the Government on its record of increasing the resources and efficiency of the National Health Service; applauds the higher level of service provided by the National Health Service and its staff which this has made possible; and supports the Government in its determination to maintain and develop a modern health service, giving maximum value to the public as patients and taxpayers.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 14th June, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Prior);

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.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. John McWilliam: 70.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 14th June, be approved.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Reigate for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Cambridge for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in Wimbledon for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in Chesham and Amersham for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Douglas Hogg);

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-four minutes to One o'clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.36 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 5th July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 49, 1984).—Copy of a Co-operation Agreement, done at Algiers on 26th April 1976, between the European Economic Community and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria and Agreement between the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria (with Final Act) [by Command] [Cmnd. 9265].
MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Spence Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Education Support Grants Regulations 1984; Miss Betty Boothroyd Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Companies Acts (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) (No. 2) Order 1984; Mr. James Lamond Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft International Tropical Timber Organization (Legal Capacities) Order 1984; Mr. John Hunt Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1984; and Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Export of Goods (Control) (Amendment No. 6) Order 1984.

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The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from registered electors in Croydon for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from registered electors in the borough of Stockton on Tees for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Video Recordings Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Video Recordings Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 12 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 13:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Graham Bright):
And it being Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings pursuant to Standing Order No. 5 (Friday sittings).

**Video Recordings Bill.**—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Video Recordings Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 13:
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 14 to 35 were agreed to.

**Cycle Tracks Bill.**—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Cycle Tracks Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 and 4 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

**Child Abduction Bill.**—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Child Abduction Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 7 were agreed to.

**Caravan and Tent Sites Bill.**—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Caravan and Tent Sites Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. Laurie Pavitt 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.

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

**Green Belt (Preservation from Development) Bill.**—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Green Belt (Preservation from Development) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 9th July.

**Criminal Law Act 1977 (Amendment) Bill.**—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law Act 1977 (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 9th July.

**Working Conditions of Government Trainees (No. 2) Bill.**—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Conditions of Government Trainees (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 26th October.

**Tour Operators (Advertising of Foreign Holidays) Bill.**—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tour Operators (Advertising of Foreign Holidays) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 26th October.

**Straw and Stubble Burning (Control) Bill.**—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Straw and Stubble Burning (Control) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 26th October.

**Glue Abuse (Prevention) Bill.**—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Glue Abuse (Prevention) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 9th July.

**Limitation of Sales of Solvents Bill.**—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Limitation of Sales of Solvents Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 9th July.

**Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill.**—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 18th November, That the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 27th July.

**Local Authorities (Prevention of Expenditure on Party Political Advertising) Bill.**—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Prevention of Expenditure on Party Political Advertising) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 26th October.
Diplomatic Immunity (Revision and Interpretation) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Diplomatic Immunity (Revision and Interpretation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 26th October.

Cheque Book Journalism (Declaration of Payments for Newspaper Stories) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cheque Book Journalism (Declaration of Payments for Newspaper Stories) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 26th October.

Rent Acts (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rent Acts (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 9th July.

Co-ownership of Flats Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Co-ownership of Flats Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday 26th October.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. —(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 3.26 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 6th July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Value Added Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th July 1984, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 929) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Security,—Copies of—

(1) the Report by the Government Actuary on the draft of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1984,
(2) the Report of the Social Security Advisory Committee on the Supplementary Benefit (Requirements and Resources) Amendment Regulations 1984, the Supplementary Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1984 and the Child Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1984, and
(3) the Statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Housing Benefits Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9290, 9296 and 9295].

Housing,—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 3rd July 1984, entitled the Housing Benefits Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 940), and
(2) 5th July 1984, entitled the Housing Benefits (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 941)
[by Act].

Social Security,—Copies of Regulations, dated 3rd July, entitled—

(1) the Child Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 939), and
(2) the Supplementary Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 938)
[by Act].

Social Security,—Drafts of Orders, entitled—

(1) the Pensioners' Lump Sum Payments Order 1984, and
(2) the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1984
[by Act].
PRAYERS.

Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable),—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

Aylesbury Vale District Council Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 9th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 446-x].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-eighth Report) [Procurement of NHS supplies].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 550].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 550].

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-ninth Report) [Dispensing of Drugs in the NHS].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 551].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 551].
Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-first Report) [Control of Manpower in Non-Departmental Public Bodies sponsored by the Department of Education and Science].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 432].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 432].

Social Services.—Mrs Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 9th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-xiii].

Treasury and Civil Service.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Seventh Report) [The Fontainebleau Summit Agreement].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 538].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 538].

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Board) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the Homes Insulation Grants Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 838) be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Sport and Recreation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House, whilst recognising the contribution of Her Majesty’s Government to both international and national sport, nevertheless considers that greater priority should be given to encouraging people of all ages to participate in sport, recognising and promoting excellence in sport, and coordinating the efforts of the various governing bodies of sports; and further considers that, in recognising the value of a fit and healthy nation, Her Majesty’s Government should actively encourage offices, businesses and factories to include sports facilities and the use of those facilities in the work place—(Mr. David Ashby);

And it being Seven o’clock, proceedings thereon lapsed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of Public Business).
Another Clause (General interpretation)—(Mr. Douglas Hurd)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Directions in the interests of public service broadcasting)—(Mr. Douglas Hurd)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Inclusion of sound recordings and cinematograph films in cable programmes)—(Mr. Douglas Hurd)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Provision of additional teletext services)—(Mr. Douglas Hurd)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (National advisory committees)—(Mr. Gordon Wilson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mr. Dafydd Wigley: 102.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 204.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 5) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 16, to leave out the word ' twelve ' and insert the word ' fifteen ', instead thereof.—(Mr. Douglas Hurd.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Donald Thompson, Mr. Ian Lang: 202.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Donald Dixon: 79.

Other Amendments (Nos. 8 to 10, and 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

' (h) The extent to which the applicant or each applicant proposes to provide, or secure the provision of, information about community activities in the area.

(i) The extent to which and the time within which the applicant or each applicant will provide the service throughout the area.

(j) The extent to which the applicant or each applicant will have adequate financial resources and a significant level of local ownership amongst its shareholders.

(k) The size of the area and the extent to which the area contains localities with different degrees of profit potential.

(l) Whether more than one licence can be granted to avoid the creation of a monopoly.

(m) The extent to which the applicant or each applicant is independent of other holders of a licence for a prescribed diffusion service both as to finance and control'.—(Mr. Clement Freud.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 34, after the word ' Community ', to insert the words ' and has no shareholding of over 10 per cent. controlled from outside it '.—(Mr. Austin Mitchell.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 18A, and 19 to 23) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 24, at the end, to insert the words—

' (e) that any games of chance, lotteries, football pools, betting, bingo, newspaper or other prize competitions be not permitted whether or not they require a payment in order to participate, except for competitions involving studio audience participation '.—(Mr. Gerald Bermingham.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords] and the consideration of Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments to the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded to consider the Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.
Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 25) be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 30) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 31) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 3, at the end, to insert the words ' in the case of such of the programmes included in a licensed service as are in the opinion of the Authority comparable to ITV or to the programmes included in a local sound broadcasting service and '.—(Mr. Tim Brinton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 3, at the end, to insert the words ' in the case of such of the programmes included in a licensed service as are in the opinion of the Authority comparable to ITV or to the programmes included in a local sound broadcasting service and '.—(Mr. Clement Freud.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 42) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 34, to leave out from the word ' which ' to the end of line 3 on page 15, and insert the words ' is specified in Schedule (protected events) ', instead thereof.—(Mr. Clement Freud.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 42, after the word ' services ', to insert the words ' on conditions which in the opinion of the Authority adversely affect the financial terms on which a broadcasting authority could acquire rights to those events '.—(Mr. Tim Brinton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 70) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 1, at the beginning, to insert the words ' Unless a right of reply has been offered and used within two weeks of the transmission of an item which gives rise to complaint by an individual, then '.—(Mr. Austin Mitchell.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 78) proposed to the Bill, in page 29, line 8, at the end, to insert the words ' and that it is not excluded material or special procedure material as defined in section 9 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 '.—(Mr. Robin Corbett.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 138) proposed to the Bill, in page 33, line 40, at the beginning, to insert the words—

'(a) Every contract between the IBA and a DBS programme contractor shall contain all such provisions as the IBA think necessary or expedient to ensure that nothing shall impair the supply of programmes provided by persons who are nationals or residents of countries within the European Economic Community or companies resident within the European Economic Community and otherwise than from persons of any of the following descriptions, namely a TV or DBS programme contractor or a body corporate under the control of a TV or DBS programme contractor'.—(Mr. Roger Gale.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Other Amendments (Nos. 102 to 115) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 116) proposed to the Bill, in page 35, line 23, to leave out the word ' six ' and insert the word ' nine ', instead thereof.—(Mr. John Gorst.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 117) proposed to the Bill, in page 35, line 39, to leave out the words ' the Secretary of State after consultation with '.—(Mr. John Gorst.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 119 and 122) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 124) proposed to the Bill, in page 37, line 5, at the end, to insert the words ' but does not include any aspect relating to the nature and
characteristics of the programming that has been or may be broadcast by that corporate body.'—(Mr. John Gorst.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 125 to 130, and 132) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 133) proposed to the Bill, in page 37, line 36, after the word 'programmes', to insert the words 'by companies which participate in the "programme provider" for DBS'.—(Mr. Austin Mitchell.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 139 to 148, 155 to 164, and 166 to 181) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 182) proposed to the Bill, in page 64, line 38, to leave out the word 'licensable' and insert the words 'cable programme', instead thereof.—(Mr. Tim Brinton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 183 to 189) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to several of the Amendments made by this House to the Agricultural Holdings Bill [Lords] ; and the same were agreed to.

Estimates.—Resolved, That this House agrees with the Report [5th July] of the Liaison Committee.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the intervals between stages of Bills brought in upon Ways and Means Resolutions, more than one stage of the Finance (No. 2) Bill may be taken at any sitting of the House.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Poole for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in Guildford for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in Richmond and Barnes for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the preservation of the present system was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to Two o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.54 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 9th July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Comptroller and Auditor General,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Comptroller and Auditor General (Examination of Accounts) Order 1984 [by Act].
Mr Secretary Brittan:

Gaming.—Copy of the Report of the Gaming Board for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 496].

Local Government.—Copy of an Order, dated 28th June 1984, entitled the Recreation Grounds (Revocation of Parish Council Byelaws) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 906) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Overseas Aid.—Draft of an Order, entitled the Caribbean Development Bank (Further Payments) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Gas.—Copies of the Reports of—

(1) the Gas Consumers’ Council for the North West, and
(2) the North Eastern Gas Consumers’ Council
for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Tourism.—Copy of the Report of the English Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Local Government.—Copy of an Order, dated 18th June 1984, entitled the Local Government (Boundaries) (Supplemental) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 209) [by Act].

Northern Ireland Assembly.—Copy of the Report by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on the Consultative Paper on school holiday arrangements [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic.—Copies of Regulations, dated 18th June 1984, entitled—

(1) the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 816),
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 813),
(3) the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Track Laying Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 817),
(4) the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 815),
(5) the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 812), and
(6) the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 814)
[by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [8th June] from loyal subjects of Her Majesty for a Pelican crossing on Wareham Road, Corfe Mullen, between the chemist’s shop and the grocer’s shop [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Legal Aid.—Copy of the Legal Aid Annual Reports for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 466].

[No. 189]

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The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Cardiff City Council Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Cardiff City Council Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Anglian Water Authority (King’s Lynn Tidal Defences) Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Anglian Water Authority (King’s Lynn Tidal Defences) Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Merseyside Development Corporation Bill.—Ordered, That the Merseyside Development Corporation Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday 17th July.
Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Amendments made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Piece Hall, Halifax (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. John Ward reported from the Committee on the Piece Hall, Halifax (No. 2) Bill, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill, but the same not having been proved to its satisfaction, it had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment.

Bill to lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Absence of a Member).—Mr. Robert N. Wareing reported from the Committee on the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill, That Mr. Martin Redmond, one of the Members of the Committee, had absented himself from his duties on the Committee this day.

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Richard Alexander reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-fourth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xliv].

Education, Science and Arts.—Sir William van Straubenzee reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 10th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 504-ii].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Sir Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 5th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Social Services.—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 10th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-xiv].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Spence reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Education Support Grants Regulations 1984, referred to a Committee on 2nd July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 552].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Mental Health (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Animal Health and Welfare Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Intoxicating Liquor) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cheese, Fish, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Meat and Poultry) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Comptroller and Auditor General (Examination of Accounts) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)
Access to Personal Files.—**Ordered,** That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide access for private individuals to certain classes of information maintained by certain authorities and institutions: And that Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Jerry Hayes, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. Allan Roberts, Clare Short, and Mr. James Wallace, do prepare and bring it in.

Access to Personal Files Bill.—Mr. Chris Smith accordingly presented a Bill to provide access for private individuals to certain classes of information maintained by certain authorities and institutions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday 26th July and to be printed [Bill 212].

European Community Affairs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the White Paper on Developments in the European Community from July to December 1983, Cmd. 9214; and of Community Documents Nos. 4972/84 and 4972/1/84, a communication from the Commission to the Council on budgetary discipline; 5427/84, a communication from the Commission to the Council on the future financing of the Community; 4812/84, the Sixth Commission Report on the implementation of supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom; 6240/84, the Commission Report on the application of Regulations 625/83 and specific measures of Community interest relating to energy strategy; 7922/84, the preliminary draft budget of the European Communities for 1985; and 6681/84, a Commission proposal for a Council regulation introducing the measures to cover budgetary requirements in 1984 given the exhaustion of own resources; and welcomes the successful outcome of the European Council in Fontainebleau which secured a fair settlement to the problem of budgetary imbalances, a commitment to effective control of Community expenditure, and a sound basis for further development of the Community.—(Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 12, to leave out from the word 'resources' to the end of the Question and add the words 'regrets that the outcome of the European Council in Fontainebleau does not provide for a lasting equitable system for Community financing reflecting the relative prosperity of member states or for strict budgetary control of agricultural expenditure, but will result in a reduced level of rebate for the United Kingdom and an increase in the United Kingdom's net contributions, and does not believe that this settlement establishes a case for an increase in own resources', instead thereof.—(Mr. Robin F. Cook.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. John Home Robertson: 188.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather: 353.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather: 345.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Frank Haynes: 184.

So the Question was agreed to.

**Resolved,** That this House takes note of the White Paper on Developments in the European Community from July to December 1983, Cmd. 9214; and of Community Documents Nos. 4972/84 and 4972/1/84, a communication from the Commission to the Council on budgetary discipline; 5427/84, a communication from the Commission to the Council on the future financing of the Community; 4812/84, the Sixth Commission Report on the implementation of supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom; 6240/84, the Commission Report on the application of Regulations 625/83 and specific measures of Community interest relating to energy strategy; 7922/84, the preliminary draft budget of the European Communities for 1985; and 6681/84, a Commission proposal for a Council regulation introducing the measures to cover budgetary requirements in 1984 given the exhaustion of own resources; and welcomes the successful outcome of the European Council in Fontainebleau which secured a fair settlement to the problem of budgetary imbalances, a commitment to effective control of Community expenditure, and a sound basis for further development of the Community.

Anti-dumping and Anti-subsidy.—**Resolved,** That this House takes note of European Community Document No. 9272/1/83, the first Annual Report of the Commission on the Community's anti-dumping and anti-subsidy legislation; and supports the Government's intention to ensure that the Commission's action in this field continues to take full account of United Kingdom interests.—(Mr. Paul Channon.)
Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved—(Mr. Adam Butler);

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the draft Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Warrington South for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in North Wiltshire for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Chertsey and Walton for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Woking for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to One o'clock, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.54 a.m.

APPENDIX

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Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Police,—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary for 1983 [by Act] ; to be printed [No. 528].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 12, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, done at Brussels on 29th February 1984, extending and amending the Co-operation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden on a European Research and Development Programme in the field of the recycling of urban and industrial waste [by Command] [Cmnd. 9274].

Treaty Series (No. 52, 1984),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at New Delhi on 2nd April 1984, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of India amending the route schedules annexed to the Air Services Agreement of 1951, as amended [by Command] [Cmnd. 9273].

Treaty Series (No. 53, 1984),—Copy of Notes, exchanged at Rome on 12th April 1984 and at London on 19th April 1984, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Director General of the Multinational Force and Observers concerning the extension of the commitment of the British Component of the Multinational Force in the Sinai [by Command] [Cmnd. 9299].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Tourism,—Statement of increase of salary of the Chairman and Members of the Scottish Tourist Board [by Act].
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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Intoxicating Liquor) Order 1984, the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cheese, Fish, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Meat and Poultry) Order 1984 and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Miscellaneous Foods) Order 1984 to the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Comptroller and Auditor General (Examination of Accounts) Order 1984 to the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Board) Order 1984 to the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the Homes Insulation Grants Order 1984 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

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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; and a Paper was withdrawn (see Appendix I).

Employment.—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 556-i].

European Legislation.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-second Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 78-xxxii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xxxii].
Foreign Affairs.—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th July. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 251-iv].

Home Affairs.—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th July. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 474-iv].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services.—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed her to make to the House; and had directed her to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report) [Public Expenditure on the Social Services]. Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 395]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 395].

Social Services.—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th July. Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-xv].

Welsh Grand Committee.—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of Housing and urban development in Wales, referred to it on 24th May, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 557].

Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr. Donald Coleman reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, that it had considered the matter of Rural affairs in Wales, referred to it on 26th June, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 557].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Miss Betty Boothroyd reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Companies Acts (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) (No. 2) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 2nd July. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 554].

Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That the matter of the Health service in Scotland, being a matter relating exclusively to Scotland, be referred to the Scottish Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Lead in Paint.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require that all paint sold for use on private residential accommodation, or for public institutions where people gather, shall contain less than 600 parts per million of lead in the dry film; that all cans of new paint shall clearly indicate their lead level and all cans containing more than 600 parts per million bear a conspicuous health warning and information on statutory restrictions on use; that all consignments of paint to retail outlets shall contain advice and guidance to customers; that all advertising and publicity shall contain information on lead levels and health warnings; and that all sales to the general public of paints with high lead content shall be prohibited: And that Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. David Alton, Mr. Alfred Dubs, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Charles Irving, Mr. Jeff Rooker, and Mr. Martin Stevens, do prepare and bring it in.

Lead in Paint Bill.—Mr. Austin Mitchell accordingly presented a Bill to require that all paint sold for use on private residential accommodation, or for public institutions where people gather, shall contain less than 600 parts per million of lead in the dry film; that all cans of new paint shall clearly indicate their lead level and all cans containing more than 600 parts per million bear a conspicuous health warning and information on statutory restrictions on use; that all consignments of paint to retail outlets shall contain advice and guidance to customers; that all advertising and publicity shall contain information on lead levels and health warnings; and that all sales to the general public of paints with high lead content shall be prohibited: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th October and to be printed [Bill 213].
Ways and Means.—Value Added Tax: Interest in reconstructed protected buildings,—

Resolved, That, notwithstanding the Resolution (Amendment of the law) of 19th March, in relation to a building which is—

(a) a listed building, within the meaning of—
   (i) the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, or
   (ii) the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972, or
   (iii) the Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, or

(b) a scheduled monument, within the meaning of—
   (i) the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, or
   (ii) the Historic Monuments Act (Northern Ireland) 1971,

provision may be made for zero-rating the granting, by a person carrying out certain works of reconstruction in relation to the building, of a major interest in, or in any part of, the building or its site; and in this Resolution “ a major interest ” has the same meaning as in the Value Added Tax Act 1983.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

Finance (No. 2) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Finance (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Finance (No. 2) Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, new Clauses, amendments relating to Clause 1, Schedule 1, Clauses 2 to 4, Schedule 2, Clauses 5 to 7, Schedule 3, Clause 8, Schedule 4, Clause 9, Schedule 5, Clause 10, Schedule 6, Clauses 11 to 17, Schedule 7, Clauses 18 to 27, Schedule 8, Clauses 28 to 36, Schedule 9, Clauses 37 and 38, Schedule 10, Clauses 39 to 49, Schedule 11, Clauses 50 to 57, Schedule 12, Clauses 58 to 62, Schedule 13, Clauses 63 to 68, Schedule 14, Clauses 69 to 74, Schedule 15, Clauses 75 to 81, Schedule 16, Clauses 82 to 84, Schedule 16, Clauses 85 to 87, Schedule 18, Clauses 88 to 93, Schedule 19, Clause 94, Schedule 20, Clauses 95 to 105, Schedule 21, Clauses 106 to 124, Schedule 22, Clause 125, new Schedules and amendments relating to Schedule 23.—(Mr. Michael Neubert.)

A Clause (Capital transfer tax: relief for stud farms)—(Mr. John Moore)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 350.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Austin Mitchell, Mr. James Hamilton: 172.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Share incentive schemes: exemption for certain acquisitions)—(Mr. John Moore)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Disclaimer of writing-down and first-year allowances)—(Mr. John Moore)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment made to the proposed Clause, in subsection (7), by leaving out the words ‘ reduced allowance or allowances referred to in paragraph (c) of that subsection bears to what that amount would have been apart from the reduction ’ and inserting the words ‘ reduction mentioned in paragraph (c) of that subsection bears to what the amount of the allowance or allowances would have been apart from that reduction ’, instead thereof.—(Mr. John Moore.)

Clause, as amended, added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Expenditure on production or acquisition of films, etc.)—(Mr. John Moore)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Gas and electricity industries)—(Mr. Roy Hattersley)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather: 318.

Another Clause (Taxation of long-term unemployed)—(Mr. Jeff Rooker)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 174.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen: 312.
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Another Clause (Parliamentary control of extra-statutory concessions)—(Mr. Terry Davis)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Don Dixon: 99.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 273.

Another Clause (Tax avoidance and evasion)—(Mr. Roy Hattersley)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. John Home Robertson: 72.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. John Major: 238.

Another Clause (Saving for postponed accounting system for value-added tax on spirits, beer, wine, made-wine and cider)—(Mr. Bowen Wells)—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 (Section 80 Finance Act 1981)—(Sir William Clark)—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 (Employer-provided nurseries)—(Mr. Terry Davis)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Allen McKay: 58.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 220.

Another Clause (Business expansion scheme)—(Sir William Clark)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:
Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Tax incentive to protect the arts in Britain—allowance against income tax)—(Mr. Tim Rathbone)—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. 95) proposed to the Bill, in page 125, line 38, after the words ' Northern Ireland ', to insert the words ' or which (whenever registered) is of less than 1300cc '.(Mr James Wallace.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 11.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert. Mr. John Major: 195.

Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 140, line 14, to leave out from the word ' substituted ' to the end of line 15, and insert the words—

'(a) in the course of the construction or demolition of, or
(b) in a case where Note (4) below applies, in the course of the alteration of'.

instead thereof.—(Mr. John Hannam.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Hannam, Mr. Tim Yeo: 132.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. John Major: 248.

Other Amendments (Nos. 5, 6, 98 to 112, 14, 21, 23 to 26, 178, 27, 28, and 30 to 36) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 113) proposed to the Bill, in page 35, line 36, at the end, to insert the words—

" (9) This section shall not apply to stocks of maturing Scotch whisky held in the course of trade ".—(Mr. James Wallace.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 37 and 40 to 43) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 152) proposed to the Bill, in page 43, line 3, after " (1) ", to insert the words " Except as provided in subsection (3) below ".—(Mr. James Wallace.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 44, 46, 49, 50, 53, 161 and 162) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 54) proposed to the Bill, in page 162, line 46, at the end, to insert the words—

" (4) The provisions of Part I of this Schedule do not apply to so much of any capital expenditure incurred before 1st April 1989 on an old industrial building situated in a textile closure area as defined in Article 2(e) of the Council of the European Communities Regulation (EEC) 219/84 and which was constructed before 1st June 1934 ".—(Mr. John Heddle.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 55 to 74, 125 to 130, 163 to 133, 164 to 167, 136 to 150, and 168) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 75) proposed to the Bill, in page 51, line 32, to leave out the word " if " and insert the words " to the extent (but only to the extent) that ", instead thereof.—(Mr. Tim Smith.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 179, 169 to 172, 119 to 121, 180, 114, 122, 115 to 118, 155 and 156) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 97) proposed to the Bill, in page 88, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

" (1A) Where an offshore income gain arises by reason of the fact that the offshore fund has been a non-qualifying fund for part only of the period of ownership of the material interest of the person making the disposal and it would have been a distributing fund but for subsection (3)(a), (b) or (c) of Section 93 of this Act, the offshore income gain shall be reduced by the proportion that the number of account periods comprised within the said period of ownership for which the fund has been certified as a distributing fund bears to the total number of account periods comprised within that period. Provided that the offshore income gain shall not be less than the income available for distribution but not distributed in respect of the interest of which that person has disposed for the account periods for which the offshore fund was not certified as a distributing fund. For the purpose of this subsection income available for distribution shall include capital profits realised upon the disposal or part disposal of the interest or interests of the fund that caused the fund to be a non-qualifying fund during the said period of ownership ".—(Sir William Clark.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:— Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 88 to 92) made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time this day.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in Bristol and Kingswood for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Sheffield Central for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Government Communications Headquarters trades unions for the revocation of the decision to ban trades unions at the Government Communications Headquarters and to remove rights under employment protection...
legislation was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fifteen minutes past Twelve o'clock on Thursday afternoon, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.15 p.m.

APPENDIX I

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Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
- Electricity, Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 6th July 1984 on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].
- National Health Service, Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 29th June 1984 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:
- Value Added Tax, Copy of an Order, dated 10th July 1984, entitled the Value Added Tax (Handicapped Persons) (No. 2) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 959) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
- Fire Services, Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire Services for 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9277].
- Broadcasting, Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 523].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
- Animals, Copies of Orders, dated 22nd June 1984, entitled—
  (1) the Licensing of Venison Dealers (Application Procedures etc.) (Scotland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 922), and
  (2) the Licensing of Venison Dealers (Prescribed Forms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 899) [by Act].
- Parole, Copy of the Report of the Parole Board for Scotland for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 515].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
- Health Service Commissioner, Copy of the Fifth Report of the Health Service Commissioner, Session 1983-84, being the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 537].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
- Consumer Protection, Copy of a Paper, entitled the Safety of Goods [by Command] [Cmnd. 9302].
- Consumer Credit, Copy of an Order, dated 3rd July 1984, entitled the Consumer Credit (Exempt Agreements) (Amendment No. 2) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 917) [by Act].
- Gas, Copy of the Report of the National Gas Consumers' Council for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].
- Industry, Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State under section 3 of the Industry Act 1980 on BL plc for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
- Food, Draft of Regulations, entitled the Dairy Produce Quotas Regulations 1984 [by Act].
- Sea Fisheries, Copy of an Order, dated 29th June 1984, entitled the Southampton Water (Chilling) Oyster Fishery Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 907) [by Act].
- Seeds, Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd July 1984, entitled the Seeds (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 910) [by Act].
Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Copy of the Seventh Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1983-84 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 548].

Paper withdrawn and Order to lie upon the Table discharged:
Food,—Draft Dairy Produce Quotas Regulations 1984 [laid 27th June].

APPENDIX II
Committee of Selection

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Intoxicating Liquor) Order 1984, the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cheese, Fish, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Meat and Poultry) Order 1984, and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Miscellaneous Foods) Order 1984, viz: Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Alexander Fletcher, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. Colin Moynihan, Mr. Gerrard Neale, Mrs. Elizabeth Peacock, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr. Peter Rost, Mrs. Angela Rumbold, Mr. Roger Sins, Mr. Michael Stern, Mr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Tom Torney, Mr. Alan Williams, and Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Comptroller and Auditor General (Examination of Accounts) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Mark Fisher, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Dr. Oonagh McDonald, Mr. Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Cranley Onslow, Mr. Tim Renton, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Jonathan Sayeed, Miss Clare Short, Mr. Ivor Stanbrook, Mr. Cyril D. Townsend, Mr. Richard Wainwright, Mr. Ken Weetch, Mr. John Wilkinson, and Mr. David Winnick.

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Board) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Joe Ashton, Mr. Bernard Conlan, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Ron Leighton, Mr. David Lightbown, Mr. Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr. Humphrey Malins, Mr. Peter Morrison, Mr. David Mudd, Mr. Richard Page, Mr. George Park, Mr. James Pauvey, Mr. David Penhalligan, Mr. Stuart Randall, Sir Hugh Rossi, Mr. Tom Sackville, Mr. Barry Sheerman, and Sir Dudley Smith.

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Homes Insulation Grants Order 1984, viz.: Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Peter Hardy, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Geoffrey Lothhouse, Mr. John Major, Mr. John Maples, Mr. Michael Mates, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. K. Harvey Proctor, Mr. Tim Rathbone, Mr. Allon Roberts, Mrs. Marion Roe, Mr. Colin Shepherd, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Tony Speller, Mr. Richard Tracey, and Sir George Young.

MEMORANDUM

Wednesday 12th July 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Sir Michael Shaw Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Motor Vehicles' Tyres (Safety) Regulations 1984; Mr. John Spence Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1984; Mr. Michael Morris Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Comptroller and Auditor General (Examination of Accounts) Order 1984; Mr. David Knox Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Board) Order 1984; Sir Philip Holland Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the Homes Insulation Grants Order 1984; and Mr. James Lamond and Mr. Alexander Pollock Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the following Scottish Estimates:—Class XV, Vote 1, Agricultural support, Scotland, Class XV, Vote 2, Agricultural services and fisheries, Scotland, Class XV, Vote 6, Roads, transport and environmental services, Scotland, Class XV, Vote 7, Local transport services, Scotland, Class XV, Vote 24, Scottish Office administration.
CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 127 (Chairmen’s Panel), Mr. Speaker nominated Mr. Alexander Pollock to be a member of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

[No. 191.]

Thursday 12th July 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Royal Assent,—Mr. Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, that Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:


Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Amendments made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 19th July.

County of Lancashire Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the County of Lancashire Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday 19th July.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 19th July.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr. Robert N. Wareing reported from the Committee on the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill, that for the convenience of Parties the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 17th July at Eleven o’clock.

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committee).—Mr. Barry Porter reported from the Committee on the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill, that for the convenience of Members the Committee had adjourned till Thursday 19th July at half-past Ten o’clock.

Scottish Estimates.—Mr. Alexander Pollock reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, that it had considered the Estimates referred to it, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 560].
Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. James Lamond reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft International Tropical Timber Organization (Legal Capacities) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 3rd July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 558].

Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Hunt reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1984, referred to a Committee on 2nd July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 559].

Finance (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Finance (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 331.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Austin Mitchell : 168.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Capital Transfer Tax Bill [Lords].—The Capital Transfer Tax Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committeed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. John Major.)

Committee to-morrow.

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at the next sitting of the House on which Motions are moved on behalf of the Committee of Selection, such Motions may be proceeded with, though opposed, for one and a half hours after the first Motion has been entered upon, and, if proceedings on the Motions have not been disposed of by that hour, any Amendments to the first Motion which may have been selected by Mr. Speaker may be moved, the Questions thereon shall be put forthwith, and Mr. Speaker shall then put the Question upon the said Motion and any Questions necessary to dispose of the other Motions and of any Amendments moved thereto which have been selected by him ; and that, notwithstanding the practice of the House, each Motion shall be regarded as a single Motion—(Mr. John Major) ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather : 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Simon Hughes, Mr. Mike Hancock : 10.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, at the next sitting of the House on which Motions are moved on behalf of the Committee of Selection, such Motions may be proceeded with, though opposed, for one and a half hours after the first Motion has been entered upon, and, if proceedings on the Motions have not been disposed of by that hour, any Amendments to the first Motion which may have been selected by Mr. Speaker may be moved, the Questions thereon shall be put forthwith, and Mr. Speaker shall then put the Question upon the said Motion and any Questions necessary to dispose of the other Motions and of any Amendments moved thereto which have been selected by him ; and that, notwithstanding the practice of the House, each Motion shall be regarded as a single Motion.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Vale of Glamorgan for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Bath for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. John Major.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes to Nine o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 8.52 p.m.]
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
European Communities (No. 13, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 1st February 1984, between the European Economic Community and the Government of Canada concerning their fisheries relations [by Command] [Cmnd. 9284].

Miscellaneous (No. 16, 1984),—Copy of a Resolution to amend the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966, adopted by the Thirteenth Session of the Assembly of the International Maritime Organisation on 17th November 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9285].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Countryside,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th June 1984, entitled the Nature Conservancy Council (Byelaws) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 918) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th June 1984, entitled the Education (Teacher Training Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 893) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Local Government,—Reports, entitled—
(1) the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) 1984-85,
(2) the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 2) 1982-83, and
(3) the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 4) 1981-82
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 536, 535 and 534].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Local Government,—Reports, entitled—
(1) the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report 1984-85, and
(2) the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary (No. 2) Report 1982-83
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 520 and 519].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Transport,—Copy of a Paper, entitled Buses [by Command] [Cmnd. 9300].

Mr. John Biffen:
Parliament,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Lord Chancellor’s Salary Order 1984 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Services on the Petition [15th June] from Rita Barton and others for the maintenance of all existing facilities at Sheppey General Hospital Unit for Maternity until the proposed new Swale Hospital is completed [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [25th May] from residents of Perivale for an inquiry into the traffic situation at the entrance to the Medway Estate in Perivale [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Tourism,—Copy of the Accounts of the Wales Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1984, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 555].
MEMORANDUM
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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. John Forrester Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Intoxicating Liquor) Order 1984, the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cheese, Fish, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Meat and Poultry) Order 1984 and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Miscellaneous Foods) Order 1984.

[No. 192.]

Friday 13th July 1984.

PRAYERS.
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Defence.—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [The Physical Security of Military Installations in the United Kingdom].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 397]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 397].

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Carol Mather);

And it being Eleven o’clock, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings pursuant to Standing Order No. 5 (Friday sittings).

Adjournment.—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Friday 13th July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
London Regional Transport.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on borrowing by London Regional Transport [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Iron and Steel.—Draft of an Order, entitled the British Steel Corporation (Borrowing Powers) Order 1984 [by Act].

Telecommunications.—Copy of an Order, dated 10th July 1984, entitled the Telecommunications (Street Works) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 960) [by Act].

_Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:_

Welsh Development Agency.—Copy of the Accounts of the Welsh Development Agency for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 561].

**MEMORANDUM**

_Friday 13th July 1984_

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees) Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ian Campbell and Mr. Hugh McCartney Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of the matter of the Health service in Scotland.

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_Monday 16th July 1984._

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

**PRAYERS.**

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Twenty-fifth Report) [Financial Assistance to De Lorean Motor Cars Limited].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 127].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 127].

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Treasury and Civil Service.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Eighth Report) [Acceptance of Outside Appointments by Crown Servants].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 302].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 302].

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate in relation to Scotland certain enactments relating to rents and tenants' rights and connected matters; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Rent (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to foster children as they have effect in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Foster Children (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to re-enact with amendments certain local enactments in force within the borough of Bournemouth; to confer further powers on the Bournemouth Borough Council; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].
Rent (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Rent (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 214].

Foster Children (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Foster Children (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 215].

Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Michael Neubert);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 929), dated 5th July 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th July, be annulled—(Mr. Jeff Rooker);

The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft International Tropical Timber Organization (Legal Capacities) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 18th June, be approved—(Mr. Ian Lang) :—It was agreed to.

Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Education Support Grants Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved—(Mr. Ian Lang) :—It was agreed to.

Consumer Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Pedal Bicycles (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved—(Mr. Ian Lang) :—It was agreed to.

Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Companies Acts (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) (No. 2) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 25th June, be approved—(Mr. Ian Lang) :—It was agreed to.

Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—A Motion being made, That the Appointment of Bishops Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament—(Sir William van Straubenzee);

Mr. John Biffen, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of the Motion, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being proposed ;

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And the Question being put ;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir William van Straubenzee, Mr. Christopher Murphy : 17.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Powell, Mr. Jerry Wiggin : 32.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in Hillingdon for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in Barnet and Hendon for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute past One o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.1 a.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 16th July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Museums and Galleries.—Statement of increase in indemnities for objects loaned to the National Galleries of Scotland [by Command].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Trade.—Return in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 14th November 1983 for a Return relating to overseas trade for each month during 1984, for May.
Telecommunications.—Copy of an Order, dated 16th July 1984, entitled the British Telecommunications plc (Extinguishment of Loans) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 992) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Water.—Copy of an Order, dated 27th June 1984, entitled the Welsh Water Authority (Afon-y-bedol) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 908) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Food.—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Dairy Produce Quotas (Definition of Base Year Revision Claims) Regulations 1984 [by Act].

[No. 194.]

Tuesday 17th July 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords].—The Dartford Tunnel Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Bill to be read the third time.

Aylesbury Vale District Council Bill [Lords].—The Aylesbury Vale District Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.
Merseyside Development Corporation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Merseyside Development Corporation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday 19th July.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xlvi].

Education, Science and Arts,—Sir William van Straubenzee reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 17th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 566].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Sir Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 17th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Procedure,—Sir Peter Emery reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, That it had made progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 25th June, together with Appendices: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report) [Short Speeches].

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 570].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 570].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Ninth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 42-xl].

Scottish Grand Committee,—Mr. Hugh McCartney reported from the Scottish Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of the Health service in Scotland, referred to it on 11th July, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 568].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Sir Philip Holland reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Homes Insulation Grants Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 838), referred to a Committee on 9th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 567].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Health and Social Security Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Health and Social Security Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Health and Social Security Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 220].

Mr. Dennis Skinner, Member for Bolsover, having been ordered by Mr. Speaker to withdraw certain words, declined to comply with that direction.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 24 (Disorderly conduct) named him for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Dennis Skinner be suspended from the service of the House—(Mr. John Biffen);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 218.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Mr. Bob Clay: 84.
So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Dennis Skinner be suspended from the service of the House.

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Insolvency Proceedings (Increase of Monetary Limits) Regulations 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Ordered, That the draft Cosmetic Products (Safety) Regulations 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Visiting Forces etc. (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend certain provisions of the Visiting Forces Act 1952 and the International Headquarters and Defence Organisations Act 1964, so as to restrict their application to persons attached to or working at locations specified by Order in Council and their dependants: And that Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. Russell Johnston, Mr. Dafydd Wigley, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. Gavin Strang, and Mr. James Tinn, do prepare and bring it in.

Visiting Forces etc. (Amendment) Bill,—Mr. Paddy Ashdown accordingly presented a Bill to amend certain provisions of the Visiting Forces Act 1952 and the International Headquarters and Defence Organisations Act 1964, so as to restrict their application to persons attached to or working at locations specified by Order in Council and their dependants: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th October and to be printed [Bill 218].

Estimates [3rd allotted day],—The House proceeded, pursuant to the Resolution [9th July], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 101 (Liaison Committee).

Estimates, 1984-85 (Class II, Votes 1 and 8),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further sum not exceeding £363,123,000 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 1985 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on Salaries (Subhead A1 of Vote 1), Loans: allocated (Subhead C1 of Vote 8), Grants: allocated (Subhead C2 of Vote 8), and Service overseas and regional technical co-operation programmes (Caribbean and Pacific) (Subhead D1(5) of Vote 8)—(Mr. Ray Whitney);

And it being half-past Seven o'clock, the Question was deferred, pursuant to paragraph 2(1c) of Standing Order No. 19 (Consideration of Estimates).

Estimates, 1984-85 (Class XIV, Votes 1 and 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further sum not exceeding £496,708,000 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 1985 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment (Property Services Agency) on Maintenance and running costs (Subhead A3 of Vote 1), Acquisitions and new works costing over £100,000 (Subhead C1 of Vote 1), and General administrative expenses (Subhead A2 of Vote 2)—(Sir George Young);

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Class XIV, Vote 1, be reduced by £20 million in respect of Subhead C1 (Acquisitions and new works costing over £100,000)—(Sir Hugh Rossi);

The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And it being Ten o'clock, the original Question was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (2)(1c) of Standing Order No. 19 (Consideration of Estimates).

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the deferred Questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings on Estimates, 1984-85 (Class II, Votes 1 and 8, and Class XIV, Votes 1 and 2).

Class II, Votes 1 and 8

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £363,123,000 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 1985 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on Salaries (Subhead A1 of Vote 1), Loans: allocated (Subhead C1 of Vote 8), Grants: allocated (Subhead C2 of Vote 8), and Service overseas and regional technical co-operation programmes (Caribbean and Pacific) (Subhead D1(5) of Vote 8).

Class XIV, Votes 1 and 2

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £496,708,000 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 1985 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment (Property Services Agency) on Maintenance and running costs (Subhead
A3 of Vote 1), Acquisitions and new works costing over £100,000 (Subhead C1 of Vote 1), and General administrative expenses (Subhead A2 of Vote 2).

Mr. Speaker then proceeded to put forthwith the Question, which he was directed to put pursuant to paragraph (7) of Standing Order No. 19 (Consideration of Estimates).

Estimates, 1984-85.—Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £49,076,176,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges for the service of the year ending on 31st March 1985, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 292, 293, 294, 470 and 471.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions and upon the Resolutions [4th July] relating to Estimates 1984-85: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Peter Rees, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Barney Hayhoe, and Mr. Ian Stewart, do prepare and bring it in.

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill,—Mr. John Moore accordingly presented a Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on 31st March 1985, to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament, and to repeal certain Consolidated Fund and Appropriation Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 180].

Telecommunications,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Public Telecommunication System Designation (British Telecommunications) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 855), dated 26th June 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th June, be annulled—(Mr. Harry Ewing);

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c., (negative procedure)).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Don Dixon : 186.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. John Major : 247.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 18th July, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1)(b) of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business), the Motions relating to Food may be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours after the first Motion has been entered upon, and Mr. Speaker shall then put any Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on those Motions, if not previously concluded.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Archie Hamilton);

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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 twelve minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.12 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 17th July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Animals,—Copy of Statistics of experiments on living animals in Great Britain for 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9311].

Cable Programme Services,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th July 1984, entitled the Cable Programme Services (Exceptions) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 980) [by Act].
Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 14, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 22nd December 1983, between the European Economic Community and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria concerning the import into the Community of preserved fruit salads originating in Algeria [by Command] [Cmnd. 9286].

European Communities (No. 15, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 22nd December 1983, between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Tunisia concerning the import into the Community of preserved fruit salads originating in Tunisia [by Command] [Cmnd. 9287].

European Communities (No. 16, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 22nd December 1983, relating to Article 9 of Protocol No. 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel concerning the importation into the Community of preserved fruit salads originating in Israel (1984) [by Command] [Cmnd. 9288].

European Communities (No. 17, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 22nd December 1983, between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Morocco concerning the import into the Community of preserved fruit salad originating in Morocco [by Command] [Cmnd. 9289].

Mr. Secretary King:


Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th July 1984, entitled the Housing Benefits (Subsidy) Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1001) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Census of Production,—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production for 1982 on—
(1) electrical equipment for industrial use, and batteries and accumulators,
(2) machinery for the food, chemical and related industries; process engineering contractors, and
(3) sawmilling, planing, etc. of wood [by Act].

Post Office,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Post Office for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Education,—Copy of the Report of the Secretary of State for Wales on Education in Wales for 1983 [by Act].

Tourism,—Statement of appointment and determination of salary of the Chairman of the Wales Tourist Board [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the Fire Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:


Government Trading Funds,—Copy of the Accounts of the Royal Mint Trading Fund for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 569].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. John Wilkinson (nominated in respect of the draft Comptroller and Auditor General (Examination of Accounts) Order 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Richard Ryder.
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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Cosmetic Products (Safety) Regulations 1984 to the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.; and the draft Insolvency Proceedings (Increase of Monetary Limits) Regulations 1984 to the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 195.]

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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 I).

Norwich City Council Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Norwich City Council Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Warwick District Council Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Warwick District Council Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Private Bills (Adjournment of Committees).—Mr. Robert N. Wareing reported from the Committee on the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill, That for the convenience of Members the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday 24th July at half-past Ten o'clock.

European Legislation.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-third Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 78-xxxiii].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xxxiii].

Foreign Affairs.—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 18th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [Nos. 251-v and 499-iii].

Foreign Affairs.—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Home Affairs.—Sir Edward Gardner reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 18th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 474-v].
House of Commons (Services)—Mr. John Cope reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), that it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Third Report) [The New Building: The Design Brief].

Report, together with Appendices, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 571].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 571].

Scottish Affairs—Mr. David Lamie reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee, that it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 18th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 418-vii].

Selection—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services—Mrs. Renée Short reported from the Social Services Committee, that it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 18th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-xvi].

Trade and Industry—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee an Order, which was read, as follows:

That there be laid before this Committee by the Chairman of British Shipbuilders before 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 19th July 1984, the papers described by the Chairman of British Shipbuilders in evidence to this Committee [18th July] as 'the Corporate Plan as recommended by the Corporation to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, together with such other additional material which the Secretary of State has requested the Corporation to prepare and furnish him.'

Trade and Industry—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, that it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 18th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 577-i].

Welsh Affairs—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, that it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Special Report) [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee on Welsh Affairs, Session 1983-84 (HC 4271): The Impact of Regional Industrial Policy on Wales (A response to Cmnd. 9111)].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 576].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Spence reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 2nd July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 573].

Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Michael Morris reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Controller and Auditor General (Examination of Accounts) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 10th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 572].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. David Crouch reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the Export of Goods (Control) (Amendment No. 6) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 553), referred to a Committee on 3rd July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 574].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Trade Union Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Portsea Harbour Company 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 Cable and Broadcasting Bill [Lords], without Amendment.
Trade Union Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Trade Union Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 221].

Unfair Dismissal (Non-strikers).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that dismissal of an employee in consequence of that employee not taking part in a strike shall be unfair dismissal; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Peter Thurnham, Mr. Tony Baldry, Mr. Peter Bruinvels, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Sir John Farr, Mr. Tony Favell, Mr. Michael Howard, Mr. Ralph Howell, and Mr. Patrick Thompson, do prepare and bring it in.

Unfair Dismissal (Non-strikers) Bill.—Mr. Peter Thurnham accordingly presented a Bill to provide that dismissal of an employee in consequence of that employee not taking part in a strike shall be unfair dismissal; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th October and to be printed [Bill 219].

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) 1984/85 (House of Commons Paper No. 536), which was laid before this House on 12th July, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 335.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes : 195.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) 1984/85 (House of Commons Paper No. 536), which was laid before this House on 12th July, be approved.

Local Government.—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 4) 1981/82 (House of Commons Paper No. 534), which was laid before this House on 12th July, be approved.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg).

Local Government.—Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report (England) (No. 2) 1982/83 (House of Commons Paper No. 555), which was laid before this House on 12th July, be approved.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg).

Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary (No. 2) Report 1982-83 (House of Commons Paper No. 519), which was laid before this House on 12th July, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Edwards);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 330.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. James Hamilton : 188.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary (No. 2) Report 1982-83 (House of Commons Paper No. 519), which was laid before this House on 12th July, be approved.

Local Government.—Resolved, That the Welsh Rate Support Grant Supplementary Report 1984-85 (House of Commons Paper No. 520), which was laid before this House on 12th July, be approved.(Mr. John Major.)

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Food.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Dairy Produce Quotas Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 11th July, be approved—(Mr. Michael Jopling);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr Deputy Speaker put the Question thereon, pursuant to the Order [17th July].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather : 284.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay : 160.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Dairy Produce Quotas Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 11th July, be approved.
Food.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to the Order [17th July], That the draft Dairy Produce Quotas (Definition of Base Year Revision Claims) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 16th July, be approved —(Mr. Michael Jopling);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Carol Mather : 269.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Allen McKay : 149.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Dairy Produce Quotas (Definition of Base Year Revision Claims) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 16th July, be approved.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Friday 20th July, if the Motions relating to Office, Secretarial and Research Allowance, Car Mileage Allowance, and Parliament have not previously been disposed of, Mr. Speaker shall, three hours after the first Motion has been entered upon, put any Questions necessary to dispose of the first two Motions and of any Amendments moved thereto which have been selected by him; and shall then put forthwith the Question upon the third Motion, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 3 (Exempted business).—(Mr. Alastair Goodlad.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of South West Surrey for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the North-East for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Anthony James Rice against his suffering inhuman treatment was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Alastair Goodlad.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes to Four o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 3.49 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 18th July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Inland Revenue,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue for 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9305].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Prisons,—Copy of the Report on the work of the Prison Department for 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9306].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
Overseas Pensions,—Copies of Schemes, dated 18th July 1984, entitled—
(1) the Indian Civil Service Family Pension Fund (Transferred) Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1984,
(2) the Indian Military Service Family Pension Fund (Transferred) Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1984,
(3) the Indian Military Widows' and Orphans' Fund (Transferred) Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1984, and
(4) the Superior Services (India) Family Pension Fund (Transferred) Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1984 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Younger:

Children and Young Persons.—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th July 1984, entitled the Adoption Agencies (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 988) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence.—Copy of a Paper, entitled The Central Organisation for Defence [by Command] [Cmd. 9315].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Human Fertilisation and Embryology.—Copy of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into human fertilisation and embryology [by Command] [Cmd. 9314].

Social Services.—Copy of the Government Response to the Second Report from the Social Services Committee, Session 1983-84, on children in care [by Command] [Cmd. 9298].

Census.—Copies of—
(1) Key statistics for urban areas: The North,
(2) Key statistics for urban areas: The South West and Wales,
(3) Statistics on economic activity in Cleveland,
(4) Statistics on economic activity in the Isle of Wight, and

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Gas.—Copies of the Reports of—
(1) the East Midlands Gas Consumers' Council,
(2) the Eastern Gas Consumers' Council, and
(3) the South Eastern Gas Consumers' Council for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:


Housing.—Copy of an Order, dated 6th July 1984, entitled the Home Purchase Assistance (Price-limits) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 954) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Merchant Shipping.—Copy of Rules, dated 9th July 1984, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Smooth and Partially Smooth Waters) (Amendment) Rules 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 955) [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

House of Commons Commission.—Accounts of the House of Commons Refreshment Department for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; to be printed [No. 575].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Cosmetic Products (Safety) Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Tony Blair, Mr. Ron Brown, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Alex Fletcher, Mr. Michael Hancock, Mr. Robert Key, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Anthony Nelson, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Fred Silvester, Mr. Martin Stevens, Mr. Teddy Taylor, Mr. Neil Thorne, Mr. Neville Trotter, Dr. Ian Twinn, Mr. Jerry Wiggin, and Mr. Alan Williams.

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Insolvency Proceedings (Increase of Monetary Limits) Regulations 1984, viz.: Mr. Paddy Ashdown, Mr. Stuart Bell, Mr. Roland Boyes, Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. Richard Caborn.
Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Alex Fletcher, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr. Humphrey Malins, Mr. Richard Ottaway, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Tim Smith, Mr. Peter Tapsell, Sir William van Straubenzee, Mr. Dennis Walters, Mr. Kenneth Warren, Mr. John Watson, and Mr. Alan Williams.

MEMORANDUM

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In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Ted Leadbitter Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Cosmetic Products (Safety) Regulations 1984; and Sir Anthony Meyer Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Insolvency Proceedings (Increase of Monetary Limits) Regulations 1984.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable).—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

Merseyside Development Corporation Bill.—The Merseyside Development Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Wednesday 25th July at Seven o’clock.

County of Lancashire Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the County of Lancashire Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Tuesday 24th July.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 26th July.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 19th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 584-i and ii].

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House, and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read [Ninth Report] [Energy Research, Development and Demonstration in the United Kingdom].

Report, together with Appendices and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 585].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 585].

Energy,—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed
him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Tenth Report) [The Implications of the Petroleum Stocks (Amendment) Order 1983].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 586].

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Eleventh Report) [North Sea Sun Oil's Decision to Place Abroad a Contract for a Floating Production Vessel].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 587].

Energy.—Mr. Ian Lloyd reported from the Energy Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Twelfth Report) [The Department of Energy's Summer Supplementary Estimate for £393 million in respect of the Coal Industry].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 588].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-second Report) [Development of Nuclear Power].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 367].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-third Report) [Ministry of Defence: Economy of stores support].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 411].

Welsh Affairs.—Mr. Gareth Wardell reported from the Welsh Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 19th July, together with Appendices.

Minutes of Evidence and Appendices to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 580].

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Michael Shaw reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Motor Vehicles Tyres (Safety) Regulations 1984, referred to a Committee on 2nd July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 579].

Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. John Forrester reported from the Third Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Intoxicating Liquor) Order 1984, the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Cheese, Fish, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Meat and Poultry) Order 1984, and the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Miscellaneous Foods) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 10th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 578].
Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. David Knox reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Board) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 9th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 582].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Prescription and Limitation (Scotland) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Repatriation of Prisoners Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to consolidate certain enactments concerning building and buildings and related matters; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Building Bill [Lords]].

Building Bill [Lords].—The Building Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 222].

House of Commons (Services).—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) on 18th July to be printed [No. 64-vii].

Housing,—Resolved, That the draft Housing Benefits (Increase of Needs Allowances) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 6th July, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson.)

Housing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Housing Benefits Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 940), dated 3rd July 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th July, be annulled—(Mr. Michael Meacher);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. James Hamilton: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 271.

So the Question was negatived.

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 6th July, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson.)

Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Supplementary Benefit Up-rating and Additional Requirements Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 6th July, be approved.—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Michael Neubert: 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe: 168.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Supplementary Benefit Up-rating and Additional Requirements Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 6th July, be approved.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That at this day's sitting the Capital Transfer Tax Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Child Benefit (Up-Rating) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 6th July, be approved.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 6th July, be approved.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Pensioners' Lump Sum Payments Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 6th July, be approved.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Supplementary Benefit (Requirements and Resources) Amendment Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 6th July, be approved.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

Capital Transfer Tax Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Capital Transfer Tax Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 15 agreed to.

Clause No. 16 (Grant of tenancies of agricultural property).
Amendment (No. 1) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 17 to 114 agreed to.
Clause No. 115 (Preliminary).
Amendment (No. 2) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 116 to 164 agreed to.
Clause No. 165 (Tax on capital gains).
Amendment (No. 3) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 166 to 168 agreed to.
Clause No. 169 (Farm cottages.)
Amendment (No. 4) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 170 to 219 agreed to.
Clause No. 220 (Inspection of property).
Amendment (No. 5) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 221 to 278 agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to.
Schedule No. 8 (Consequential amendments).
Amendments (Nos. 6 and 7) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 9 (Repeals).
Amendments (Nos. 8 to 11) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. David Hunt 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. 58 (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.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from registered electors in Ravensbourne for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Livingston for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. David Hunt.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourmed at 10.30 p.m.]
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Miscellaneous (No. 17, 1984),—Copy of an Extension of the International Sugar Agreement, 1977 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9291].

Treaty Series (No. 54, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, done at London on 7th May 1980, between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Senegal for the promotion and protection of investments [by Command] [Cmnd. 9292].

Treaty Series (No. 55, 1984),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Port Vila on 13th March 1984 between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Vanuatu concerning the United Kingdom contribution towards compensation claims arising out of civil disturbances in Vanuatu in 1980 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9293].


Mr. Secretary Younger:

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Scottish Hospitals Endowments Research Trust for the year ended 31st July 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 513].

Provisional Orders (Scotland),—Report by the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the Provisional Orders for which Petitions were presented to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State on or before 27th March 1984, namely—

1. the Associated British Ports (Port of Ayr) Order,
2. the City of Edinburgh Order,
3. the G lensanda Harbour Order,
4. the Grampian Regional Council Order,
5. the Lothian Region (Edinburgh Western Relief Road) Order,
6. the Lothian Regional Council Order, and
7. the Peterhead Harbours (South Bay Development) Order,

and are of opinion that the Orders should be allowed to proceed, subject to such recommendations as they may hereafter make thereon [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films,—Copy of a Paper, entitled Film Policy [by Command] [Cmnd. 9319].

Gas,—Copies of the Reports of—

1. the Gas Consumers' Council (West Midlands Region), and
2. the Gas Consumers' Northern Council

for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Telecommunications,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of British Telecom for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government,—Copy of the Report and Financial Statements of the Merseyside Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Public Health,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th July 1984, entitled the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the District of South Derbyshire) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 967) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Port of London,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Port of London Authority for 1983 [by Act].

MR SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

Thursday 19th July 1984

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 70 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Rent (Scotland) Bill [Lords] relate exclusively to Scotland.
Friday 20th July 1984.

The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from retirement pensioners and others in Great Britain for amendment of the Health and Social Security Bill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Birmingham, Hodge Hill for an increase in the Housing Investment Programme of the City of Birmingham Council was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Teignbridge for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Privileges.—Mr. John Biffen reported from the Committee of Privileges, to which was referred the matter of the complaint of words spoken by the honourable Member for Newham North West, during the debate on the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill on 12th June (Official Report, columns 830 and 840-1), That it had considered the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, together with an Appendix, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (First Report).

Report, together with Appendix, to lie upon the Table, and to be printed [No. 564].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 564].

Office, Secretarial and Research Allowance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the limit on the allowance payable to a Member of this House in respect of the aggregate expenses incurred by him for his parliamentary duties as general office expenses, on secretarial assistance and on research assistance should be determined as follows—

(a) for the year ending with 31st March 1985, the limit should be the amount obtained by increasing £12,000 by four-fifths of the relevant percentage,

(b) for any subsequent year the limit should be the amount obtained by increasing the limit applicable to the immediately preceding year by the relevant percentage (so that, if the relevant percentage for any year is nil, the limit remains the same for that year), and for the purposes of this paragraph the limit applicable to the year ending with 31st March 1985 shall be taken to be what it would have been if in paragraph (a) above the words 'four-fifths of' had been omitted.

In this Resolution 'year' means a year ending with 31st March, and for the purposes of this Resolution—

(i) the relevant percentage for any year is the percentage by which the amount of salary (exclusive of allowances and overtime) payable for that year to a person in the Home Civil Service at the maximum point on the scale for Senior Personal Secretaries and in receipt of inner London weighting exceeds the corresponding amount for the immediately preceding year;

(ii) any fraction of a pound in the amount obtained under paragraph (a) or (b) above for any year shall be treated as whole pound if it is not less than 50 pence, but shall otherwise be disregarded—(Mr. John Biffen); And it being Eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 5 (Friday sittings).

Office, Secretarial and Research Allowance.—The Question being again proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the limit on the allowance payable to a Member of this House in respect of the aggregate expenses incurred by him for his parliamentary duties as general office expenses, on secretarial assistance and on research assistance should be determined as follows—

(a) for the year ending with 31st March 1985, the limit should be the amount obtained by increasing £12,000 by four-fifths of the relevant percentage,

(b) for any subsequent year the limit should be the amount obtained by increasing the limit applicable to the immediately preceding year by the relevant percentage...
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(ii) any fraction of a pound in the amount obtained under paragraph (a) or (b) above for any year shall be treated as whole pound if it is not less than 50 pence, but shall otherwise be disregarded;

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question, in line 7, to leave out "£12,000" and insert "£17,000", instead thereof. (Mr. Alfred Dubs.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tony Banks, Mr. Chris Smith: 52.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. John Major: 95.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being more than three hours after the first Motion had been entered upon, Mr. Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [18th July], to put the Questions necessary to dispose of the Motion and the Motions relating to Car Mileage Allowance and Parliament.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the limit on the allowance payable to a Member of this House in respect of the aggregate expenses incurred by him for his Parliamentary duties as general office expenses, on secretarial assistance and on research assistance should be determined as follows:

(a) for the year ending with 31st March 1985, the limit should be the amount obtained by increasing £12,000 by four-fifths of the relevant percentage,

(b) for any subsequent year the limit should be the amount obtained by increasing the limit applicable to the immediately preceding year by the relevant percentage (so that, if the relevant percentage for any year is nil, the limit remains the same for that year), and for the purposes of this paragraph the limit applicable to the year ending with 31st March 1985 shall be taken to be what it would have been if in paragraph (a) above the words 'four-fifths of' had been omitted.

In this Resolution 'year' means a year ending with 31st March, and for the purposes of this Resolution—

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(ii) any fraction of a pound in the amount obtained under paragraph (a) or (b) above for any year shall be treated as whole pound if it is not less than 50 pence, but shall otherwise be disregarded.

Car Mileage Allowance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That, in the opinion of this House, the following provision should be made with respect to the rates of the car mileage allowance payable to Members travelling on parliamentary duties and the dates applicable to the car mileage allowances payable in respect of journeys by the spouse of a Member and journeys by persons in respect of whom the secretarial and research allowance of a Member is payable—

(1) The allowance payable in respect of a journey commenced in the period beginning with 1st October 1984 and ending with 31st March 1985 shall be payable—

(a) subject to the limit specified in paragraph (3) below, at the rate per mile shown in column 2 of the following Table in relation to the engine capacity of the vehicle used for the journey; and
(b) in respect of miles in excess of that limit, at the rate per mile shown in column 3 of that Table in relation to that engine capacity.

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(3) For the purposes of this Resolution the limit on the number of miles in respect of which car mileage allowance may be paid at the rate specified in column 2 of the Table shall be 10,000 miles for the period beginning with 1st October 1984 and ending with 31st March 1985 and 20,000 miles for the year beginning with 1st April 1985 and for each subsequent year.

(4) Arrangements shall be made for ensuring that claims made for car mileage allowance in respect of miles travelled in excess of 25,000 miles in any year are supported by particulars of the journeys to which the claims relate.

(5) In this Resolution—


' year' means a year beginning with 1st April—(Mr. A. J. Beith).

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question, to leave out lines 17 and 18 and insert the words—

'More than 1300 cc and not more than 1600 cc' 25.9p 14.7p

'More than 1600 cc and not more than 2300 cc' 29p 14.7p.'

instead thereof.—(Mr. A. J. Beith).

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. Clement Freud : 15.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Douglas Hogg : 95.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Douglas Hogg : 100.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. John Cartwright : 30.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the following provision should be made with respect to the rates of the car mileage allowance payable to Members travelling on parliamentary duties and the rates applicable to the car mileage allowances payable in respect of journeys by the spouse of a Member and journeys by persons in respect of whom the secretarial and research allowance of a Member is payable—

(1) The allowance payable in respect of a journey commenced in the period beginning with 1st October 1984 and ending with 31st March 1985 shall be payable—

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(3) For the purposes of this Resolution the limit on the number of miles in respect of which car mileage allowance may be paid at the rate specified in column 2 of the Table shall be 10,000 miles for the period beginning with 1st October 1984 and ending with 31st March 1985 and 20,000 miles for the year beginning with 1st April 1985 and for each subsequent year.

(4) Arrangements shall be made for ensuring that claims for car mileage allowance in respect of miles travelled in excess of 25,000 miles in any year are supported by particulars of the journeys to which the claims relate.

(5) In this Resolution—

(6) 'year' means a year beginning with 1st April.

Parliament.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Lord Chancellor's Salary Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 12th July, be approved—(Mr. John Biffen);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 108.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. Tony Banks: 14.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Lord Chancellor's Salary Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 12th July, be approved.

Withdrawal of Greenland from the European Community.—Resolved, That this House, while stressing the importance of maintaining continued close links between Greenland and the Community, recognises that the proposed change in the status of Greenland has wide support; and takes note of European Community Document No. 5064/84 transmitting legal texts providing for a change of the legal status of Greenland and fishery arrangements with regard to Greenland.—(Mr. Ray Whitney.)

Right of Establishment for Pharmacists.—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Community Documents Nos. 4692/81 and 4465/84, draft proposals for Directives and a Decision on the right of establishment for certain activities in the field of pharmacy, and the Explanatory Memorandum from the Department of Health and Social Security, dated 16th July 1984; endorses the view that the instruments are necessary; and welcomes the United Kingdom's endeavours to encourage the adoption and implementation of these measures which will give pharmacists the same freedom of movement within the Community already afforded to the other health professions.—(Mr. Kenneth Clarke.)

Adjournment.—Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.
APPENDIX

Friday 20th July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Armed Forces Pay,—Copy of a Supplement to the Thirteenth Report of the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay [by Command] [Cmnd. 9301].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Public Lending Right,—Copy of the Report by the Minister for the Arts on the operation of the Public Lending Right Scheme for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9303].

Town and Country Planning,— Copies of Regulations, dated 17th July 1984, entitled—
(1) the Town and Country Planning (Crown Land Applications) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1015), and
(2) the Town and Country Planning (Special Enforcement Notices) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1016) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the Wales Tourist Board for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Directions, dated 10th July 1984, entitled the Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations and General Directions 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 966) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [24th May] from Lilian Rose Olley, Ruby Iris Woolmer, Janet Marie Dickinson and other citizens of the United Kingdom for legislation to prohibit the use of snares [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Countryside,—Copy of the Account of the Countryside Commission for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 590].

Royal Ordnance Factories,—Copy of the Accounts of the Royal Ordnance Factories Trading Fund for the year ended 31st March 1982; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 591].

Tribunals and Inquiries,—Copy of Rules, dated 9th July 1984, entitled the Drought Orders (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 999) [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).

Public Accounts,—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-fourth Report) [Enforcement powers of the Revenue Departments: The Keith Committee].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table: and to be printed [No. 430].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 430].
Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, that it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-fifth Report) [Inland Revenue: Quality Control over District Office Procedures].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 594].

Public Accounts.—Mr. Robert Sheldon reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, that it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-sixth Report) [Reliability of Companies Register].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 511].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 511].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 223].

Health and Social Security Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Health and Social Security Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 12 were agreed to.

Iron and Steel.—Resolved, That the draft British Steel Corporation (Borrowing Powers) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 13th July, be approved. (Mr. Norman Lamont.)

Education (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 840), dated 15th June 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd July, be annulled (Mr. Jim Craigen):—It was negatived.

Animals.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Deer (Firearms etc.) (Scotland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 21st June, be approved (Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones):—It was agreed to.

Consumer Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Motor Vehicles Tyres (Safety) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 27th June, be approved (Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones):—It was agreed to.

Weights and Measures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Intoxicating Liquor) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved (Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones):—It was agreed to.

Weights and Measures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Miscellaneous Foods) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved (Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones):—It was agreed to.
Industrial Training.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Board) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones):—It was agreed to.

Comptroller and Auditor General.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Comptroller and Auditor General (Examination of Accounts) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 9th July, be approved—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the United Kingdom for the maintenance and extension of confidential advice on contraception and abortion for young persons under or over sixteen 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. Tristan Garel-Jones);

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 Major.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX

Monday 23rd July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Building Societies.—Copy of a Paper, entitled Building Societies: A New Framework [by Command] [Cmnd. 9316].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of an Order, dated 18th July 1984, entitled the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1984 [by Act].

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of the Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 581].

Sheriff Court (Scotland).—Copy of an Act of Sederunt, dated 11th July 1984, entitled the Act of Sederunt (Commissary Business) (Amendment) 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 969) [by Act].

Town and Country Planning (Scotland).—Copies of Regulations, dated—

(1) 13th July 1984, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Special Enforcement Notices) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 995), and

(2) 16th July 1984, entitled the Town and Country Planning (Crown Land Applications) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 996) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence (Royal Air Force).—Copies of—

(1) Particulars of grants of pay, allowances, etc., sanctioned by Her Majesty’s Minister for the Treasury during the year ended 31st March 1984, and

(2) Regulations, dated 17th July 1984, amending the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fourth Edition) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Film Finance Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act];

to be printed [No. 545].

Consumer Credit—Copy of Regulations, dated 20th July 1984, entitled the Consumer Credit (Entry and Inspection) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1046) [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Civil Aviation—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [24th May] from the people of London and elsewhere against the proposed abolition of the GLC and cancellation of the 1985 GLC elections [by Standing Order];
to be printed.

Atomic Energy—Copy of the Accounts of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 592].

Ecclesiastical Law—Copies of—

(1) a Resolution, dated 7th July 1984, entitled the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) (No. 1) Resolution 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1039),

(2) a Resolution, dated 7th July 1984, entitled the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) (No. 2) Resolution 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1040),

(3) an Order, dated 7th July 1984, entitled the Legal Officers' Fees Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1041), and

(4) an Order, dated 7th July 1984, entitled the Parochial Fees Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1042)

[by Measure].

Tuesday 24th July 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Portsea Harbour Company Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Portsea Harbour Company Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill.—The Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Thursday.

County of Lancashire Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the County of Lancashire Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Thursday.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. Barry Porter reported from the Committee on the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.
Private Bills (Absence of a Member),—Mr. Barry Porter reported from the Committee on the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill, That Mr. Terry Lewis, one of the Members of the Committee, had absented himself from his duties on the Committee this day.

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report a Memorandum laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-sixth Report).

Report, together with Memorandum, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xlvi].

Education, Science and Arts,—Sir William van Straubenzee reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 24th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 518-iii].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Ted Leadbitter reported from the First Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Cosmetic Products (Safety) Regulations 1984, referred to a Committee on 17th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 595].

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Sir Anthony Meyer reported from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Insolvency Proceedings (Increase of Monetary Limits) Regulations 1984, referred to a Committee on 17th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 595].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Housing Defects Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Housing Defects Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Housing Defects Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 224].

Strangers,—Notice having been taken that strangers were present, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 136 (Withdrawal of strangers from House), put forthwith the Question, That strangers do withdraw.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Dr. John Marek: 44.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 295.

So the Question was negatived.

Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Copyright Act 1956 so as to provide new penalties for offences relating to infringing copies of computer programmes; to provide for the issue and execution of search warrants in relation to such offences; and to confirm that copyright subsists in computer programmes: And that Mr. Nicholas Lyell, Mr. Nicholas Baker, Mr. Nigel Forman, Mr. Bryan Gould, Mr. David Madel, Mr. Patrick Nicholls, and Mr. Richard Shepherd, do prepare and bring it in.

Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill,—Mr. Nicholas Lyell accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Copyright Act 1956 so as to provide new penalties for offences relating to infringing copies of computer programmes; to provide for the issue and execution of search warrants in relation to such offences; and to confirm that copyright subsists in computer programmes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday and to be printed [Bill 216].

Trade Union Bill [Money] (No. 2),—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Trade Union Bill [Money] (No. 2);

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Trade Union Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to that Act in sums so payable under Schedule 1 to the Employment Protection Act 1975 (paragraph 8 of which relates to the provision of staff etc for the Certification Officer).—(Mr. David Hunt.)
Trade Union Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Trade Union Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1:

An Amendment ((g)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 1, at the beginning, to insert the words—

"(5A) In accordance with section 3 of the Employment Act 1980, the Secretary of State may issue Codes of Practice containing practical guidance on procedures for the issuing and counting of ballot papers. Such guidance shall stipulate certain minimum criteria and preclude certain practices. Failure by a union to meet the requirements of the Code of Practice shall give a union member the right to apply to the Certification Officer or to the court under section 3(1) of this Act for a declaration that the union has failed to comply with those requirements."—(Mr. Edward Leigh.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Keith Best, Mr. John Butterfill: 52.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones: 467.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment ((d)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 11, after the word ' him ', to insert the words ' by an independent body approved for the purpose by the Certification Office '.—(Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. A. J. Beith: 46.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 469.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3:

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 2, to leave out from the word ' union ' to the end of line 25 and add the words ' wishes to vary the method of voting specified in subsection (6A) of section 2 of this Act the trade union shall submit to the Certification Officer a claim for exemption from the requirements of that subsection and shall show to the satisfaction of the Certification Officer that the alternative method is at least as fair, democratic and efficient as that specified in that subsection; and the Certification Officer shall, if he is so satisfied, allow the election to be held in the manner proposed by the trade union.

(2) The Secretary of State shall, within three months of the commencement of this Act, make by a statutory instrument subject to approval by resolution of both Houses of Parliament, regulations specifying the procedure for claiming exemption under this section from the requirements of subsection (6A) of section 2 of this Act', instead thereof.—(Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. A. J. Beith: 48.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 459.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 4:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Selwyn Gummer);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at this day's sitting, the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Trade Union Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr. Archie Hamilton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. John Major: 323.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Bob Clay, Mr. Terry Lewis: 23.
So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Trade Union Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.

Trade Union Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Trade Union Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 4:
And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 341.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. John McWilliam : 169.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 5 and 6 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 7 and 8 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 9 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 10 to 16 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 17:
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. John Selwyn Gummer);
The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 328.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Robin Corbett : 150.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 18 to 26 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 27:
An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 5, to leave out ‘ (1F) ’ and insert ‘ (1H) ’, instead thereof.—(Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth.)
And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—The Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Alan Clark);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 304.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Robin Corbett : 155.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 28 to 36 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 37:
An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 3, to leave out the words ‘ or to persuade them ’.—(Mr. John Evans.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Don Dixon : 137.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carol Mather, Mr. Robert Boscawen : 300.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 38 and 39 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 40 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 41 to 45 were agreed to.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Fareham for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Putney for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes to Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

APPENDIX I

Tuesday 24th July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Electricity (Scotland),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 19th July 1984 on borrowing by the South of Scotland Electricity Board [by Act].

Mr. Ian Stewart:
National Debt,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd July 1984, entitled the Savings Certificates (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1052) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Home Affairs,—Copy of the Government’s Reply to the First Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1983-84, on Remands in custody [by Command] [Cmnd. 9322].

Acquisition of Land,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th June 1982, entitled the Dyfed-Powys Police Authority Compulsory Purchase Order 1982; with a Certificate by the Home Secretary under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
European Communities (No. 19, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 22nd December 1983 between the European Economic Community and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, on the importation into the Community of tomato concentrates originating in Algeria [by Command] [Cmnd. 9309].

European Communities (No. 20, 1984),—Copy of a Protocol, signed at Brussels on 20th December 1983, on financial and technical co-operation between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cyprus [by Command] [Cmnd. 9310].

Treaty Series (No. 59, 1984),—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on 16th May 1984 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden concerning the safeguards and assurances relating to transfers of nuclear material from the United Kingdom to Sweden [by Command] [Cmnd. 9307].

Treaty Series (No. 60, 1984),—Copy of Notes exchanged at London on 16th May 1984 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden concerning the safeguards and assurances relating to transfers of nuclear material from Sweden to the United Kingdom [by Command] [Cmnd. 9308].


Mr. Secretary Younger:
Education (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 12th July 1984, entitled the Education Authority Bursaries (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 990) [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Fowler:

National Health Service.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th July 1984, entitled the National Health Service (Appointment of Consultants) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 994) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Science and Technology.—Copy of the Government’s Reply to the First Report from the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 1983-84, on Remote sensing and digital mapping [by Command] [Cmnd. 9320].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government.—Report, entitled the Rate Limitation Report 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 589].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Horse Racing and Betting.—Copy of an Order, dated 9th July 1984, entitled the Horse Racing and Betting (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 246) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Gas.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Gas Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Crown Agents.—Copy of the Accounts of the Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board for 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 593].

Local Government (Scotland).—Copy of the Account of the Commission for Local Authority Accounts in Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 596].

National Savings Bank.—Copies of the Accounts of—

1. investment deposits, and
2. ordinary deposits and expenses

of the National Savings Bank for 1983; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 597 and 598].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Second Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Alan Williams (nominated in respect of the draft Insolvency Proceedings (Increase of Monetary Limits) Regulations 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Bryan Gould.

[No. 200.]

Wednesday 25th July 1984.

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).

Aylesbury Vale District Council Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Aylesbury Vale District Council Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill to be read the third time.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed.
Defence,—Sir Humphrey Atkins reported from the Defence Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 25th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [Nos. 584-iii and iv].

Employment,—Mr. Ron Leighton reported from the Employment Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 25th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 526-ii].

Scottish Affairs,—Mr. David Lambie reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 25th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 418-viii].

Trade and Industry,—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 25th July, together with Memoranda.

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [Nos. 577-ii and 600].

Transport,—Mr. Harry Cowans reported from the Transport Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, together with Appendices, which it had directed him to make to the House ; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it between 7th March and 13th June, together with Memoranda: And the Report was brought up and read (Second Report) [The Organisation, Financing and Control of Airports in the United Kingdom].

Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to lie upon the Table ; and to be printed [No. 319].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 319].

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Amusement Machines Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Amusement Machines Bill [Lords] be read a second time upon Friday 26th October.

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows :

The Lords have agreed to the Finance (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

Strangers.—Notice having been taken that strangers were present, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 136 (Withdrawal of strangers from House), put forthwith the Question, That strangers do withdraw:—It was negatived.

Access to Personal Files (No. 2) Bill,—Mr. Chris Smith, supported by Mr. Nicholas Brown, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Mr. Derek Fatchett, Mr. Jerry Hayes, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Ian Mikardo, Mr. Norman Miscampbell, Mr. Peter Pike, Mr. Allan Roberts, Miss Clare Short, and Mr. James Wallace, presented a Bill to provide access for private individuals to information relating to themselves maintained by certain authorities, institutions and persons ; to allow individuals to obtain copies of, and require corrections to be made to such information ; and to provide for the enforcement of these provisions: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 225].

Standing Charges (Abolition),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish standing charges for gas, electricity, water and telephone services for pensioners and persons in receipt of certain State benefits: And that Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Harry Cohen, Mr. Tony Banks, Mr. Mark Fisher, Mr. Tony Benn, Dame Judith Hart, Mr. Ron Davies, Miss Clare Short, Mr. Eddie Loyden, Mr. Ron Brown, and Mr. Dennis Skinner, do prepare and bring it in.

Standing Charges (Abolition) Bill,—Mr. Jeremy Corbyn accordingly presented a Bill to abolish standing charges for gas, electricity, water and telephone services for pensioners and persons in receipt of certain State benefits: And the same was read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 217].

Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill ;

Mr. Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 113 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That the Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Douglas Hogg : 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Peter Pike : 39.
So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones : 238.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Allan Rogers, Mrs. Ann Clwyd : 29.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Mr. Speaker certified that the Bill was a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, pursuant to Standing Order No. 113 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury);

And it being Seven o'clock, and there being Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 7 (Time for taking private business), further proceedings stood postponed.

Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now considered;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Gerrard Neale : 94.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Andrew Bowden : 9.

So the Question was agreed to.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Amendments made to the Bill.

Another Amendment proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 13, to leave out Clause 19. (Mr. Andrew Bowden.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Andrew Bowden : 11.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Hicks, Mr. Gerrard Neale : 64.

Other Amendments made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Order 205 (Notice of third reading) be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

A Motion being made, That the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

And the Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Adjournment.—The House resumed the postponed proceeding on the Question, That this House do now adjourn;

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And it being Nine o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Wisbech for resolution of the present river-bank crisis in Wisbech was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Greenwich for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Pembroke for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Bournemouth East for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Major.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes past Nine o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 9.25 a.m.

APPENDIX

Wednesday 25th July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

The Prime Minister:

Civil Service.—Copy of a Paper, entitled Progress in financial management in Government Departments [by Command] [Cmnd. 9297].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Aliens.—Copy of a Management and Personnel Office Minute, dated 25th July 1984, relating to aliens employed in a civil capacity under the Crown during the year ended 31st March 1984, with a list giving particulars of certificates of employment [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Broadcasting.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Independent Broadcasting Authority for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons.—Copies of Statements by the Secretary of State for Scotland on—
(1) the residential care of handicapped persons under the age of sixty-five in Scotland, and
(2) the separation of younger from older patients in hospital in Scotland for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 563 and 562].

Museums and Galleries.—Statement of increase in the value of indemnities in respect of objects loaned to the National Galleries of Scotland [by Command].

Police (Scotland).—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland for 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9276].

Mr. Secretary King:

Dock Work Regulation.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Dock Labour Board for 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census.—Copies of Statistics on economic activity in—
(1) Derbyshire,
(2) Gwynedd,
(3) Hampshire,
(4) Humberside,
(5) Leicestershire,
(6) Nottinghamshire, and
(7) South Glamorgan for the Census 1981 [by Act].

National Health Service.—Copy of the Report of the General Practice Finance Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 565].
Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of British Shipbuilders for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Gas,—Copies of the Reports of—
(1) the Gas Consumers’ Council for Wales, and
(2) the South Western Gas Consumers’ Council for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].


Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Local Government,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the London Docklands Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copy of the Report of the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on social security parity [by Act].

Road and Railway Transport,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th June 1984, entitled the Level Crossing (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 233) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Civil Aviation,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Airports Authority for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Sea Fish Industry,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Sea Fish Industry Authority for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Sea Fish Industry,—Statement of account for grants in respect of the acquisition and improvement of fishing vessels for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Supreme Court,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 24th July 1984, entitled the Civil Courts (Amendment No. 2) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1075), and
(2) Rules, dated 16th July 1984, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment) 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1051) [by Act].

Tourism,—Copy of the Accounts of the British Tourist Authority for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 601].

[No. 201.]

Thursday 26th July 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

County of Lancashire Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the County of Lancashire Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered upon Monday 30th July.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered upon Thursday 25th October.
Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 25th October.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Trade and Industry.—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 26th July, together with Memoranda.

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 577-iii].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the British Railways (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Cornwall County Council Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Urban Parishes Bill [Lords].—The Urban Parishes Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th October and to be printed [Bill 226].

Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That this House do meet on Wednesday 1st August at half-past Nine o’clock, that no Questions be taken after half-past Ten o’clock, and that at half-past Three o’clock Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without putting any Question.—(Mr. Douglas Hogg.)

Adjournment (Summer).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House at its rising on Wednesday 1st August do adjourn till Monday 22nd October, and that the House shall not adjourn on Wednesday 1st August until Mr. Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Acts which have been agreed upon by both Houses—(Mr. John Biffen);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out the words ‘ 22nd October ’ and insert the words ‘ 13th August ’, instead thereof.—(Mr. Peter Shore.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr. Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 12 (Periodic adjournments).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Robin Corbett: 155.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Long, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 261.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House at its rising on Wednesday 1st August do adjourn till Monday 22nd October, and that the House shall not adjourn on Wednesday 1st August until Mr. Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Acts which have been agreed upon by both Houses.

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:

Housing Defects Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Housing Defects Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Ian Gow);

Mr. John Fraser moved, That the Debate be now adjourned, but Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 29 (Dilatory motion in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And the Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Michael Neubert: 170.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn: 6.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Wyn Roberts);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Ian Lang: 151.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, Dr. John Marek: 7.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Wyn Roberts);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Douglas Hogg, Mr. Ian Lang: 146.
Tellers for the Noes, Dr. John Marek, Mr. Dave Nellist: 8.

So the Question was agreed to.

And it being Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Lords Amendments stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the consideration of the Lords Amendments to the Housing Defects Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Housing Defects Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Housing Defects Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 to 8 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 9 and 10 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 11 to 13 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 14 and 15 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 16 was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 17 to 20 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 21 to 31 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 32:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Ian Lang);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. John Major: 138.
Tellers for the Noes, Dr. John Marek, Mr. Dennis Skinner: 5.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 33:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Michael Ancram);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Ian Lang: 137.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. David Alton: 7.

So the Question was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 34:
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Ian Lang);
The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Michael Neubert: 134.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. David Alton: 4.

So the Question was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 35:
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Robert Boscawen);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. John Major: 126.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. David Alton: 5.

So the Question was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 36:
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury);
The House proceeded to a Division, and Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that he thought that the Ayes had it; and on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was unnecessarily claimed, and he accordingly called upon the Members who supported and who challenged his decision successively to rise in their places, and he declared that the Ayes had it, twelve Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.

So the Question was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 37:
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury);
The House proceeded to a Division, and Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that he thought that the Ayes had it; and on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was unnecessarily claimed, and he accordingly called upon the Members who supported and who challenged his decision successively to rise in their places, and he declared that the Ayes had it, twelve Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.

So the Question was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 38:
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury);
The House proceeded to a Division, and Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that he thought that the Ayes had it; and on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was unnecessarily claimed, and he accordingly called upon the Members who supported and who challenged his decision successively to rise in their places, and he declared that the Ayes had it, twelve Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.

So the Question was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 39:
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury);
The House proceeded to a Division, and Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that he thought that the Ayes had it; and on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was unnecessarily claimed, and he accordingly called upon the Members who supported and who challenged his decision successively to rise in their places, and he declared that the Ayes had it, twelve Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.
So the Question was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 40:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. David Hunt);

The House proceeded to a Division, and Mr. Deputy Speaker stated that he thought that the Ayes had it; and on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was unnecessarily claimed, and he accordingly called upon the Members who supported and who challenged his decision successively to rise in their places, and he declared that the Ayes had it, twelve Members only who challenged his decision having stood up.

So the Question was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 41 to 45 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 46 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 47:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. David Hunt);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 111.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Alex Carlile: 16.

So the Question was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 48:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. David Hunt);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Alastair Goodlad, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 110.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Alex Carlile: 15.

So the Question was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 49:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Douglas Hogg);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. John Major: 108.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Alton, Mr. Archy Kirkwood: 16.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 50 and 51 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 52 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 53 to 55 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 56 to 62 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 63 and 64 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 65 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Bankruptcy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Insolvency Proceedings (Increase of Monetary Limits) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 10th July, be approved—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury):—It was agreed to.

Consumer Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That the draft Cosmetic Products (Safety) Regulations 1984, which were laid before this House on 10th July, be approved—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Ludlow for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representa-
tion and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preser-

vation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table
and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tim Sainsbury.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes past Two o'clock
on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.9 a.m.

APPENDIX

Thursday 26th July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Secretary Brittan:
Broadcasting.—Statements of increase of salary of—
(1) the Chairman and members of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, and
(2) the Chairman and members of the Welsh Fourth Channel Authority
[by Act].
Telegraphs.—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th July 1984, entitled the Wireless Tele-
graphy (Broadcast Licence Charges and Exemption) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No.
1053) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Historic Buildings.—Copy of the Report of the Historic Buildings Council for Scot-
land for the year ended 31st March 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 532].
New Towns (Scotland).—Copy of the Reports of the Cumbernauld, East Kilbride,
Glenrothes, Irvine and Livingston Development Corporations for the year ended 31st
March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:
Industrial Training.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Plastics Processing
Industry Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
Public Health.—Copy of an Order, dated 18th July 1984, entitled the Gipsy Encamp-
1017) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Prior:
Fines.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th July 1984, entitled the Criminal Penalties etc.
(Increase) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 253) [by Statutory
Instrument].

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Coal Industry.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Coal Board for
the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:
Road Traffic.—Copy of Regulations, dated 18th July 1984, entitled the Goods
Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No.
1024) [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Agriculture.—Copy of the Report of the Eggs Authority for the year ended 31st
March 1984 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:
Radiological Protection.—Copy of the Account of the National Radiological Protec-
tion Board for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and
Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 602].
Tribunals and Inquiries.—Copy of an Order, dated 25th July 1984, entitled the
Tribunals and Inquiries (Dairy Produce Quota Tribunals) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No.
1094) [by Act].
Friday 27th July 1984.

The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Medway Residents Association (Bow) for amendment of the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill to ensure the removal of the threat to the Greater London Council Housing Improvement Programme was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, one ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill,—The Order for resuming, this day, the adjourned Debate on the second reading of Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Friday 26th October.

Trade and Industry,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones be discharged from the Trade and Industry Committee and Mr. Bernard Conlan be added to the Committee—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Eric Forth : 86.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Malcolm Bruce : 13.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Lewis Carter-Jones be discharged from the Trade and Industry Committee and Mr. Bernard Conlan be added to the Committee.

Education, Science and Arts,—Ordered, That Mr. Michael McNeil-Wilson be discharged from the Education, Science and Arts Committee and Mr. Roger Sims be added to the Committee—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection).

Environment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Sir Reginald Eyre be discharged from the Environment Committee and Mr. Julian Critchley be added to the Committee—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Albert McQuarrie and Mr. Eric Forth 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.

Ordered, That Sir Reginald Eyre be discharged from the Environment Committee and Mr. Julian Critchley be added to the Committee.

Foreign Affairs,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Mark Robinson be discharged from the Foreign Affairs Committee and Mr. Robert Harvey be added to the Committee—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Eric Forth : 86.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. Charles Kennedy : 19.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Mark Robinson be discharged from the Foreign Affairs Committee and Mr. Robert Harvey be added to the Committee.

And it being more than one and a half hours after the first Motion to be moved on behalf of the Committee of Selection had been entered upon, Mr. Deputy Speaker proceeded, pursuant to the Order [12th July], to put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the remaining Motions.

Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Michael Lord be discharged from the Agriculture Committee and Mr. Jim Speier be added to the Committee—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Eric Forth : 92.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr. Jeremy Corbyn : 3.

So the Question was agreed to.
Ordered, That Mr. Michael Lord be discharged from the Agriculture Committee and Mr. Jim Spicer be added to the Committee.

Welsh Affairs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Robert Harvey be discharged from the Committee on Welsh Affairs and Mr. Keith Best be added to the Committee—(Mr. Marcus Fox, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out the words “Mr. Keith Best” and insert the words “Mr. Geraint Howells”, instead thereof.—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. James Wallace: 19.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Eric Forth: 75.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Albert McQuarrie, Mr. Eric Forth: 78.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. D. N. Campbell-Savours, Mr. Dennis Skinner: 19.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Robert Harvey be discharged from the Committee on Welsh Affairs and Mr. Keith Best be added to the Committee.

And it being after Eleven o’clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 5 (Friday sittings).

Overseas Aid,—Resolved, That the draft Caribbean Development Bank (Further Payments) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 9th July, be approved.—(Mr. Timothy Raison.)

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Michael Neubert);

And the Question having been proposed after half-past Two 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 then being eighteen minutes to Four o’clock, till Monday next. [Adjourned at 3.42 p.m.

APPENDIX

Friday 27th July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:

Cash Limits,—Copy of a Statement on Cash Limits 1983-84: provisional outturn (with 1982-83 outturn) [by Command] [Cmnd. 9323].

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 25th July 1984, entitled—

(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1096), and
(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1097)

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Sports Grounds and Sporting Events,—Copy of an Order, dated 12th July 1984, entitled the Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) (Scotland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1014) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Industrial Training,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th July 1984, entitled the Industrial Training Levy (Clothing and Allied Products) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1000) [by Act].
Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [20th June] from citizens of Greater Manchester for the revocation of the decision to ban trade unions at the Government Communications Headquarters and to remove rights under employment protection legislation [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Ironstone Restoration Fund,—Copy of the Account showing the nature and nominal amount of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31st March 1984 as investments for moneys forming part of the Ironstone Restoration Fund [by Act].

National Insurance Fund,—Copy of the Account showing the nature and nominal amount of the securities held by the National Debt Commissioners at 31st March 1984 as investments for moneys forming part of the National Insurance Fund [by Act].

[No. 203.]

Monday 30th July 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Aylesbury Vale District Council Bill [Lords].—The Aylesbury Vale District Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, without Amendment.

County of Lancashire Bill [Lords].—The County of Lancashire Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, considered.

Amendments made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Order 205 (Notice of third reading) be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

A Motion being made, That the County of Lancashire Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

London Transport (Tower Hill) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Committee on Unopposed Bills have leave to visit and inspect the site of the works proposed in the London Transport (Tower Hill) Bill [Lords] provided that no evidence shall be taken in the course of such visit and that the Promoters of the Bill be permitted to attend by their Agent.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report) [Acid Rain]. Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 446]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 446]. Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Trade and Industry,—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Special Report). Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 607].

Trade and Industry,—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had directed him to report part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 18th July.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 577-ii].
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Parliamentary Pensions etc. Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Capital Transfer Tax Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the County of Lancashire Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. John Cartwright: 12.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Alastair Goodlad: 307.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Don Dixon: 167.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 5 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 6:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Alastair Goodlad: 307.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Don Dixon: 164.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 7 and 8 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 9:

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

'(4A) The consent of the Secretary of State under this section shall not be required to the incurring of expenditure where the recipient person or body is, for all or part of any one financial year, in receipt concurrently of funding from monies voted by Parliament including Urban Programme, the grant-in-aid to the Manpower Services Commission or funds administered by the Department of Industry, or in receipt concurrently of funding from the European Social Fund or Regional Fund, or in receipt concurrently of funds provided by any registered charity'.—(Mr. Allan Roberts.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 9:

And the Question being put, That the Amendment ((a)) be made to the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 160.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 301.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment ((h)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

' (4E) No consent shall be required under this section in respect of expenditure incurred under section 137 of the principal Act by way of a payment to any body or organisation where—

(a) such body or organisation has been in receipt of a payment under the said section 137 by the local authority concerned within the two previous financial years, and

(b) the payment to be made to such body or organisation does not exceed the total amount so made in the previous two financial years.'—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. A. J. Beith: 156.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 297.

So the Question was negatived.

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Another Amendment ((i)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 26, at the end, to add the words—

' (5A) The Secretary of State shall notify the relevant Council of his decision in respect of any expenditure within one month of that expenditure being submitted for his approval.'—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. A. J. Beith: 155.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 294.

So the Question was negatived.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Jenkin);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. David Hunt: 293.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Allen McKay: 157.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 10:

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 8, at the end, to insert the words—

' (2A) Before exercising his power under this section to grant or refuse consent, the Secretary of State shall specify the matters he is to take into consideration in granting or refusing his consent; and any consent or refusal of consent by the Secretary of State under this section shall be accompanied by reasons for his decision.'—(Mr. John Fraser.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;
Mr. Simon Hughes moved, That this House do now adjourn, but Mr. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 29 (Dilatory motion in abuse of rules of House), declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 132.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Archie Hamilton: 269.

So the Question was negatived.
Another Amendment ((g)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 26, at the end, to add the words—

'( ) Any costs or charges following upon the council in question, or upon the person to whom the land is to be disposed, arising as a result of—

(a) delay by the Secretary of State in granting consent under this section, or
(b) refusal by the Secretary of State to grant consent under this section, or
(c) any conditions imposed by the Secretary of State in granting consent under this section

shall be re-imbursed by the Secretary of State'.—(Mr. A. J. Beith.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. David Alton, Mr. A. J. Beith: 132.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 268.

So the Question was negatived.
The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 11:

An Amendment ((e)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 8, to leave out £250,000 ' and insert £1,000,000 ', instead thereof.—(Mr. Simon Hughes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. A. J. Beith: 130.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. John Major: 264.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment ((l)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 53, at the end, to add the words—

'( ) Nothing in this section shall apply to the Greater London Council when acting as an education authority for the Inner London area pursuant to section 30 of the London Government Act 1963'.—(Mr. Simon Hughes.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Cartwright, Mr. A. J. Beith: 129.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Hunt, Mr. Ian Lang: 264.

So the Question was negatived.
The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 12:

An Amendment ((b)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 2, to leave out the words ' a constituent council or '.—(Mr. Alex Carlile.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—It was negatived.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Sir George Young);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Michael Neubert: 247.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 117.

So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 13 and 14 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 15:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. William Waldegrave);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 243.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr. John Cartwright : 41.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 16 to 20 were agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the parents and governors of Elsted District First School, near Midhurst, West Sussex, and from residents of the surrounding area, against the proposed closure of the school was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the Borough of Southampton against the proposed reorganisation of the Hampton Park and Glen Eyre Secondary Schools was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Walthamstow for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Ilford North for parents to be given statutory rights to be consulted before any contraceptive drugs or devices be given to their daughters while they are under the age of consent was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Robert Boscawen.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes past Four o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 4.5 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Monday 30th July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Coal Industry,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th July 1984, entitled the Opencast Coal (Rate of Interest on Compensation) (No. 2) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1049) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Agriculture,—Copy of the Report on Agriculture in Scotland for 1983 [by Command] [Cmd. 9230].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Consumer Credit,—Copies of—

(1) an Order, dated 25th July 1984, entitled the Consumer Credit (Local Acts) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1107),

(2) Regulations, dated 23rd July 1984, entitled the Consumer Credit (Advertisements and Quotations) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1055),

(3) Regulations, dated 25th July 1984, entitled the Consumer Credit (Cancellation Notices and Copies of Documents) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1108), and

(4) Regulations, dated 25th July 1984, entitled the Consumer Credit (Enforcement, Default and Termination Notices) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1109)

[by Act].
Mr. Secretary Prior:

Northern Ireland Assembly,—Copies of Reports by the Northern Ireland Assembly under section 3 of the Northern Ireland Act 1982 on—

(1) the Proposal for a draft Recreation and Youth Service Order 1984,
(2) public expenditure priorities in Northern Ireland 1985-86, and
(3) the Youth Training Programme
[by Act].

Road and Railway Transport,—Copy of an Order, dated 28th June 1984, entitled the Level Crossing (Aughalish) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 232) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th July 1984, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 981) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Local Government,—Copy of the Account of the Audit Commission for local authorities in England and Wales for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 605].

Nature Conservancy Council,—Copy of the Account of the Nature Conservancy Council for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 606].

Tuesday 31st July 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Warwick District Council Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Warwick District Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

Norwich City Council Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Norwich City Council Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

London Transport (Tower Hill) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Promoters of the London Transport (Tower Hill) Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of their intention to suspend further proceedings not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid;

Ordered, That, if the Bill is brought from the 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 Lords in the present Session;

Ordered, That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first and second time and committed (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed);

Ordered, That, no Petitions against the Bill having been presented within the time limited within the present Session, no Petitioners shall be heard before any Committee on the Bill save those who complain of any amendment as proposed in the filled up Bill or of any matter which arises during the progress of the Bill before the Committee;

Ordered, That no further fees shall be charged in respect of any proceedings on the Bill in respect of which fees have already been incurred during the present Session;

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.
Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of their intention to suspend further proceedings not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid;

Ordered, That, if the Bill is brought from the 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 Lords in the present Session;

Ordered, That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first time (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read) and shall be ordered to be read a second time;

Ordered, That, no Petitions against the Bill having been presented within the time limited within the present Session, no Petitioners shall be heard before any Committee on the Bill save those who complain of any amendment as proposed in the filled up Bill or of any matter which arises during the progress of the Bill before the Committee;

Ordered, That no further fees shall be charged in respect of any proceedings on the Bill in respect of which fees have already been incurred during the present Session;

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of their intention to suspend further proceedings not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid;

Ordered, That, if the Bill is brought from the 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 Lords in the present Session;

Ordered, That, as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first and second time and committed and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall make such Amendments thereto as have been made by the Committee in the present Session, and shall report the Bill as amended to the House forthwith, and the Bill, so amended, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

Ordered, That no further fees shall be charged in respect of any proceedings on the Bill in respect of which fees have already been incurred during the present Session;

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Dartmoor Commons Bill.—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Dartmoor Commons Bill shall have leave to suspend further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of their intention to suspend further proceedings not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid;

Ordered, That on the fifth day on which the House sits in the next Session the Bill shall be presented to the House;

Ordered, That there shall be deposited with the Bill a Declaration signed by the Agents for the Bill, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill at the last stage of its proceedings in this House;

Ordered, That the Bill shall be laid upon the Table of the House by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office on the next meeting of the House after the day on which the Bill has been presented and, when so laid, shall be read the first and second time and committed (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed).
Ordered, That all Petitions against the Bill presented in the present Session which stand referred to the Committee on the Bill shall stand referred to the Committee on the Bill in the next Session;

Ordered, That no Petitioners shall be heard before the Committee on the Bill, unless their Petition has been presented within the time limited within the present Session;

Ordered, That no further fees shall be charged in respect of any proceedings on the Bill in respect of which fees have already been incurred during the present Session;

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

To be communicated to the Lords, and their concurrence desired thereto.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill.—Ordered, That the Committee on the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill have leave to make a Special Report.

Mr. Robert N. Wareing reported from the Committee on the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed, together with so much of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee as relates to the Special Report.

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill.—Mr. Robert N. Wareing reported from the Committee on the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and had amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report, to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

Statutory Instruments.—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 31st July and Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-seventh Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xlvii].

Minutes of Evidence, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-xlviil].

Mr. Martin Flannery, Member for Sheffield, Hillsborough, having used a grossly disorderly expression was ordered by Mr. Speaker to withdraw the same, but he declined to comply with that direction.

Whereupon, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 24 (Disorderly conduct), named him for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Martin Flannery be suspended from the service of the House—(Mr. John Bigen);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Douglas Hogg: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Dennis Canavan: 80.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Martin Flannery be suspended from the service of the House.

Mr. Speaker then directed Mr. Martin Flannery to withdraw from the House:—And he withdrew accordingly.

Education (Amendment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Education Act 1944 to place a duty on local education authorities to prevent the political indoctrination of minors at school; and for connected purposes—(Mr. Edward Leigh);

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. 15 (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 Bruinvels, Mr. Piers Merchant: 139.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Gerald Berningham, Mr. John Evans: 136.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Spencer Batiste, Mr. Peter Bruinvels, Sir
Anthony Buck, Mr. John Butterfill, Mr. Michael Forsyth, Mr. Piers Merchant, Sir Peter
Mills, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, and Mr. George Walden, do prepare and bring in
the Bill.

Education (Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Edward Leigh accordingly presented a Bill to amend
the Education Act 1944 to place a duty on local education authorities to prevent the
political indoctrination of minors at school; and for connected purposes: And the
same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th
October and to be printed [Bill 227].

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:


Opposition day [19th allotted day].—The House proceeded to consider the business selected
in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public
business).

Government Economic, Employment and Industrial Policies.—A Motion was made, and
the Question being proposed, That this House strongly condemns the economic
industrial and employment policies of Her Majesty's Government which seriously im-
pede significant and continuous economic recovery, weaken our country's ability to re-
sist the effects of financial and currency movements, subject our people to higher in-
terest rates and extra cuts in public expenditure, retard industrial development, result in
increasing unemployment and so worsen the insecurity, injustice and division which
embitters social and industrial relations in Britain, as instanced by the current mining
dispute and its consequent hardship; and calls upon Her Majesty's Government to
adopt policies of expansion which will bring down the numbers and costs of unem-
ployment, encourage the more efficient and productive use of the nation's resources,
improve our international trading performance and diminish industrial strife—(Mr. Neil
Kinnock);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word
'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'congratulates Her Majesty's
Government on the success of its economic policies in securing low inflation and rising
output and employment; and calls upon it to maintain policies based on sound finance,
individual freedom and encouraging enterprise as the only foundation for lasting
growth in output and jobs', instead thereof.—(The Prime Minister.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Robin Corbett: 184.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. David Hunt: 353.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith pur-
suant to Standing Order No. 33 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Boscawen, Mr. David Hunt: 348.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Don Dixon, Mr. Allen McKay: 185.

So the Question was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House congratulates Her Majesty's Government on the success of
its economic policies in securing low inflation and rising output and employment; and
calls upon it to maintain policies based on sound finance, individual freedom and en-
couraging enterprise as the only foundation for lasting growth in output and jobs.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of North West Surrey for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Bournemouth West for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

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

Tuesday 31st July 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Public Accounts.—Copy of a Treasury Minute on the Thirteenth to Eighteenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1983-84 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9325].

Gas.—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 20th July 1984,
(2) 20th July 1984,
(3) 20th July 1984,
(4) 20th July 1984,
(5) 20th July 1984,
(6) 20th July 1984, and
(7) 20th July 1984
on borrowing by the British Gas Corporation [by Act].

Iron and Steel.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 20th July 1984 on borrowing by the British Steel Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:

Superannuation.—Copy of a Scheme, entitled the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 1984 [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Miscellaneous (No. 18, 1984).—Copy of Decisions concerning Articles 22(2) and 39(1)(a) of the Patent Co-operation Treaty (PCT) and Amendments to the Regulations under the PCT [by Command] [Cmnd. 9313].


Mr Secretary Heseltine:

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 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Medicines.—Copies of the Reports of—
(1) the British Pharmacopoeia Commission,
(2) the Committee on Dental and Surgical Materials,
(3) the Committee on Radiation from Radioactive Medicinal Products,
(4) the Committee on the Review of Medicines,
(5) the Committee on Safety of Medicines,
(6) the Medicines Commission, and
(7) the Veterinary Products Committee for 1983 [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Export Guarantees.—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the insurance of overseas investment against non-commercial risks, for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 603].

Industrial Development.—Report by the Secretaries of State for Trade and Industry, Scotland and Wales for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 604].

Mr Secretary Jenkin:


National Heritage.—Statement of disposals or transfers of property accepted in lieu of tax made in the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Paper laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Records.—Copy of the Reports of the Keeper of Public Records on the work of the Public Record Office and of the Advisory Council on Public Records for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 583].

[No. 205.]

Wednesday 1st August 1984.

The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

House of Commons (Services).—Mr. John Cope reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Services), That it had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it.

Memoranda to lie upon the Table.

Waste Disposal (Public Consultation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to place upon the designated local authority, to which application for a waste disposal licence has been made, the duty to consult with any parish council or meeting (or community council or meeting in Wales) and persons residing in the neighbourhood in whose area the land concerned is situate: And that Mr. Derek Conway, Mr. Stuart Bell, Mr. Alex Carlile, Mr. Ian Wrigglesworth, Mr. John Heddle, Mr. Robin Squire, Mrs. Virginia Bottomley, Mr. Geoffrey Dickens, and Mr. Steve Norris, do prepare and bring it in.

Waste Disposal (Public Consultation) Bill,—Mr. Derek Conway accordingly presented a Bill to place upon the designated local authority, to which application for a waste disposal licence has been made, the duty to consult with any parish council or meeting (or community council or meeting in Wales) and persons residing in the neighbourhood in whose area the land concerned is situate: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday 22nd October and to be printed [Bill 228].

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from members and supporters of Leicestershire County Cricket Club for guidelines to be given on the licensing of sports grounds and sporting events for the sale of intoxicating liquor was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Yeovil for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Wansdyke for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Bexhill and Battle for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Hastings and Rye for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from registered electors in the constituency of Suffolk, Coastal for the preparation of a Bill for future elections to be held by proportional representation and the holding of a referendum to choose between this Reform Bill and the preservation of the present system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from children and teachers of St. Peter's Junior School, Hednesford and others for legislation banning bloodsports was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr. John Major.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 22nd October, pursuant to the Resolution of the House of 26th July.

APPENDIX

Wednesday 1st August 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Gas,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 20th July 1984 on borrowing by the British Gas Corporation [by Act].
National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th July 1984 on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].
Water,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 27th July 1984 on borrowing by the North West Water Authority [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:
Development Land Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st July 1984, entitled the Development Land Tax (Disposals by Non-residents) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1172) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Keith Joseph:
Education,—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th July 1984, entitled the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1116) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:
Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Copy of Regulations, dated 19th July 1984, entitled the Redundancy Rebates Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1066) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:
Census,—copies of—
(1) Key statistics for urban areas, the Midlands,
(2) the Report on economic activity, Greater Manchester,
(3) the Report on economic activity, Northumberland,
(4) the Report on economic activity, Shropshire,
(5) the Report on economic activity, South Yorkshire,
(6) the Report on economic activity, Staffordshire, and
(7) the Report on workplace and transport to work, England and Wales for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Mr. Secretary Walker:
Atomic Energy,—Statement of determination of salary of the Chairman and Members of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority [by Act].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Death of a Member.—Mr. Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to inform the House of the death of the honourable Sir Anthony George Berry, Member for Enfield Southgate, 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.

Brighton Bomb Attack.—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a copy of a Resolution of the Parliament of New Zealand, as follows:

That this House deplores the bomb attack on the leaders of the British Government that occurred in Brighton during the weekend, expresses its sympathy with the victims and their relatives, and affirms its abhorrence of this act of wanton violence against members of a democratically elected Government.

Accounts and Papers.—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Sir Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it in the last Parliament: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report) [Non-departmental Public Bodies].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 619].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 619].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Sir Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report) [The Reports of the Health Service Commissioner 1982-83].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 620].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 620].

Scottish Affairs.—Mr. David Lambie reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 16th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 418-ix].

Treasury and Civil Service.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Special Report) [Estimates 1984-85; HM Treasury and HM Customs and Excise].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 627].

Treasury and Civil Service.—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 22nd October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 628-i].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London Transport Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 230].

Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 229].

Standing Orders (Public Business).—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business, as amended, be printed [No. 623].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 10th April, which were laid before the House on 10th April, be printed [No. 621].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on 15th May, 12th June and 17th July, which were laid before the House on 15th May, 12th June and 17th July, be printed [No. 622].

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Archie Hamilton);

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. Ian Lang.)

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

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 140 (Presentation of Command Papers) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Ancient and Historical Monuments.—Copy of the Forty-first Interim Report of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments and Constructions of England, on archaeological sites and churches in Northampton [Cmd 9351].

Criminal Law Revision.—Copy of a Report of the Criminal Law Revision Committee on prostitution in the street [Cmd. 9329].

Criminal Statistics.—Copy of the Criminal Statistics for England and Wales for 1983 [Cmd. 9349].

Immigration.—Copy of Tables of persons acquiring British Citizenship for 1983 [Cmd. 9331].

Prisons.—Copy of the Prison Statistics for England and Wales for 1983 [Cmd. 9363].

Canada (No. 1, 1984).—Copy of a Convention, done at Ottawa on 24th April 1984, between the United Kingdom and Canada providing for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters [Cmd. 937].

European Communities (No. 21, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 11th April 1984, amending the Annex to the Statute of the European School laying down the regulations for the European Baccalaureate [Cmd. 9324].


European Communities (No. 23, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement on Fisheries, done at Brussels on 13th March 1984, between the European Economic Community and the Government of Denmark and the Local Government of Greenland with Protocol [Cmd. 9328].

European Communities (No. 24, 1984).—Copy of a Paper on developments in the European Community, January-June 1984 [Cmd. 9348].

European Communities (No. 25, 1984).—Copy of an Agreement, in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 19th December 1983, amending Table II annexed to Protocol No. 2 of the Agreement, between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation [Cmd. 9354].

Miscellaneous (No. 19, 1984).—Copy of Proposed Amendments to Annex 1, Appendix 1, to the Agreement on the international carriage of perishable foodstuffs and on the special equipment to be used for such carriage (ATP) 1970 [Cmd. 9347].
Miscellaneous (No. 20, 1984),—Draft of an Agreement between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on the future of Hong Kong [Cmnd. 9352].

Miscellaneous (No. 21, 1984),—Copy of a Convention, done at Luxembourg on 10th April 1984, on the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the Convention on the law applicable to contractual obligations, opened for signature in Rome on 19th June 1980 [Cmnd. 9357].

Miscellaneous (No. 22, 1984),—Copy of a Proposed Amendment to Chapter VII of the Customs Convention on the temporary importation of private road vehicles, done at New York on 4th June 1954 [Cmnd. 9358].

Miscellaneous (No. 23, 1984),—Copy of Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1983-84, on FCO and ODA Supply Estimates 1984-85 [Cmnd. 9367].

Treaty Series (No. 61, 1984),—Copy of a Treaty, done at Athens on 28th May 1979, between Member States of the European Communities and the Hellenic Republic concerning the accession of the Hellenic Republic to the European Economic Community and to the European Atomic Energy Community including the Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Hellenic Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties, and Final Act [Cmnd. 9304].


Treaty Series (No. 63, 1984),—Copy of a Convention, done at Stockholm on 30th August 1983, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains [Cmnd. 9330].

Treaty Series (No. 64, 1984),—Copy of a Cultural Convention, done at San José on 7th December 1978, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of Costa Rica [Cmnd. 9334].

Treaty Series (No. 65, 1984),—Copy of the Second Supplementary List of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc. for 1984 [Cmnd. 9335].


Treaty Series (No. 67, 1984),—Copy of an Amended Text to Article VII of the Convention on facilitation of international maritime traffic, 1965 [Cmnd. 9339].


Treaty Series (No. 69, 1984),—Copy of an Amendment to Annex 6 of the Customs Convention on the international transport of goods under cover of the TIR Carnets (TIR Convention) [Cmnd. 9343].


Treaty Series (No. 71, 1984),—Copy of a Convention, done at London on 15th December 1982, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Tunisian Republic for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital gains [Cmnd. 9345].

Treaty Series (No. 72, 1984),—Copy of Notes exchanged at Oslo on 15th June and 3rd July 1984 between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway concerning the safeguards and assurances relating to a transfer of nuclear material from the United Kingdom to Norway [Cmnd. 9346].

Treaty Series (No. 73, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement, done at London on 18th June 1984, between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the Republic of Ecuador on certain commercial debts [Cmnd. 9350].

Treaty Series (No. 74, 1984),—Copy of Amendments to Annexes I and III to the European Convention on Social and Medical Assistance, signed at Paris on 11th December 1953 [Cmnd. 9355].
United States (No. 3, 1984).—Copy of an Amendment, done at Washington on 5th June 1984, to the Agreement between Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States of America for co-operation on the uses of atomic energy for mutual defence purposes [Cmnd. 9336].


Fire Services.—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Fire Services for Scotland for 1983 [Cmnd. 9321].

Roads.—Copy of the Report on Roads in Scotland for 1983 [Cmnd. 9333].

Defence.—List of exceptions to the Army Regulations as to pay, non-effective pay, and allowances during the year ended 31st March 1984.

Monopolies and Mergers.—Copy of the Report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the Post Office Letter Post Service [Cmnd. 9332].

Museums and Galleries.—Statements of increase in the value of indemnities in respect of objects loaned to—

(1) the National Gallery, and
(2) the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Northern Ireland.—Copy of the Account of Public Income and Expenditure of Northern Ireland, with the Balance in the Consolidated Fund, for the year ended 31st March 1984 [Cmnd. 9342].

Civil Aviation.—Copy of a Paper, entitled Airline Competition Policy [Cmnd. 9366].


Papers presented pursuant to several Acts of Parliament and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates pursuant to Standing Order No. 141 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

3rd August 1984

Customs and Excise.—Copies of Regulations, dated 1st August 1984, entitled—
(1) the Control of Movement of Goods Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1176), and
(2) the Free Zone Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1177).

Housing.—Copies of Orders, dated 1st August 1984, entitled—
(1) the Housing (Local Authority Contributions towards Mortgage Costs) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1174), and
(2) the Housing (Right to Buy) (Prescribed Persons) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1173).

6th August 1984

Social Security.—Copy of a Scheme, dated 26th July 1984, entitled the Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementation) Amendment (No. 2) Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1118).

Road and Railway Transport.—Copy of an Order, dated 9th July 1984, entitled the Level Crossing (Belfast Area) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 247).

County Courts.—Copy of an Order, dated 19th July 1984, entitled the Transfer of County Court Judgments (Specified Amount) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1141).

7th August 1984


8th August 1984

Rating and Valuation.—Copy of an Order, dated 25th July 1984, entitled the Valuation (Deductions from Gross Annual Value) (Scotland) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1112).


Merchant Shipping.—Copies of Orders in Council, dated 31st July 1984, entitled—
(1) the Merchant Shipping Act 1965 (Isle of Man) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1160).
(2) the Merchant Shipping Act 1979 (Isle of Man) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1161),
(3) the Merchant Shipping (Confirmation of Legislation) (Isle of Man) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1162),
(4) the Merchant Shipping Load Line Convention (Isle of Man) (Revocation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1163),
(5) the Merchant Shipping (Metrication) (Isle of Man) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1164), and
(6) the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) (Hong Kong) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1153).

Pensions,—Copy of an Order in Council, dated 31st July 1984, entitled the Naval, Military and Air Forces etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Amendment Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1154).


Tribunals and Inquiries,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd July 1984, entitled the Tribunals and Inquiries (Foreign Compensation Commission) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1247).

9th August 1984

Dangerous Drugs,— Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 23rd July 1984, entitled the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (Variation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1144),
(2) Regulations, dated 23rd July 1984, entitled the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1143), and


Sheriff Court (Scotland),— Copies of Acts of Sederunt, dated 26th July 1984, entitled—
(1) the Act of Sederunt (Shorthand Writers' Fees) 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1134), and
(2) the Act of Sederunt (Solicitors' Fees) 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1135).


Public Health,— Copy of Regulations, dated 1st August 1984, entitled the Control of Pollution (Discharges by Authorities) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1200).

Road and Railway Transport,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th July 1984, entitled the Level Crossing (Lissue) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 252).

Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 25th July 1984, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1126).


10th August 1984


Education,— Copies of Regulations, dated—
(1) 1st August 1984, entitled the Education (Fees and Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1201), and

National Health Service.—Copy of an Order, dated 31st July 1984, entitled the Powys Family Practitioner Committee (Membership) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1213).

Merchant Shipping.—Copies of—
(1) Regulations, dated 23rd July 1984, entitled the Fishing Vessels (Certification of Deck Officers and Engineer Officers) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1115),
(2) Regulations, dated 2nd August 1984, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1217),
(4) Regulations, dated 2nd August 1984, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1121),
(5) Regulations, dated 2nd August 1984, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1218),
(6) Regulations, dated 2nd August 1984, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1203),
(7) Regulations, dated 2nd August 1984, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1220),
(8) Regulations, dated 2nd August 1984, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction and Survey) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1216),
(9) Regulations, dated 2nd August 1984, entitled the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1223), and

13th August 1984


14th August 1984
Opticians.—Copies of Orders of Council, dated 7th August 1984, entitled—
(1) the General Optical Council (Disciplinary Committee Rules) (Amendment) Order of Council 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1250), and

15th August 1984


Housing.—Copy of an Order, dated 10th August 1984, entitled the Housing (Right to a Shared Ownership Lease) (Repairs Etc. Adjustment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1280).


16th August 1984
National Health Service (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st July 1984, entitled the National Health Service (Vocational Training) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1258).

Ancient Monuments.—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 10th August 1984, entitled the Areas of Archaeological Importance (Notification of Operations) (Exemption) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1286), and
(2) Regulations, dated 10th August 1984, entitled the Operations in Areas of Archaeological Importance (Forms of Notice etc.) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1285).

Agriculture,—Copies of Orders, dated 26th July 1984, entitled—
(1) the Agricultural Holdings (Arbitration on Notices) (Variation) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1300), and
(2) the Agricultural Land Tribunals (Succession to Agricultural Tenancies) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1301).

17th August 1984

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 15th August 1984, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 5) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1306).

20th August 1984


Weights and Measures,—Copies of Regulations, dated 17th August 1984, entitled—
(1) the Prepackaging and Labelling of Wine and Grape Must (EEC Requirements) (Revocation) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1318), and

22nd August 1984


Pensions,—Copy of a Scheme, dated 10th August 1984, entitled the Personal Injuries (Civilians) Amendment Scheme 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1289).

Landlord and Tenant,—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 15th August 1984, entitled the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (Units of Production) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1309), and
(2) Regulations, dated 15th August 1984, entitled the Agricultural Holdings (Forms of Notice to Pay Rent or to Remedy) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1308).

23rd August 1984

Road and Railway Transport,—Copies of Orders, dated 1st August 1984, entitled—
(1) the Level Crossing (Dunhead (South)) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 272), and
(2) the Level Crossing (Killagan) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 271).


24th August 1984


Animals,—Copy of Regulations, dated 13th July 1984, entitled the Slaughter of Animals (Revision of Penalties) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1205).


Landlord and Tenant,—Copy of an Order, dated 14th August 1984, entitled the Assured Tenancies (Approved Bodies) (No. 3) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1312).

Animals,—Copies of Regulations, dated 15th August 1984, entitled—
(1) the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1311), and
(2) the Slaughter of Pigs (Anaesthesia) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1310).

28th August 1984

European Communities,—Copy of Regulations, dated 11th August 1984, entitled the Western Isles Integrated Development Programme (Payments to Outgoing Crofters) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1313).
29th August 1984

Education (Scotland).—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th August 1984, entitled the Education (Fees and Awards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1361).

Road and Railway Transport.—Copies of Orders, dated—
(1) 2nd August 1984, entitled the Level Crossing (Maze) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 275), and

Food.—Copies of Regulations, dated 15th August 1984, entitled—
(1) the Bread and Flour Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1304), and
(2) the Food Labelling Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1305).

30th August 1984

Social Welfare Services.—Copies of—
(1) Regulations, dated 22nd August 1984, entitled the Residential Care Homes Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1345), and

Road and Railway Transport.—Copy of an Order, dated 2nd August 1984, entitled the Level Crossing (Moira) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 274).

31st August 1984

European Communities.—Copy of Regulations, dated 24th August 1984, entitled the Western Isles Integrated Development Programme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1360).


3rd September 1984


4th September 1984


5th September 1984


6th September 1984


7th September 1984

Value Added Tax.—Copy of Regulations, dated 29th August 1984, entitled the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1376).


10th September 1984

National Health Service,—Copy of Regulations, dated 3rd September 1984, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1424).


Road Traffic,—Copies of Regulations, dated 30th August 1984, entitled—
(1) the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval for Goods Vehicles) (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1402), and
(2) the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1401).

11th September 1984

Customs and Excise,—Copy of an Order, dated 11th September 1984, entitled the Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 6) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1452).


12th September 1984

Road Traffic and Vehicles,—Copy of an Order, dated 23rd August 1984, entitled the Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 302).


14th September 1984


Road Traffic,—Copy of Regulations, dated 31st August 1984, entitled the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval and Approval Marks) (Fees) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1404).

17th September 1984


18th September 1984


19th September 1984

Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 10th September 1984, entitled—
(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1456), and
(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1457).

Mental Health,—Copies of Regulations, dated 17th September 1984, entitled—
(1) the Mental Health (Prescribed Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1495), and
(2) the Mental Health (Specified Treatments, Guardianship Duties, etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1494).

National Health Service (Scotland),—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th September 1984, entitled the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1491).
Customs and Excise,—Copy of Regulations, dated 17th September 1984, entitled the Inward Processing Relief (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1500).

Road and Railway Transport,—Copies of Orders, dated 29th August 1984, entitled—
(1) the Level Crossing (Duncrun: East) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 307), and
(2) the Level Crossing (Duncrun: West) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 308).

20th September 1984


21st September 1984


24th September 1984


25th September 1984


Sea Fisheries,—Copies of Orders, dated 21st September 1984, entitled—
(1) the Scallops (Irish Sea) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1523), and
(2) the Undersized Scallops (West Coast) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1522).

26th September 1984


28th September 1984


1st October 1984


3rd October 1984


4th October 1984

Food,—Copies of Regulations, dated 17th September 1984, entitled—
(1) the Bread and Flour (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1518), and
(2) the Food Labelling (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1519).


5th October 1984

National Debt,—Copy of Regulations, dated 2nd October 1984, entitled the Savings Certificates (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1564).
10th October 1984


12th October 1984


15th October 1984


National Assistance Services.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th September 1984, entitled the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Scotland) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1558).

16th October 1984

National Health Service.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th October 1984, entitled the National Health Service Functions (Directions to Authorities and Administration Arrangements) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1577).


17th October 1984

Food.—Copy of Regulations, dated 27th September 1984, entitled the Poultry Meat (Water Content) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1576).

Rating and Valuation.—Copy of an Order, dated 8th October 1984, entitled the Rating of Caravan Sites (Scotland) Order 1984.

18th October 1984

Agriculture.—Copy of Regulations, dated 8th October 1984, entitled the Fertilisers (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1592).

19th October 1984

Health and Safety.—Copies of Regulations, dated 8th October 1984, entitled—

(1) the Baking and Sausage Making (Christmas and New Year) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1598), and

(2) the Construction (Metrication) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1593).

Public Health.—Copy of Regulations, dated 5th October 1984, entitled the Nursing Homes and Mental Nursing Homes Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1578).

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 22nd October 1984:

Mr. John Moore:

Crown's Nominee Account.—Abstract Account of the receipts and payments by the Treasury Solicitor, in the administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown, for 1983 [by Act].

Income Tax.—Drafts of Orders in Council, entitled—

(1) the Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Profits) (Kuwait) Order 1984, and

(2) the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (China) Order 1984 [by Act].

Royal Hospital, Chelsea.—Copy of the Account of the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea (for services other than those voted by Parliament) in the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 624].

Mr. Secretary Brittan:

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Copy of the Betting Licensing Statistics for Great Britain for the year ended 31st May 1984 [by Act].

Prisons.—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 618].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

British Phosphate Commissioners.—Copy of the Report of the British Phosphate Commissioners for the year ended 30th June 1984 [by Command].
Mr. Secretary Younger:

Camps,—Copy of the Report of the Scottish National Camps Association Limited for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Census (Scotland),—Copies of the Reports on economic activity for—
(1) the Borders Region,
(2) the Central Region,
(3) the Dumfries and Galloway Region,
(4) the Fife Region,
(5) the Grampian Region,
(6) the Highland Region,
(7) the Islands Areas,
(8) the Lothian Region,
(9) the Strathclyde Region, and
(10) the Tayside Region

for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Census (Scotland),—Copies of—
(1) statistics on household and family composition,
(2) statistics on migration (Volume 4),
(3) supplement to the Report for the Grampian Region (Volume 4), and
(4) supplement to the Report for the Strathclyde Region (Volume 4)

for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Museums and Galleries,—Copy of the Review of the National Galleries of Scotland for 1983 [by Act].

Prisons,—Draft of Rules, entitled the Prison (Scotland) Amendment Rules 1984 [by Act].

Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.,—Copy of the Report of the Registrar General for Scotland for 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence (Royal Air Force),—Copy of Regulations of the Defence Council, relating to the Commissioning of Officers and Conditions of Service of Officers and Airmen (Aircrew) in the Royal Air Force [by Act].

Reserve Forces,—Copies of Orders, dated 30th August 1984, amending—
(1) the Regulations for the Ulster Defence Regiment 1980, and
(2) the Territorial Army Regulations 1978 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:

Industrial Training,—Copies of the Reports and Accounts of—
(1) the Engineering Industry Training Board, and
(2) the Hotel and Catering Industry Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Social Services,—Copy of the Government’s Reply to the Third Report from the Social Services Committee, Session 1983-84, on perinatal and neonatal mortality [by Command] [Cmnd. 9371].

Census,—Copies of—
(1) key statistics for urban areas: the South East—cities and towns,
(2) statistics on national migration for Great Britain (part 2), and
(3) statistics on qualified manpower for Great Britain

for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Census,—Copies of the Reports on economic activity for—
(1) Avon,
(2) Bedfordshire,
(3) Berkshire,
(4) Buckinghamshire,
(5) Cambridgeshire,
(6) Cheshire,
(7) Clwyd,
(8) Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly,
(9) Cumbria,
(10) Devon,
(11) Dorset,
(12) Durham,
(13) Dyfed,
(14) East Sussex,
(15) Essex,
(16) Gloucestershire,
(17) Greater London,
(18) Gwent,
(19) Hereford and Worcester,
(20) Hertfordshire,
(21) Kent,
(22) Lancashire,
(23) Lincolnshire,
(24) Merseyside,
(25) Mid Glamorgan,
(26) Norfolk,
(27) North Yorkshire,
(28) Northamptonshire,
(29) Powys,
(30) Somerset,
(31) Surrey,
(32) Tyne and Wear,
(33) Warwickshire,
(34) West Glamorgan,
(35) West Midlands,
(36) West Sussex,
(37) West Yorkshire, and
(38) Wiltshire

for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Census.—Copies of statistics on regional migration for—
(1) East Anglia (part 2),
(2) the East Midlands (part 2),
(3) the North (part 2),
(4) the North West (part 2),
(5) the South East (part 2),
(6) the South West (part 2),
(7) Wales (part 2),
(8) the West Midlands (part 2), and
(9) Yorkshire and Humberside (part 2),

for the Census 1981 [by Act].


Population Censuses and Surveys.—Copies of the Reviews of the Registrar General on—
(1) births and patterns of family building in England and Wales for 1982,
(2) deaths attributed to accidental and violent causes in England and Wales for 1983,
(3) deaths by area of usual residence in England and Wales for 1983, and
(4) deaths by cause, sex and age in England and Wales for 1983

[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Trade.—Returns in part to an Address to Her Majesty of 14th November 1983 for a Return relating to overseas trade for each month during 1984 for—
(1) June,
(2) July, and
(3) August.

Census of Production.—Copies of the Report on the Census of Production 1982 on—
(1) construction industry,
(2) extraction of mineral oil and natural gas,
(3) industrial plant and steelwork, and
(4) organic oils and fats

[by Act].
Consumer Credit,—Copy of Regulations, dated 10th October 1984, entitled the Consumer Credit (Agreements) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1600) [by Act].

Consumer Protection,—Draft of Regulations, entitled the Gas Catalytic Heaters (Safety) Regulations 1984 [by Act].

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Wool Industries Research Association for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Copies of the Reports of—
(1) the Devon and Cornwall Development Bureau,
(2) the North of England Development Council,
(3) the North West Industrial Development Association, and
(4) the Yorkshire and Humberside Development Association
for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Industrial Organisation and Development,—Statement of determination of salary of the Chairman and Members of the English Industrial Estates Corporation [by Act].

Industry,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the National Enterprise Board for 1983 [by Act].


Post Office,—Copies of the Reports of—
(1) the Post Office Users’ Council for Scotland, and
(2) the Post Office Users’ Council for Wales
for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Tourism,—Copy of the Report of the British Tourist Authority for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Tourism,—Statement of determination of salary of the Chairmen and Members of the British Tourist Authority and the English Tourist Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Housing,—Draft of an Order, entitled the Grants by Local Authorities (Appropriate Percentage and Exchequer Contribution) (Repairs Grants for Airey Houses) (Variation) Order 1984 [by Act].


New Towns,—Copies of—
(1) the Report of the Commission for New Towns, and
(2) the Reports of the Development Corporations
for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 611 and 610].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:

New Towns,—Copy of the Report of the Cwmbran Development Corporation for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 615].

Public Libraries and Museums,—Copy of a Report by the Secretary of State for Wales on proceedings under the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964 for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Tourism,—Statement of appointment and determination of salary of a member of the Wales Tourist Board [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Electoral Law (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 613].

Northern Ireland,—Draft of an Order in Council, entitled the General Consumer Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Atomic Energy,—Copies of the Reports and Accounts of—
(1) British Nuclear Fuels plc, and
(2) the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority
for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].
Electricity,—Copies of—

(1) the Report of the Secretary of State for Energy of proceedings under the Electricity Acts 1947 and 1957,
(2) the Statement of Accounts and Statistics of the Electricity Council, and
(3) the Statistical Yearbook of the Central Electricity Generating Board

for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Electricity,—Copies of the Reports and Accounts of—

(1) the Central Electricity Generating Board,
(2) the East Midlands Electricity Board,
(3) the Eastern Electricity Board
(4) the Electricity Council,
(5) the London Electricity Board,
(6) the Merseyside and North Wales Electricity Board,
(7) the Midlands Electricity Board,
(8) the North Eastern Electricity Board,
(9) the North Western Electricity Board,
(10) the South Eastern Electricity Board,
(11) the South Wales Electricity Board,
(12) the South Western Electricity Board,
(13) the Southern Electricity Board, and
(14) the Yorkshire Electricity Board

for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Nuclear Industry (Finance),—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Energy with the consent of the Treasury, dated 19th October 1984, on borrowing by British Nuclear Fuels plc [by Act].

Participation Agreements,—Copy of a Statement by the Secretary of State for Energy of the certification, dated 29th August 1984, of agreements dated 31st July 1984 as agreements to which section 1 of the Participation Agreements Act 1978 applies [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Local Government,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th October 1984, entitled the Local Government (Supplementary Grants for Transport Purposes Specified Descriptions) Order 1984 [by Act].

Merchant Shipping,—Copy of a Report by the Department of Transport of exemptions granted under section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906 during 1983 [by Act].

Pilotage,—Copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Pilotage Commission for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Pilotage,—Returns of pilotage authorities for 1983 [by Act].

Pilotage,—Statements of Accounts of pilotage authorities for 1983 [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:

Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copies of Statutes made by the Governing Bodies of—

(1) Jesus College, Oxford, on 2nd May 1984, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(2) the University of Oxford, on 10th May 1984, amending the Statutes of the University

[by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Agriculture,—Copies of—

(1) the Report and Accounts of the Agricultural Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1984,
(2) the Report and Accounts of Food from Britain for the year ended 31st March 1984, and
(3) the Report on Agricultural Marketing Schemes for 1982-83

[by Act].

Covent Garden Market Authority,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Covent Garden Market Authority for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Food,—Copy of Regulations, dated 1st October 1984, entitled the Meat Products and Spreadable Fish Products Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1566) [by Act].

Mr. Attorney General:

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 Dyfed-Powys Police Authority Compulsory Purchase Order 1982 [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by Mr. Speaker:

Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communications declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instruments had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instruments came into operation [pursuant to Standing Order No. 142 (Notification in respect of certain Statutory Instruments)]:

The Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 5) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1306).

The Customs Duties (ECSC) (Amendment No. 6) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1452).

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Defence.—Third Report of the Defence Committee [Ministry of Defence Reorganisation] [pursuant to Standing Order No. 95 (Select Committees (adjournment of the House))]; to be printed [No. 584].

Broadcasting.—Copy of Accounts of additional payments to the Independent Broadcasting Authority by programme contractors and of sums paid into the Consolidated Funds of the United Kingdom and of Northern Ireland under section 33 of the Broadcasting Act 1981 for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 625].

Museums and Galleries.—Copies of the Reports—
(1) of the Trustees of the British Museum for 1981 to 1984, and
(2) on the British Museum (Natural History) for 1981 to 1983 [by Act].

National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) the Export Credits Guarantee Department: claims and recoveries, and
(2) the Ministry of Defence: International collaborative projects for defence equipment [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 632 and 626].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.—Copy of the Eighth Report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1983-84, [by Act]; to be printed [No. 617].

[No. 207.]

Tuesday 23rd October 1984.

PRAYERS.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

Norwich City Council Bill [Lords].—The Norwich City Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Warwick District Council Bill [Lords].—The Warwick District Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill,—Ordered, That the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill be considered upon Thursday.

London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee. Bill to be read the third time.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Alex Carlile reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which
it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Memoranda laid before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-eighth Report).

Report, together with Memoranda, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-x].

Scottish Affairs.—Mr. David Lamie reported from the Scottish Affairs Committee. That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 23rd October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 418-x].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 232].

Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday, the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read and discharged.

Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order for further consideration, upon Thursday, of the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords] was read and discharged.

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Profits) (Kuwait) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Biffen.)

Statutory Instruments, &c.—Ordered, That the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (China) Order 1984 be referred to a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—(Mr. John Biffen.)

Breach of Confidence,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to impose obligations of confidence giving rise to liability in tort on persons acquiring information in certain circumstances and otherwise to amend the law of England and Wales as to civil liability for the disclosure or use of information; and for connected purposes: And that Mr. Steve Norris, Mr. Derek Conway, Mr. David Evennett, Mr. Robert Hayward, Mr. Greg Knight, Mr. Tim Yeo, Mr. Timothy Wood, and Mr. David Ashby, do prepare and bring it in.

Breach of Confidence Bill,—Mr. Steve Norris accordingly presented a Bill to impose obligations of confidence giving rise to liability in tort on persons acquiring information in certain circumstances and otherwise to amend the law of England and Wales as to civil liability for the disclosure or use of information; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 231].

Local Government (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1984, dated 18th July 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd July, be approved—(Mr. Secretary Younger);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tim Sainsbury: 272.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes: 166.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1984, dated 18th July 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd July, be approved.—(Mr. Chris Patten.)

Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Fire Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 17th July, be approved.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Foster Children (Scotland) Bill [Lords], and the Building Bill [Lords], 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. Ian Lang.)

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Ian Lang);
And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.5 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 23rd October 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Appropriation Accounts.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Defence and Civil Services for—

(1) Class I, with the Operating Accounts of Her Majesty's Dockyards and the Hydrographic Department, and
(2) Class IX for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 614-I and 614-VI].

Electricity.—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—

(1) 15th August 1984,
(2) 28th August 1984,
(3) 31st August 1984, and
(4) 16th October 1984 on borrowing by the Electricity Council [by Act].

Public Accounts.—Copy of a Treasury Minute on the Nineteenth to Twenty-third and Twenty-sixth to Thirty-sixth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1983-84 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9368].

Water.—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—

(1) 20th August 1984 on borrowing by the Southern Water Authority, and
(2) 10th October 1984 on borrowing by the Welsh Water Authority [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

European Communities (No. 26, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 29th March 1984 between the European Economic Community and Barbados, Belize, the People's Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative 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, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zimbabwe and Saint Christopher and Nevis on the Accession of Saint Christopher and Nevis to Protocol No. 7 on ACP Sugar annexed to the Second ACP-EEC Convention [by Command] [Cmnd. 9359].

European Communities (No. 27, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 29th March 1984 between the European Economic Community and Barbados, Belize, the People's Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative 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, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zimbabwe and the Republic of the Ivory Coast on the Accession of the Ivory Coast to Protocol No. 7 on ACP Sugar annexed to the Second ACP-EEC Convention [by Command] [Cmnd. 9360].

European Communities (No. 28, 1984),—Copy of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 5th July 1984 relating to Point 2 of the Letters exchanged between the European Economic Community and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on trade in the sheepmeat and goatmeat sector [by Command] [Cmnd. 9361].

European Communities (No. 29, 1984),—Copy of an Agreement in the form of Letters exchanged at Brussels on 29th March 1984 between the European Economic Community and Barbados, Belize, the People's Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative 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, the Republic of Uganda and the Republic of Zimbabwe on the guaranteed prices for cane sugar for the 1983-84 delivery period [by Command] [Cmnd. 9364].
Mr. Secretary Younger:


Mr. Secretary Tebbit:

Cinematographs and Cinematograph Films,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the British Film Fund Agency for the fifty-two weeks ended 15th October 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 616].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Water,—Copies of the Reports and Accounts of—

1. the Anglian Water Authority,
2. the North West Water Authority,
3. the Northumbrian Water Authority,
4. the Severn-Trent Water Authority,
5. the South West Water Authority,
6. the Southern Water Authority,
7. the Thames Water Authority,
8. the Wessex Water Authority, and
9. the Yorkshire Water Authority,

for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:

Public Accounts,—Copies of Memoranda by the Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel on—

1. the Twenty-fourth, and
2. the Twenty-fifth

Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1983-84 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9373 and 9374].

Mr. Secretary Walker:

Energy,—Copy of a Minute by the Secretary of State for Energy on a financial assurance to the British National Oil Corporation [by Command].

Mr. Michael Jopling:

Covent Garden Market Authority,—Statement of determination of remuneration and allowances for the Chairman and Members of the Covent Garden Market Authority [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Public Petitions,—Observations by—

1. the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [11th July] from Government Communications Headquarters trades unions for the revocation of the decision to ban trades unions at the Government Communications Headquarters and to remove rights under employment protection legislation,
2. the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the Petition [30th July] from parents and governors of Elsted District First School, near Midhurst, West Sussex, and from residents of the surrounding area, against the proposed closure of the school,
3. the Secretary of State for Education and Science on the Petition [30th July] from registered electors in the Borough of Southampton against the proposed reorganisation of the Hampton Park and Glen Eyre Secondary Schools, and
4. the Secretary of State for the Environment on the Petition [27th July] from the Medway Residents Association (Bow) for amendment of the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill to ensure the removal of the threat to the Greater London Council Housing Improvement Programme [by Standing Order]; to be printed.

Countryside (Scotland),—Copy of the Account of the Countryside Commission for Scotland for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 629].

National Heritage Memorial Fund,—Copy of the Account of the National Heritage Memorial Fund for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 630].

Sex Discrimination,—Copy of the Account of the Equal Opportunities Commission for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 631].
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In pursuance of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 63 (Constitution of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker allocated the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Profits) (Kuwait) Order 1984 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (China) Order 1984 to the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.

[No. 208.1

Wednesday 24th October 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill,—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present Session of their intention to suspend further proceedings and that all fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid;

Ordered, That on the fifth day on which the House sits in the next Session the Bill shall be presented to the House;

Ordered, That there shall be deposited with the Bill a declaration signed by the Agents for the Bill, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill at the last stage of its proceedings in this House in the present Session;

Ordered, That the Bill shall be laid upon the Table of the House by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office on the next meeting of the House after the day on which the Bill has been presented and, when so laid, shall be read the first and second time (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read) and, having been amended by the Committee in the present Session, shall be ordered to lie upon the Table;

Ordered, That no further fees shall be charged in respect of any proceedings on the Bill in respect of which fees have already been incurred during the present Session;

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

To be communicated to the Lords, and their concurrence desired thereto.

London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill,—Ordered, That the Promoters of the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present Session of their intention to suspend further proceedings and that all fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid;

Ordered, That on the fifth day on which the House sits in the next Session the Bill shall be presented to the House;

Ordered, That there shall be deposited with the Bill a declaration signed by the Agents for the Bill, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill at the last stage of its proceedings in this House in the present Session;

Ordered, That the Bill shall be laid upon the Table of the House by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office on the next meeting of the House after the day on which the Bill has been presented and, when so laid, shall be read the first and second time (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read) and shall be ordered to be read the third time;

Ordered, That no further fees shall be charged in respect of any proceedings on the Bill in respect of which fees have already been incurred during the present Session;

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

To be communicated to the Lords, and their concurrence desired thereto.

Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill,—The Order for consideration, upon Thursday, of the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill was read and discharged.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).
Kingston upon Hull [Lords].—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Kingston upon Hull Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereof; and had considered the several matters required by the Standing Orders and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Report to lie upon the Table.

Report to be printed.

European Legislation.—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-fourth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 78-xxxiv].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xxxiv].

Selection.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Social Services.—Mrs. Renee Short reported from the Social Services Committee, That it had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 24th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 379-xvii].

Trade and Industry.—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Special Report) [Observations by the Government on the Second Report of the Trade and Industry Committee, Session 1983-84].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 633].

Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Roads (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Control of Religious Sects and Cults.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to control the activities of religious sects and cults: And that Mr. David Alton, Mr. David Atkinson, Mr. Patrick Cormack, Mr. Julian Critchley, Mr. Sean Hughes, Mr. Kevin McNamara, Sir Anthony Kershaw, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. Charles Morrison, Mr. George Robertson, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, and Mr. Robin Squire, do prepare and bring it in.

Control of Religious Sects and Cults Bill.—Mr. David Alton accordingly presented a Bill to control the activities of religious sects and cults: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday 26th October and to be printed [Bill 233].

Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Adam Butler);

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Tim Sainsbury : 258.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Frank Haynes : 189.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 4 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 5:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Adam Butler);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Neubert, Mr. Ian Lang : 243.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Lawrence Cunliffe : 180.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 1.—(Mr. Adam Butler.)
Ordered, That Mr. Adam Butler, Mr. Denzil Davies, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. John Lee, and Mr. John McWilliam, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Adam Butler.)

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Adam Butler.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Adam Butler.)

Rent (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Rent (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

Committee to-morrow.

Foster Children (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Foster Children (Scotland) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Donald Thompson.)

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 23 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Donald Thompson 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. 58 (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.

Building Bill [Lords].—The Building Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Mr. Ian Lang.)

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 135 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 7 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Ian Lang 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. 58 (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.

Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill.—Mr. Adam Butler reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 1 to the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill, That it had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which it had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 1) made by the Lords in page 1, line 6, for the following Reason:

Because it could result in unnecessary delay in transferring property, rights and liabilities in accordance with the Act.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.
Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the residents of the constituency of Leicester East and its neighbours for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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. Ian Lang);

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. Ian Lang);

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.

APPENDIX I

Wednesday 24th October 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
National Health Service.—Statements of Guarantees given by the Treasury on—
(1) 10th September 1984,
(2) 10th September 1984, and
(3) 28th September 1984
on stock issued by the General Practice Finance Corporation [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
National Health Service (Scotland).—Copy of the Report of the Scottish Health Service Planning Council for 1983 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Tebbit:
Weights and Measures.—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th October 1984, entitled the Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1618) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Jenkin:
British Library.—Statement of increase in the value of indemnities for loss of objects loaned to the British Library [by Command].

Mr. Secretary Edwards:
Water.—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Welsh Water Authority for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Hurd:
Industrial Development.—Copy of the Receipts and Payments Account of the Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland for the seven months ended 31st March 1983; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Command] [Cmnd. 9353].

Explosives.—Copy of the Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives for Northern Ireland 1981-83 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 609].

Prisons (Northern Ireland).—Copy of the Report on the Administration of the Prison Service for 1983 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 608].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had nominated Eighteen Members to serve on the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Profits) (Kuwait) Order 1984 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (China) Order 1984, viz.: Mr. Allen Adams, Mr. Robert Banks, Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr. Stuart Bell, Mr. Keith Best, Dr. John G. Blackburn, Mr. Gordon Brown, Mr. William Cash, Mr. Tom Cox.
Mr. Ron Davies, Mr. Terry Davis, Mr. Geoffrey Dickens, Mr. Archy Kirkwood, Mr. John Major, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, Mr. John Moore, Mrs. Marion Roe, and Mr. Peter Viggers.

MEMORANDUM

In pursuance of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 64 (Chairmen of Standing Committees), Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. David Crouch Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Profits) (Kuwait) Order 1984 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (China) Order 1984.


PRAYERS.

London Transport Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the London Transport Bill; and the same were agreed to.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Special Report) [Property Services Agency Estimates 1984-85: The Department's Further Response].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 634].

Environment,—Sir Hugh Rossi reported from the Environment Committee, That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Special Report) [Green Belt and Land for Housing—Government Response].

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 635].

Foreign Affairs,—Sir Anthony Kershaw reported from the Foreign Affairs Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and agreed to a Report, together with an Appendix, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Fifth Report) [The Falkland Islands].

Report, together with Appendix and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 268].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 268].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to re-enact with amendments certain local enactments in force within the city of Hereford; to confer further powers on the Council of the city of Hereford; to make provision with regard to health, local government and improvement of the city; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Hereford City Council 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 city of Worcester; to confer further powers on the Council of the city of Worcester; to make provision with regard to health, safety and public order within the city, the amenity of the river Severn, local government and improvement of the city; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House [Worcester City Council Bill [Lords]].

Hereford City Council Bill [Lords],—The Hereford City Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Worcester City Council Bill [Lords],—The Worcester City Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Giles Shaw);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Ian Lang, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 252.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Frank Haynes: 160.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 64 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 65:

Amendments (a) and (b) were made to the Lords Amendment.
The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 66 to 93 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 94:

An Amendment (a) was made to the Lords Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment, as amended—(Mr. Giles Shaw);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 232.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Frank Haynes, Mr. Robin Corbett: 121.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 95 to 155 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 156:

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 5, to leave out from the word 'court' to the end of line 10.—(Mr. Robin Corbett.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Allen McKay, Mr. Robin Corbett: 129.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 239.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendment Nos. 157 to 190 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 191 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.
Lords Amendments Nos. 192 to 208 were agreed to.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Lords Amendments be now adjourned.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

Lords Amendments to be further considered to-morrow.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Davies of 50 Eastham Road, Billesley, Birmingham, for a ban on experiments with living human embryos was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones.)

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 25th October 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. Peter Rees:
Acquisition of Land,—Copies of Regulations, dated 22nd October 1984, entitled—
(1) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (No. 3) Regulations 1984
(S.I., 1984, No. 1647), and
(2) the Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1648)
[by Act].

Mr. John Moore:
Electricity (Scotland),—Statements of Guarantees, given by the Treasury on—
(1) 2nd August 1984, on borrowing by the South of Scotland Electricity Board, and
(2) 28th August 1984, on borrowing by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board
[by Act].
Income Tax,—Copy of Regulations, dated 23rd October 1984, entitled the Income Tax (Interest Relief) (Housing Associations) (No. 2) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1653) [by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:
Treaty Series (No. 75, 1984),—Copy of a Protocol, done at Strasbourg on 25th October 1983, amending the European Agreement on the restriction of the use of certain detergents in washing and cleaning products [by Command] [Cmnd. 9369].

Mr. Secretary Younger:
Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 22nd October 1984, entitled the Police (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1651) [by Act].

Mr. John Biffen:
Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Pembroke College, Oxford, on 4th May 1984, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Terry Davis (nominated in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Profits) (Kuwait) Order 1984 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (China) Order 1984); and had appointed in substitution Mr. Jeff Rooker.

[No. 210]

Friday 26th October 1984.

The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented (see Appendix).

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Ian Lang):

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Friday 26th October 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:
Commonwealth Development Corporation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 31st July 1984 on borrowing by the Commonwealth Development Corporation [by Act].
Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 15th August 1984 on borrowing by the British Railways Board [by Act].

Mr. Barney Hayhoe:
Pensions,—Copy of an Order, dated 17th October 1984, entitled the Superannuation (Children’s Pensions) (Earnings Limit) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1625) [by Act].

Mr. Secretary King:
Industrial Training,—Copy of the Report and Accounts of the Offshore Petroleum Industry Training Board for the year ended 31st March 1984 [by Act].

Mr. Michael Jopling:
Sea Fisheries,—Copy of an Order, dated 19th October 1984, entitled the Sole (Bristol Channel and South-east of Ireland) (Prohibition of Fishing) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1627) [by Act].

Monday 29th October 1984.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

Kingston upon Hull Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Kingston upon Hull Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Order 205 (Notice of third reading) be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

A Motion being made, That the Kingston upon Hull Bill [Lords] be now read the third time;

The Chairman of Ways and Means, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Alexandra Park and Palace Bill,—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Alexandra Park and Palace Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present Session of their intention to suspend further proceedings and that all fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid;

Ordered, That on the fifth day on which the House sits in the next Session the Bill shall be presented to the House;

Ordered, That there shall be deposited with the Bill a declaration signed by the Agents for the Bill, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill at the last stage of its proceedings in this House in the present Session;

Ordered, That the Bill shall be laid upon the Table of the House by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office on the next meeting of the House after the day on which the Bill has been presented and, when so laid, shall be read the first and second time and committed (and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read and committed);

Ordered, That the Instruction [21st March] to the Committee on the Bill be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill in the next Session of Parliament;
Ordered, That since no Petitions remain against the Bill no Petitioners shall be heard before any Committee on the Bill save those who complain of any amendment as proposed in the filled up Bill or of any matter which arises during the progress of the Bill before the Committee;

Ordered, That no further fees shall be charged in respect of any proceedings on the Bill in respect of which fees have already been incurred during the present Session;

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

To be communicated to the Lords, and their concurrence desired thereto.

Hereford City Council Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Hereford City Council Bill [Lords] shall have leave, except as provided by these Orders, to suspend further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of their intention to suspend further proceedings not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid;

Ordered, That, if the Bill is brought from the 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 Lords in the present Session;

Ordered, That as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills;

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the suspension of other proceedings on the Bill, paragraph (1) of Standing Order 171A (Petitions against private bills) shall apply to the presenting of Petitions against the Bill brought from the Lords in the present Session and only Petitions presented under this Order shall be received as Petitions presented under Standing Order 171A(1);

Ordered, That any Petitions presented under the foregoing Order shall stand referred to the Committee on the Bill in the next Session;

Ordered, That no further fees shall be charged in respect of any proceedings on the Bill in respect of which fees have already been incurred during the present Session;

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Worcester City Council Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Promoters of the Worcester City Council Bill [Lords] shall have leave, except as provided by these Orders, to suspend further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bill, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of their intention to suspend further proceedings not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid;

Ordered, That, if the Bill is brought from the 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 Lords in the present Session;

Ordered, That as soon as a certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, that such a declaration has been so deposited, has been laid upon the Table of the House, the Bill shall be read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills;

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the suspension of other proceedings on the Bill, paragraph (1) of Standing Order 171A (Petitions against private bills) shall apply to the presenting of Petitions against the Bill brought from the Lords in the present Session and only Petitions presented under this Order shall be received as Petitions presented under Standing Order 171A(1);

Ordered, That any Petitions presented under the foregoing Order shall stand referred to the Committee on the Bill in the next Session;

Ordered, That no further fees shall be charged in respect of any proceedings on the Bill in respect of which fees have already been incurred during the present Session;

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.
Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix I).

European Legislation,—Mr. Nigel Spearing reported from the Select Committee on European Legislation. That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-fifth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 78-xxxv].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 78-xxxv].

Selection,—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection (see Appendix II).

Treasury and Civil Service,—Mr. Terence L. Higgins reported from the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 29th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 636-i].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hull Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Private Bills (Suspension),—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the Associated British Ports (No. 2) Bill, and the Merseyside Development Corporation Bill, viz.:

That the Promoters of the Bills have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon, in order to proceed with them, if they shall think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than three o'clock on the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due thereon up to that period shall have been paid;

That, if any of the Bills are brought from the Commons 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 Commons in the present Session;

That the proceedings on such Bill shall, in the next Session of Parliament, be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session and that no new fees be charged in regard to such stages;

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply, in the next Session of Parliament, to such Bill in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session.

Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension),—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the Leicestershire Bill [Lords], the Oxfordshire Bill [Lords], and the Surrey County Council Bill [Lords]; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House, viz.:

That the Promoters of the Bills have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon, in order to proceed with the Bills, if they shall think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so be lodged in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than three o'clock on the day before the close of the present Session, and that all fees due thereon up to that period shall have been paid;

That such Bills shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than three o'clock on the third day on which the House shall sit after the commencement of the next Session of Parliament, with a declaration annexed to each, signed by the Agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect of the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session;

That the proceedings on such Bills shall, in the next Session of Parliament, be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged to such stages;

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply, in the next Session of Parliament to such Bills in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session.

Police and Criminal Evidence Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Lords Amendments to the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 209:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Britton);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Tony Durant: 259.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 154.

So the Question was agreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 209 disagreed to, by inserting, after Clause No. 71, a new Clause (Exclusion of unfair evidence).

Lords Amendments Nos. 210 to 218 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 219:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Giles Shaw);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Archie Hamilton, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Allen McKay: 146.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 220 to 272 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 273:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Secretary Brittan);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, of Lords Amendments to the Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill, and of the Rent (Scotland) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

Police and Criminal Evidence Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 273:

And the Question being again proposed, That this House doth agree with the Lords in the said Amendment;

Mr. Robin Corbett rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Tim Sainsbury, Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd: 398.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, Mr. Peter Bruinvels: 30.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 274 to 340 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 341 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 342 to 346 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 347:

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 4, after the word 'so' to insert the words 'when the offence is alleged to have been committed against someone other than a police officer and'.—(Mr. Alfred Dubs.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment;

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And the Question being put:—It was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 348 to 363 were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 1.—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)
Ordered, That Mr. Robin Corbett, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Gerald Kaufman, Mr. David Mellor, and Mr. Giles Shaw, be members of the Committee.—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)

Ordered, That Three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr. Giles Shaw.)

Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 4 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive the privileges.

Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.—Mr. Giles Shaw reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 1 to the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, That it had drawn up a Reason accordingly, which it had directed him to report to the House: And the same was read, as follows:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment (No. 1) made by the Lords in page 1, line 7, for the following Reason:

Because it would unduly restrict the circumstances in which a constable might exercise his powers.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

Rent (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rent (Scotland) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 84 agreed to.

Clause No. 85 (Prohibition of premiums on grant or assignation of furnished lettings). Amendment (No. 1) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 86 to 118 agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 1 to 10 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Archie Hamilton 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. 58 (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.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Archie Hamilton.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes to Two o'clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.51 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Paper delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 26th October 1984 pursuant to Standing Order No. 141 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Police,—Copy of Regulations, dated 16th October 1984, entitled the Police Cadets (Amendment) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1633) [by Act].
Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table on Monday 29th October 1984:

Mr. John Moore:

Appropriation Accounts.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Defence and Civil Services for—
(1) Class II,
(2) Class III, and
(3) Classes VI-VIII
for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 614-II, 614-III and 614-V].

Post Office.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 28th September 1984 on borrowing by the Post Office [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Heseltine:

Defence.—Copies of—
(1) an Order, dated 17th October 1984, entitled the Standing Civilian Courts Order (Amendment) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1671),
(2) Rules, dated 17th October 1984, entitled the Rules of Procedure (Air Force) (Amendment) Rules 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1699), and
[by Act].

Mr. Secretary Fowler:

Census.—Copy of the Monitor on Evaluation of the 1981 Census: Post Enumeration Survey (Quality Check) for the Census 1981 [by Act].

Mr. Secretary Ridley:

Road Traffic.—Copy of an Order, dated 16th October 1984, entitled the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 (Commencement) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1619) [by Act].

APPENDIX II

Committee of Selection

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c.—Mr. Marcus Fox reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had discharged from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., Mr. Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Mr. Fergus Montgomery, and Mrs. Marion Roe (nominated in respect of the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Profits) (Kuwait) Order 1984 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (China) Order 1984) ; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Marcus Fox, Mr. Gerald Howarth, and Mr. John Whitfield.

MR SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

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In pursuance of paragraph (i) of Standing Order No. 70 (Public Bills relating exclusively to Scotland), Mr. Speaker certified that, in his opinion, the provisions of the Scottish Anglers' Trust Bill relate exclusively to Scotland.

[No. 212.]

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The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [29th October] as relates to the Leicestershire Bill [Lords], the Oxfordshire Bill [Lords], and the Surrey County Council Bill [Lords] be now considered.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider so much of the said Message.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in their Resolutions.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.
Merseyside Development Corporation Bill and Associated British Ports (No. 2) Bill,—
Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [29th October] as relates to the Merseyside Development Corporation Bill and the Associated British Ports (No. 2) Bill be now considered.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider so much of the said Message.

Ordered, That the Promoters of the Merseyside Development Corporation Bill and the Associated British Ports (No. 2) Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the Bills in the next Session of Parliament, provided that in the case of each Bill the Agents for the Bill give notice to the Clerks in the Private Bill Office of their intention to suspend further proceedings not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due on the Bill up to that date be paid;

Ordered, That on the fifth day on which the House sits in the next Session the Bills shall be presented to the House;

Ordered, That there shall be deposited with each Bill a declaration signed by the Agents for the Bill, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of its proceedings in this House in the present Session;

Ordered, That each Bill shall be laid upon the Table of the House by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office on the next meeting of the House after the day on which the Bill has been presented and, when so laid, shall be read the first, second and third time and shall be recorded in the Journal of this House as having been so read;

Ordered, That no further fees shall be charged in respect of any proceedings on the Bill in respect of which fees have already been incurred during the present Session;

Ordered, That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House. (The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill,—Ordered, That in the case of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Bill Standing Order 208 (Notice of consideration of Lords Amendments) be suspended and that the Lords Amendments be now considered.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Lords Amendments were agreed to.

Accounts and Papers,—Several Papers were presented or laid upon the Table, some ordered to be printed (see Appendix).

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read (Thirty-ninth Report).

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 41-li].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 41-lii].

Education, Science and Arts,—Sir William van Straubenzee reported from the Education, Science and Arts Committee, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 30th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 518-iv].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Sir Anthony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 30th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table.

Procedure,—Sir Peter Emery reported from the Select Committee on Procedure, That it had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 30th October.

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 639].

Statutory Instruments,—Mr. Andrew F. Bennett reported from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it 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. 42-x].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 42-xi].

Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c,—Mr. David Crouch reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments, &c., the draft Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Profits) (Kuwait) Order 1984 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (China) Order 1984, referred to a Committee on 23rd October.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 637].
Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to the Lords Amendments to the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill; they do not insist on their Amendment to which this House has disagreed; and have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendment made by this House in lieu thereof; and they do not insist on their remaining Amendment to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Rent (Scotland) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Private Bills (Suspension).—The Lords concur with the Commons in their Messages [31st July and 24th October] relating to the Dartmoor Commons Bill, the Greater London Council (Money) (No. 2) Bill, and the London Docklands Railway (No. 2) Bill.

Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—The Lords communicate that they have considered the Commons Message [31st July] and have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the Bournemouth Borough Council Bill [Lords], the London Transport (Tower Hill) Bill [Lords], and the Nottinghamshire County Council Bill [Lords], viz.:

That the Promoters of the Bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in this Session, in order to proceed with the Bill in the next Session of Parliament, notice of their intention to do so having been deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments;

That such Bill shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than three o'clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the commencement of the next Session of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed by the Agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session:

That the proceedings on such Bill shall, in the next Session of Parliament, be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall be passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged in regard to such stages;

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply, in the next Session of Parliament, to such Bill in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session.

Green Belt Preservation,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to preserve the existing areas of Green Belt land covered by the present regulations from a change in status which could lead to a reduction of Green Belt areas: And that Mr. Iain Mills and Mr. Anthony Steen do prepare and bring it in.

Green Belt Preservation Bill,—Mr. Iain Mills accordingly presented a Bill to preserve the existing areas of Green Belt land covered by the present regulations from a change in status which could lead to a reduction of Green Belt areas: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 234].

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Michael Neubert);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. Frank Haynes : 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Archie Hamilton : 264.

So the Question was negatived.

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 31st October, the Motions relating to Procedure and Short Speeches may be proceeded with, though opposed, for one and a half hours after the first Motion has been entered upon, and the Motion relating to All-Party and Parliamentary Groups may be proceeded with, though opposed, for one and a half hours after being entered upon; and at the end of each such period, Mr. Speaker shall put any Questions necessary to dispose of the Motions and of any Amendments moved thereto which have been selected by him.—(Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd.)

Education,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1116), dated 27th July 1984, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1st August, be annulled—(Mr. A. J. Beith);

And it being half-past Eleven o'clock, Mr. Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 4 (Prayers against statutory instruments, &c. (negative procedure)).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Michael Meadowcroft, Mr. Archy Kirkwood : 137.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones, Mr. Peter Lloyd: 210.

So the Question was negatived.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from people of Ryedale for the release of the country's excess grain, and other foodstuffs, plus blankets and tents for the starving people of Ethiopia was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Somerton and Frome for a ban on experiments with living human embryos 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. Mark Lennox-Boyd):

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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 seven minutes past Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.7 a.m.]

APPENDIX

Tuesday 30th October 1984

Papers presented and ordered to lie upon the Table:

Mr. John Moore:

Appropriation Accounts.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Defence and Civil Services for—

(1) Class X,
(2) Classes XI and XII,
(3) Classes XIII and XIV,
(4) Class XV,
(5) Class XVI, and
(6) Classes XVII and XVIII


Civil Aviation.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 31st August 1984 on borrowing by the British Airports Authority [by Act].

Income Tax.—Copies of Orders, dated 22nd October 1984, entitled—

(1) the Income Tax (Cash Equivalents of Car Benefits) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1635), and
(2) the Income Tax (Cash Equivalents of Car Fuel Benefits) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1636)

[by Act].

Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe:

Treaty Series (No. 76, 1984).—Copy of a Schedule to the International Whaling Convention, 1946, revised to include the Amendments adopted at the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth Meetings of the International Whaling Commission held in Brighton, July 1982 and July 1983 [by Command] [Cmnd. 9372].

Mr. Secretary Younger:

Provisional Orders (Scotland).—Reports by the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the representations by—

(1) the British Railways Board, and
(2) the Royal Bank of Scotland Group

and that they have decided in each case that the powers sought would be more properly obtained by the promotion of a Private Bill than by the promotion of a Private Bill and of a Provisional Order [by Act].
Mr. Secretary Jenkin:

Housing,—Copy of an Order, dated 18th October 1984, entitled the Housing Act 1964 (Appropriate Multiplier) Order 1984 (S.I., 1984, No. 1629) [by Act].

Papers laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

Her Majesty’s Stationery Office,—Copy of the Accounts of Her Majesty’s Stationery Office Trading Fund for the year ended 31st March 1984; with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 612].

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Department of Health and Social Security: housing benefits scheme [by Act]; to be printed [No. 638].

Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Copy of Rules, dated 2nd October 1984, entitled the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 3) 1984 (S.R. (N.I.), 1984, No. 354) [by Act].

[No. 213.]

Wednesday 31st October 1984.

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).

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Sir Antony Buck reported from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it: And the Report was brought up and read (Sixth Report) [Reports of the Northern Ireland Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration].

Report, together with Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 643].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 643].

Trade and Industry,—Mr. Kenneth Warren reported from the Trade and Industry Committee, That it had made further progress in the matter referred to it, and had agreed to a Report, which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before it; And the Report was brought up and read (Fourth Report) [The Wealth of Waste].

Report, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 640].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report to be printed [No. 640].

Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension),—The Lords communicate that they have considered the Commons Message [29th October] relating to the Hereford City Council Bill [Lords] and the Worcester City Council Bill [Lords] and have come to the following Resolutions, viz.:

That the Promoters of the Bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in this Session, in order to proceed with the Bill in the next Session of Parliament, notice of their intention to do so having been deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments;

That such Bill shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than three o’clock on or before the third day on which the House shall sit after the commencement of the next Session of Parliament, with a declaration annexed thereto, signed by the Agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session;

That the proceedings on such Bill shall, in the next Session of Parliament, be pro forma only in regard to every stage through which the same shall have passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged in regard to such stages;

That the Standing Orders by which the proceedings on Bills are regulated shall not apply, in the next Session of Parliament, to such Bill in regard to any of the stages through which the same shall have passed during the present Session.
Private Bills (Suspension).—The Lords concur with the Commons in their Message [29th October] relating to the Alexandra Park and Palace Bill.

Defence,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Defence Committee to be printed [No. 645].

Education, Science and Arts,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Education, Science and Arts Committee to be printed [No. 646].

Employment,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Employment Committee to be printed [No. 647].

Energy,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Energy Committee to be printed [No. 648].

Environment,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Environment Committee to be printed [No. 649].

Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Foreign Affairs Committee to be printed [No. 650].

Liaison,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Committee to be printed [No. 651].

Members' Interests,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Members' Interests to be printed [No. 652].

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration to be printed [No. 653].

Procedure,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Procedure to be printed [No. 644].

Public Accounts,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee of Public Accounts to be printed [No. 654].

Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Affairs Committee to be printed [No. 655].

Social Services,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Social Services Committee to be printed [No. 656].

Sound Broadcasting,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Sound Broadcasting to be printed [No. 641].

Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Trade and Industry Committee to be printed [No. 657].

Transport,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Transport Committee to be printed [No. 658].

Treasury and Civil Service,—Minutes of Proceedings of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee to be printed [No. 659].

Students Charter,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make membership of and subscription to the National Union of Students voluntary for all students in places of further and higher education; and for connected purposes: And that Mrs. Edwina Currie, Mr. Michael Knowles, Mr. Peter Bruinvels, Mr. Martin Brandon-Bravo, Mr. Alistair Burt, Mr. David Evennett, Mr. Jeremy Hanley, Mr. Sydney Chapman, Mr. David Amess, Mr. Ken Hargreaves, and Mr. Robert B. Jones, do prepare and bring it in.

Students Charter Bill,—Mrs. Edwina Currie accordingly presented a Bill to make membership of and subscription to the National Union of Students voluntary for all students in places of further and higher education; 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 235].

Income Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (China) Order 1984 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 22nd October—(Mr. Ian Lang):—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. 79 (Standing Committees on Statutory Instruments, &c.), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief
(Air Transport Profits) (Kuwait) Order 1984 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 22nd October—(Mr. Ian Lang);—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.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft General Consumer Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 22nd October, be approved—(Dr. Rhodes Boyson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John Major, Mr. Ian Lang: 173.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Harold McCusker, Mr. Roy Beggs: 8.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft General Consumer Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 22nd October, be approved.

European Communities.—Resolved, That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Change in Status of Greenland) Order 1984, which was laid before this House on 22nd October, be approved.—(Mr. Malcolm Rifkind.)

Data Protection.—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Data Protection;

Resolved, That the Data Protection Registrar shall, from 20th September 1984, be paid a salary which shall be the same as that payable from time to time to a Deputy Secretary of the Civil Service.—(Mr. David Waddington.)

Procedure,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the First Report of the Select Committee on Procedure (House of Commons Paper No. 570) and agrees with the recommendations contained in paragraph 14.—(Mr. John Biffen.)

Short Speeches.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, (1) That during the next Session Mr. Speaker may announce at the commencement of public business that, because of the number of Members wishing to speak in a debate on one of the matters specified in paragraph (2) of this Order, he will call Members either between six o’clock and ten minutes before eight o’clock or between seven o’clock and ten minutes before nine o’clock to speak for not more than ten minutes; and whenever Mr. Speaker has made such an announcement he may, between those hours, direct any Member who has spoken for ten minutes in such a debate to resume his seat forthwith;

(2) That this Order shall apply to debates on:
(a) the second reading of public bills;
(b) matters selected under paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 6 (Arrangement of public business) for consideration on allotted Opposition days; and
(c) motions in the name of a Minister of the Crown;

(3) That this Order be a Standing Order of the House until the end of the next Session of Parliament.—(Mr. John Biffen);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 6, after ‘ o’clock ’, to insert the words ‘ on Monday to Thursday sittings, and between half-past eleven o’clock and one o’clock on Friday sittings ’.—(Mr. Robert Rhodes James.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. Robert Rhodes James, Mr. Richard Ottaway: 49.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Robert Atkins: 34.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr. John McWilliam, Mr. Roger Sims: 67.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dennis Skinner, Mr. Robert Atkins: 22.

So the Question was agreed to.

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(c) motions in the name of a Minister of the Crown;

(3) That this Order be a Standing Order of the House until the end of the next Ses-
sion of Parliament.

Income Tax.—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their
Addresses this day relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty; and
that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the
following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on
Income) (China) Order 1984 and the Double Taxation Relief (Air Transport Profits)
(Kuwait) Order 1984 be made in the form of the drafts laid before your House.

I will comply with your request.

All-Party and Parliamentary Groups.—A Motion was made, and the Question being pro-
posed, That this House takes note with approval of the Second Report of the Select
Committee on House of Commons (Services) (House of Commons Paper No. 256)
(Mr. John Biffen);

The Question was amended, in line 3, by adding, at the end, the words 'but considers
that any group falling outside the recommended definition of all-party groups should
not be entitled to use the term "parliamentary" but may be described as a registered
group'—(Mr. Roger Sims.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note with approval of the Second Report of the
Select Committee on House of Commons (Services) (House of Commons Paper No. 256)
but considers that any group falling outside the recommended definition of all-party
groups should not be entitled to use the term "parliamentary" but may be described
as a registered group.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Deptford against the closure of the
Sub-Post Office in Deptford High Street, London 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. Mark Lennox-Boyd);

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. Mark Lennox-Boyd);

Message to attend the Lords Commissioners,—

A Message from the Lords Commissioners was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of
the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission for declaring Her Royal
Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses and for proroguing the present
Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of
Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers where a
Commission was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the following
Acts and for proroguing this present Parliament.

The Royal Assent was given to the following Acts:
5. Rent (Scotland) Act 1984.

And afterwards Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor (in pursuance of Her Majesty's Command), as follows:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

The Duke of Edinburgh and I were pleased to receive the State Visits of His Highness the Amir of Bahrain in April and the President of the French Republic and Madame Mitterrand last week.

We look back with much pleasure to the visits we have made over the past year. As Head of the Commonwealth I was in New Delhi on the occasion of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in November. We paid State Visits to Kenya, Bangladesh and India in November and Jordan in March. Our thoughts are with the people of India today following the tragedy of Mrs. Gandhi's assassination. We visited France in June, to attend the commemoration of the 40th anniversary of D-Day. We were in Canada in September and October for the bicentenary celebrations of New Brunswick and Ontario and to visit Manitoba.

My Government welcomed the independence of Saint Christopher and Nevis, Brunei's resumption of full responsibility for its own external relations, and the decision of both countries to join the Commonwealth.

My Government have sustained Britain's contribution to Western defence, playing an active part in the Atlantic Alliance. They welcomed Lord Carrington's appointment as its Secretary-General. In the absence of an arms control agreement, my Government fulfilled their undertaking to begin the deployment of cruise missiles by the end of 1983.

My Government, with the United Kingdom's allies, have worked vigorously for balanced and verifiable arms control and disarmament and have sought to improve relations with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. They fully supported the United States' efforts to achieve nuclear arms reductions and their readiness to resume the negotiations suspended by the Soviet Union.

My Government agreed with other Member States on a fair sharing of the European Community's budget burden and on control of Community spending. They have made proposals for new Community policies.

My Government were hosts to the London Economic Summit in June and welcome its conclusions.

My Government have continued fully to discharge their obligations to the people of the Falkland Islands, while seeking more normal relations between this country and Argentina. They have conducted talks with China on the future of Hong Kong and published the text of a draft agreement. They have been helping with the conversion of the Royal Navy Dockyard in Gibraltar to commercial operation.

My Government have continued to support efforts to restore the independent and non-aligned status of Afghanistan and to settle the tragic conflict between Iran and Iraq. They have welcomed moves to reduce tension in Southern Africa, and continue to support peaceful change there and the early independence of Namibia. They supported United Nations efforts to settle the Cyprus question.

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the provision which you have made for the honour and dignity of the Crown and for the public services.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

My Government have maintained the policies necessary to reduce inflation and sustain economic recovery. Inflation remains low and the output of the nation continues to increase. Steps have been taken to increase incentives and to improve the climate for enterprise, the creation of wealth, and adaptability and efficiency in industry and commerce. Measures have been taken to help the unemployed into jobs, to launch a comprehensive foundation training scheme for young people starting working life, and to improve vocational education and adult training.

In order to promote economic efficiency and growth, my Government have continued their policies of exposing state-owned businesses to competition and returning them to private sector where appropriate. Legislation has been passed to end British Telecom's exclusive privilege of running telecommunications systems, to establish arrangements for the licensing and regulation of telecommunications systems, and to prepare the way for the sale of British Telecom's shares. An Act has been passed to enable the introduction of private finance into the Royal Ordnance Factories. The disposal of oil assets of the British Gas Corporation has been successfully completed.
Legislation has been passed to provide for reforms in the tax system, especially for companies, in the interest of greater economic efficiency, to encourage the further development of United Kingdom oil and gas resources by abolishing royalties for certain new fields, and to provide a framework for the development of cable programme services and direct broadcasting by satellite. An Act has been passed to ensure continued funding for the Co-operative Development Agency and to introduce a new scheme of Regional Development grants.

Legislation has been passed to give trade union members greater democratic control over their unions.

An Act has been passed to protect ratepayers by limiting rate increases by high-spending local authorities, and to provide reserve powers for general limitation of rates. Legislation has been passed making interim arrangements for the Greater London Council and the metropolitan county councils pending a decision by Parliament on the abolition of those authorities.

Acts have been passed to extend the right of public sector tenants to buy their homes, to reform the system of building control in England and Wales, and to assist purchasers of public sector houses which have proved to be defective. Legislation has been passed to make more farming tenancies available in England and Wales, and to make other improvements in the law relating to agricultural tenancies.

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